

June 2016

GOOD NEWS

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (*Disciples of Christ*) 432 Ferry St. SW, Albany, OR 541-926-8606
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SUMMER WORSHIP @ 8:00 a.m. & 10:10 a.m. Starting June 5



BEGINNING JUNE 19, YOU are invited to an opportunity on Sunday mornings for:

-FUN -FOR ALL AGES -ACTIVITY-BASED -STORYTELLING

We'll begin at 9:00 a.m. with a welcome and introduction to a bible story.
Then we'll move into some activities that will help us to explore the story.
And we'll close with some singing and prayer.

Each week the ways we will explore the scripture will be a little different. Sometimes we'll use drama and music, sometimes art, sometimes we'll work on a hands-on mission project, and sometimes we'll learn a new skill like canning or knitting!

The later worship will start at 10:10 a.m. this summer, in order to make time for a bathroom break and a chance to get a cup of coffee after the Sundays at 9:00 a.m. time.

We hope you'll join us for 8:00 a.m. worship and Sundays @ 9!

OR

We hope you'll join us for Sundays @ 9 and then 10:10 a.m. worship!

Here's another look at what our Summer Sunday Schedule will look like:

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Round in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Sundays at Nine in the Fellowship Hall

10 minutes – welcome, singing, and bible story

40 minutes – activities based on the story

10 minutes – closing with song and prayer

10:10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



Youth Worship June 5

Mark your calendars! During 10:00 a.m. Worship on Sunday, June 5, our youth will be leading us in worship. We'll also be recognizing our graduating High School Seniors (Alyssa Nelson, Kaylee Varner, and Haley Weir). AND the youth that went on Mission Trip will be sharing about their experiences in Mexico this past Spring Break. You won't want to miss this wonderful Sunday!

Church Camp

Summer is coming fast and one of the best opportunities for youth in the summer is church camp! This year's theme is "Use What Ya Got" and the dates are:

High School (9-12th grades): July 31-August 5

Middle School (6-8th grades): July 31-August 5

Grade School (3-5th grades): August 8-12

Registration forms are available now and are due back in the church office by June 26!!



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

In Our Prayers:
Jace Lukenbaugh
Judie Lindley
Leon Widmer
Delores Kelly
Fern Dixon
Georgia Parker
Cyrena Ackerman
Maura Wilson

Attendance and Giving:
Sunday, May 1 2016
Attendance 83
General Fund giving \$7973
Building Fund giving \$1765

Sunday, May 8 2016
Attendance 76
General Fund giving \$3369
Building Fund giving \$350

Sunday, May 15 2016
Attendance 98
General Fund giving \$5674
Building Fund giving \$6955

Sunday, May 22 2016
Attendance 74
General Fund giving \$3915
Building Fund giving \$2405

Sunday, May 29 2016
Attendance
General Fund giving \$
Building Fund giving \$

Finances
General Fund giving in May:

Amount needed monthly:
\$24,322

Building Fund giving in May:

Amount needed monthly:
\$8,950

Thanks from White Rose

Thank you to: Linda Lees, Marge Wright, Nancy Anderson, Graham Kislingbury, Tony Wilson, Les and Deanna Peterson, Sharon Gisler, Don Rea, Nancy Robb, Kris McLaughlin, Julie Willis, Jenny Willis, and Kristen Willis-Reyes who helped with Mother's Day flower deliveries. With your help we added to the General Fund for the the Church..

-Jim Schulte and Jim Somppi

A Note from Steve & Jolee Bryant

Dear Church Friends,
As many of you know, we are making a transition to our place in Bend in order to more fully enjoy our retirement and to be close to our daughter's family and young granddaughters. We've just sold our Albany home of 36 years and the reality of pulling up our deep roots here is starting to hit home. Albany FCC has been our church home for nearly 50 years and we will miss our regular connections with all of you; however, we still will have family to visit often here and we expect to make frequent trips to check up on them. We will also maintain our membership here, at least until we find comfort in a new church home in Central Oregon. Still, it is a good time to say a big "thank you" to so many of you who have nurtured us and our family during times of celebration, difficulty, and spiritual growth. The foundations of our faith are imbedded in this place and its people for which we will always be grateful. Our new address is 60563 Seventh Mtn. Dr., Bend, OR 97702 and our email is bendbryants@gmail.com

-Steve & Jolee Bryant

Thanks from Nancy

Dear friends, Many thanks to all of you, and especially the Personnel Committee, for the lovely retirement celebration on May 15. I appreciate all your kind words, both spoken and written in the book. I know the getaway at the coast will be wonderful place to relax and enjoy God's creation. Thanks also to Chet Houser for the beautiful maple plate, which reminds me of God's welcome at the table. As I said at the celebration, it has been an honor to serve in ministry with you. Your generosity, kindness and faithfulness make my heart sing. Now we move ahead into a bright future with love in our hearts always.

-Nancy Anderson

Update from the Lukenbaugh's

If you are looking for a way to bless the Lukenbaugh family with your resources or your prayers; here are a couple of places to find more information about Jace:
<https://m.facebook.com/Jace-to-Mayo-1023296857751983/?ref=bookmarks>
<https://www.gofundme.com/jacetomayo>

TRUE COMMUNITY

Listening/Sharing Sessions

The Executive Team has scheduled a series of 5 meetings for church members. The purpose of the meetings is to provide information about happenings at FCC Albany and share thoughts/ideas that members have. We encourage all members (past and present) to attend at least one meeting to hear directly as to future plans for our congregation.

