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GOOD NEWS

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HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Homecoming Sunday – Sept. 13 – is the kick-off day for our fall season.

Please join us in welcoming Eric Dale, our new interim pastor, who will deliver the Homecoming Sunday sermon.

Immediately after the service, the FCC Ministries Fair, showcasing a number of our ministries and pro-

grams, will be held in Fellowship Hall. There will be tables staffed by volunteers with information and displays about Community Meal, Reiki, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Youth Programs, Wednesday Morning Book Study, Deacons and Elders, Christian Women’s Fellowship, and Choir. The coffee hour will be held concurrently with the Ministries Fair in Fellowship Hall.

Be sure to join us as we celebrate all the ways our church is in ministry.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

We have a lot of wonderful faith learning and growing to do this year in our children’s worship time. Beginning on Sunday, Sept. 13, our Wonder Kids (ages 4 through 2nd grade) and our Young Disciples (grades 3 through 5) will engage in separate children’s worship experiences suited to their ages and faith formation.

During November and the first Sunday in December, our children and youth will rehearse for our **Christmas Musical, happening on Sunday, Dec. 13 during the 10 a.m. worship service.** Mark your calendars now. (There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m.)

If you would be interested in teaching, helping, or serving on a children’s worship team, please contact Douglass Anne as soon as possible.

WONDER KIDS (AGE 4 – GRADE 2)

Continuing with the fun Holy Moly! program, our Wonder kids will be experiencing new lessons, activities, and fun videos!

Each Holy Moly lesson follows a four-part sequence: Discover, Relate, Connect, and Create. Each week, our kids will watch an animated Bible story video, talk about the story, read through the Bible Storybook, and have a creative activity to try and then bring home. This program encourages imagination and creative interaction with the Bible stories that are so important to our faith.



(high school & middle school) YOUTH AND PARENT/GUARDIAN GATHERING

4 - 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13
Bring a snack to share!

- *Youth Group
(high school / middle school)
- *Faith and FroYo
- *Fundraisers
- *Coffee Shop Gatherings
- *Christmas Musical
- *Mission Trip Possibilities
- *Service Projects
- *Fun and lots more!!

YOUNG DISCIPLES (GRADES 3 – 5)

This new curriculum will give our Young Disciples opportunity to engage in spiritual disciplines, talk about God’s presence in their lives, and deepen their personal relationship with God.

The Way of the Child, is based on the premise that children are spiritual beings, yet often in the course of their everyday lives they have little opportunity to listen to God and develop a deepening relationship with God. This program encourages imagination and deep reflection, both of which are really important for faith development.

Church Family News

In Our Prayers

Larry Stothoff in hospice care
Family of Bob Soleman who died
Laverne Bilyeu
JoAn Widmer
John Phillips
Neta Couron
Mary Lou Estes
Fern Dixon
Ray Lindley
Joan Miner
Jen Collins
Linda Bricker
Jan Goby
Nancy Robb's brother
Lynnie Evans
Harryette Anderson
Sarah Mack's stepmom

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, Aug. 30

General Fund giving \$3,664
Building Fund giving \$5,410

Sunday, Sept. 6

General Fund giving \$3,761
Building Fund giving \$640

General Fund giving in Sept. \$3,761
Amount needed monthly \$24,322

Building Fund giving in Sept. \$640
Amount needed monthly \$8,950

Year-to-date: \$1,003

OUR MISSION

is to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice.

DEACON TEAM A GATHERING

All members of Deacon Team A are encouraged to attend a brief meeting with our pastors following worship on Sunday, Sept. 20 in the Cornerstone Room. We want to assure that all the service spots on the schedule are filled, and we will review responsibilities. Deacons will also have the opportunity to hear and ask questions about the worship plan for October and how communion and offering will be handled. Please make every effort to attend.

Deacon Team A: DeeDee Blais, Jerry Blais, Anne Catlin, Rich Catlin, Joann Humphrey, Kym O'Hare, Evelyn Ranck, Stephan Selvage, Jim Somppi, Candice Muckey, Sue Stein

MANY THANKS

- Thank you to Jim Schulte and Nancy Powell for the new Bunn coffee maker in the kitchen. It really is making it easier to prepare the coffee for the Community Meal and our church coffee hours. Before using the new machine, please read the instructions.