All meetings will be held at FCC Albany. Two have already been held and the three remaining meeting dates and times are as follows -

Sunday, May 29 at 9:00am.

Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30pm.

Sunday, June 5 after church.

A congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 12**, after church. A summary of the five informational/sharing sessions will be part of that meeting.

A Note From Our Choir Director

Dear FCC Congregation,

During the last couple of months I have been contemplating what it means to be retired and what my primary goals of retirement are. I realized that I have not clearly focused on a primary goal for my retirement. Now that I am beginning to do that, I can say, unequivocally, my goal is to travel and experience new things.

Obviously, in order to do more extensive traveling one must have free time to do that. So, I am officially retiring as your choir director at the end of June. Karen and I will continue to be members of FCC Albany, but we need to give ourselves permission to indulge in our travel dreams. We envision exploring new cities and or regions of the USA and various countries for a month at a time.

We have been very blessed to be active participants in the musical life of this congregation. We look forward to sharing with all of you our experiences with travel and new explorations. Thank you for your graciousness and musical appreciation of what we have offered during the last two and a half years.

-Gary Ruppert

Note from Maura and Tony

Fellow FCC Members,

We joined First Christian Church in November, 2008 shortly after moving to Albany from Tallahassee, Florida. From our first visit, we were thrilled to be among a group of warmly compassionate and giving people. We truly believe in our church's mission statement - "Our mission is to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice." We underlined the word "growing" because we firmly believe that, for our church to continue to prosper, we need to grow.

Transition in the pastoral leadership of a church is always difficult and we have experienced it in many churches through the years. It is a time of uncertainty that many find difficult to deal with. However, we believe that the future of our church is full of promise. We are so very happy to see the youth of our church growing in number and being involved in so many ways. We are dedicated to helping the church in whatever way possible, including providing financial resources. To that end, we have decided to increase our monthly giving to the church by 50%.

Thank you to so many who serve our church in so many ways, and have for many years. We are truly blessed to be among such a compassionate and giving group. May God bless you today and every day of your life.

-Maura and Tony Wilson

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Summer Interest Groups Forming

Interest groups have been formed by your fellow members for the summer. The group, or activity, and the coordinator are as follows -

Hiking - by Stacy Bartholomew

Home Bible Study - by Jan Hagemeister

Movie Nights at the Pix Theater - by Tony Wilson

Holy Sips - by Douglas Anne Cartwright

Picnics - by Nancy Robb

If you would like to participate with a group, white sign up sheets are on the doors going into the fellowship area. You may also contact the coordinator using information from the church directory.

Activities will be starting soon, so sign up today!

Community Yard Sale

Albany Kiwanis Club and First Christian Church of Albany are hosting a Community Yard Sale. Consider donating your gently used items to support this cause! Items will be collected on Wednesday, June 15 from 12-8 p.m., and Thursday, June 16 from 12-8 p.m. at First Christian Church. *We are NOT accepting any adult clothing Tell your friends and neighbors, and join us at the sale on Friday, June 17 from 9 a.m. -6 p.m., and Saturday June 18 from 9 a.m.-2p.m. at First Christian Church (432 SW Ferry St, Albany).

All proceeds benefit Jackson Street's Albany House (1240 SE 7th Ave) which provides 24/7 housing, safety and stability for runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 10-17.

Contact Ann Boyce, Kiwanis Member (541-981-0016) or Ruth Sellon, church member (541-928-6053) with questions.



Search Committee Assembled

The Search Committee has been assembled. It is comprised of Jan Hagemeister, Charlotte Houser, Lacey McLellan, Denise Tafen, Debbie Burchfiel, Jerry Blais, and Mac McClanahan. We met with Cathy Myers-Wirt and Board Chair Tony Wilson on May 1 to learn the basics of our upcoming journey. We were given ground rules and an idea of what to expect as we go through the process of finding a new pastor for our congregation. Each of the members of the team was asked to select three Prayer Warriors to be in prayer for us and for the success of the work we will be doing. We sent those names to Cathy Myers-Wirt and she will include them in her prayers, as well.

On May 15, the Committee met again. At that meeting, Jan Hagemeister was named Chairperson and Charlotte Houser named Secretary to record minutes of the meetings. Information regarding the progress of the Committee will be shared with the congregation in the issue of the monthly newsletter following each of our meetings. Providing that information will be a "revolving" Reporter, giving each member of the Committee an opportunity to share the news. Please know that while Committee members will gladly listen to your thoughts in the process, many aspects are confidential and cannot be revealed until the proper time.

Next steps for the Committee are to await a position description and a congregational profile from the Transition Team. Our next meeting will be scheduled for sometime in late June.

SUMMER FUN

Summer fun is back and ice cream socials are coming! Bring toppings to share and a lawn chair if desired.

Dates are:

June 22 at Eleanor Hackleman Park,
July 13 at Doug Killin Park, and
August 17 at Takena Park.

Times are 6:30-8:00 p.m. for all the dates.



NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE

A minor change in the summer Sunday morning worship and education schedule was adopted by the Program Cabinet and will take effect June 5.

Second service will begin at 10:10 a.m. rather than 10 a.m.; early service will stay the same, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., as will the education/study hour, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Program Cabinet members made the change to allow more time for those participating in the education programs to transition to second service. This new schedule will be in effect through the summer months.

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