- Thanks to all who helped in leadership during the summer months. A special thanks to those who helped with the joint Labor Day service with the Presbyterians, to Chris Norman and Mary Dale Salston who shared how they live out their faith in the work place.

- Thanks to all who donated school supplies to help local school children.

- Thanks to Gary Goby for his ongoing attention to building needs like fixing the garbage disposal.

- Thanks to Chet Houser for repairing a sprinkler head.

- A big thank you to our custodian, Rich, who has been scrubbing and polishing the floors this summer, especially in the Community Room which was covered in black scuff marks. To prevent future scuff marks, we are no longer stacking the chairs in that room.

- A big thank you to the Rev. Douglass Anne Cartwright for leading us in a wonderful variety summer of worship experiences and activities. It was a great summer at FCC. -- *Graham Kislingbury*

HOSPITALITY TEAMS

With the return to our fall schedule and the need for more chairs in the sanctuary, we are moving coffee hour into the gathering space. Our hope is to encourage guests to stay a bit longer so we can greet them after the service.

A service to celebrate the life of Bob Soleman, who died last month, is being planned for late September or early in October. Bob and his wife, Barbara, were active members of our church for years. Bob had been living most recently in Alabama closer to his children.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 27

After Worship: Congregational Meeting

Sept. 28

6:30 p.m. Back-to-School Night at our preschool

Oct. 24

8:30 a.m. Fish Food Drive at First Assembly of God Church

Nov. 26

1 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Dec. 13

Christmas Musical

Dec. 20

Christmas Cantata

TRUE COMMUNITY



PRESCHOOL GETS UNDERWAY

Orientation for all preschool families was on Sept. 9 and school is now underway. The parking lot and alley are busy during the morning drop off and pick up times of 9:15 and 11:30 a.m.

There will be a Back-to-School Night at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and chat with the teachers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SEPT. 27

Plan to attend our third quarter congregational meeting set for after worship on Sunday, Sept. 27. Come hear an update of what's planned from the transition team, a financial report and an open mic time.

WELCOME ERIC

We extend a warm welcome to our new interim pastor, Eric Dale, who started work this week. During this first month, Eric will be getting to know us and learning about our ministries. Be sure to stop by to introduce yourself and welcome him into ministry with us.



Eric will be working Sundays to Thursdays, taking Fridays and Saturdays as his days off.

During September, we are collecting items to fill his pantry in the basket outside the church office. Suggested items are gift cards and non-perishable foods.



Above: Graham Kislingbury and Eric Dale move items in Eric's office. Eric is settling into the upstairs office at the top of the stairs.

DEEP CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

SUNDAYS AT NINE: TALKING “TRANSITIONS”

We are in transition here at FCC Albany as we welcome our interim pastor, Eric, and look towards conversations about our future as a church. All transitions, whether in our personal lives or in the church, begin with an ending. Endings bring out a wide variety of emotions from us, including feelings that ‘nothing will ever be as good as it was.’ Yet, how we recognize endings often determines how our new beginnings will take shape.

The second step in transition is called the “neutral zone,” which can often feel like an unproductive time-out where we feel disconnected from each other. This time, however challenging it may be to wait and reflect, is crucially important for us to reorient ourselves towards the future.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. in the Cornerstone Room, Beth Hogeland will lead us in conversation about our endings and neutral zone at FCC Albany. Our discussion will be based on the book, Transitions, by William Bridges, but you do not need to read the book to join in.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Douglass Anne Cartwright or Beth Hogeland.

REIKI HEALING PRAYER

By Debbie Burchfiel

The Reiki Ministry invites you to visit us at the upcoming Ministries Fair on Sunday, Sept. 13. Come and receive Reiki while seated comfortably in a chair, consider training in Reiki later this fall (Nov. 20-21) or consider joining a book group starting this fall – more details will follow. Our ministry is open to those who are trained in Reiki and serves anyone desiring healing touch.

If you wish to receive healing touch, please contact the leaders in advance.

1-3 p.m. Thursdays upstairs (Contact: Terry Wood 541-924-0976)

9-11 a.m. 4th Saturday upstairs
(Contact: Deb Burchfiel 541-974-2012)

Reiki is also being offered during the 10 a.m. worship. If you would like to experience 5-10 minutes of Reiki, go the back row of chairs where there will be two willing givers.



HOMESTRETCH

7-9 P.M., SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

THE PIX THEATER

321 SW 2ND AVE., ALBANY

The Homestretch is an award-winning documentary film about youth homelessness. The viewing is free and open to the public, though some serious themes may not be appropriate for children under 12. A short discussion after the film will address local youth homelessness and ways to make a difference.

This free event is sponsored by Jackson Street Youth Shelter and The Pix Theater.

Jackson Street Youth Shelter is one of the organizations that our church supports in its ministry to homeless youth in our community.

PASSION FOR JUSTICE

GUITAR CONCERT TO BENEFIT FISH OF ALBANY

You're invited to a 3 p.m. concert on Sunday, Sept. 20, at Faith Lutheran Church in support of Fish of Albany. This concert by solo guitarist Jim Greeninger will help Fish as it continues to help the most vulnerable in our community with food boxes, clothing, bus tickets, gas vouchers and more.

Tickets are \$10 each. The limit is 200 tickets so get your tickets early.

Tickets are available at www.FaithAlbany.org.



Above: Jen and Chris Norman receive communion at the Labor Day worship which was moved from the courthouse lawn to the Presbyterian Church due to the cloudy, damp morning.

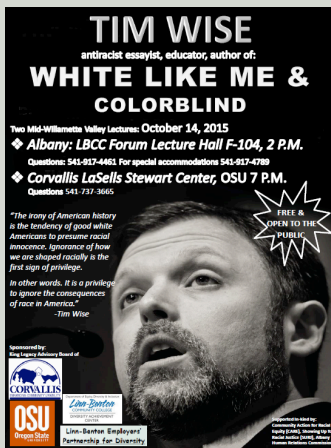
ANTIRACIST SPEAKER IN OCTOBER

The King Legacy Committee of Corvallis, LBCC's Department of Equity, Diversity (EDI), and Inclusion, Oregon State University, and the Linn Benton Partnership for Diversity will co-host one of the country's foremost antiracist essayists, educators and authors, Tim Wise. You are invited to Wise's lectures at LBCC and OSU on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The LBCC lecture will begin at 2 p.m. in the large Forum Lecture Hall F104.

The OSU lecture will begin at 7 p.m. at LaSells Stewart Center.

This is a tremendous opportunity to expand your understanding if you have ever been engaged with issues or debates that touched on topics of race, white privilege, or the notion of color-blindness in the U.S. This presentation will stimulate a lot of internal thought and reflection or perhaps even motivate you to continue your learning about the subject.



Linn-Benton Community College
Department of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and
Community Action for Racial Equity (CARE)

FILM SCREENING

"White Like Me is a phenomenal educational tool in the struggle against racism... Tim Wise cogently shows whites receive systemic privilege and forcefully challenges the nonsense that by being color-blind, Americans can get beyond the nation's racial hump."

— Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Ph.D
Author of *Racism Without Racists*

When: October 11, 2015
Location: Albany Public Library (2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany)
Time: 4-6 PM
Questions: 541-917-4461

ABOUT THE FILM WHITE LIKE ME:
 An exploration of race and racism in the US through the lens of whiteness and white privilege. It reassesses the American ideal of meritocracy and claims that we've entered a post-racial society. An examination of race-based white entitlement programs that built the American middle class.

Tim Wise's live lecture October 14, 2015 in Albany at LBCC's Forum Lecture Hall: F104 at 2:00 P.M. and in Corvallis at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center at 7:00 P.M.

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COMPASSION IN ACTION

Week of Compassion has been working with partners inside Syria, as well as in the surrounding countries of Jordan, Lebanon, Greece, Serbia, Turkey and Hungary in providing emergency assistance to the million of refugees who are fleeing the conflict. Just in the last month, Week of Compassion has been working with its partners in providing the following emergency aid:

- Water, sanitation, and hygienic items to individuals, especially children and women.
- Essential medicines and medical supplies and equipment.
- Psychological, emotional, spiritual, and social support for children and their mothers in refugee camps.
- Distributing clothes, blankets and other non-food items in refugee camps in preparation for the winter cold season.
- Building emergency shelters for the increasing number of refugees.

You can help by making a gift to Week of Compassion. All of your gifts designated "Syria Humanitarian Crisis" will directly go to help Syrian refugees and those who are internally displaced in the Middle East and in Europe. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Pastors Douglass Anne Cartwright of FCC and Brandon Lewis of UPC led worship on Labor Day weekend at the Presbyterian Church..



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