

October 2016



# GOOD NEWS

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (*Disciples of Christ*) 432 Ferry St. SW, Albany, OR 541-926-8606  
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Over 125 people came to our “Trunk or Treat” Carnival last year!!! Although the name has changed, the concept is still the same: Sign up to host a booth at the carnival and decorate your space for a game, a fun activity, or just pass out candy. This provides a safe and unique trick or treat experience for our community and it’s a LOT of fun! If you aren’t able to host a booth, you can donate candy for us to pass out! Check out these pictures from last year:



**FCC Albany Halloween Carnival**  
**October 29, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

The Ordination of  
**Douglas Owen Collins**



Saturday, December 17th 2016  
3:00 p.m.  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
432 SW Ferry Street  
Albany, Oregon 97321

## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:



# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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## In Our Prayers:

Mary Lou McCorkle and daughter  
Debbie Reimer

Cathy Feeney and family: Dakota, Bill,  
Michelle, Cadence, and Trevor

Sue Stein's dad, Al Stein

David Fryer  
Delores Kelly  
Fern Dixon  
Jace Lukenbaugh  
Judie Lindley  
Jan Goby  
Laverne Bilyeu

## Attendance and Giving

Sunday, September 4, 2016  
Attendance 130  
General Fund giving \$4,771  
Building Fund giving \$10,545

Sunday, September 11, 2016  
Attendance 104  
General Fund giving \$6,667  
Building Fund giving \$890

Sunday, September 18, 2016  
Attendance 85  
General Fund giving \$5,043  
Building Fund giving \$1,529

Sunday, September 25, 2016  
Attendance 81  
General Fund giving \$1,875  
Building Fund giving \$815

General Fund giving in September:  
\$18,356  
Building Fund giving in September:  
\$13,779  
Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$8,950

## Sundays at Nine

Needed: **Muffins!**

The Education Team is looking for some bakers to provide muffins for our Sundays at Nine gatherings beginning September 11. If you would like to provide muffins (they can be frozen if you won't necessarily be in church) please e-mail Christine Webb at [retromom@gmail.com](mailto:retromom@gmail.com). Just one Sunday, or on a regular schedule, we will appreciate your gift!

## Reiki Dates

October 14 6:30 p.m. "God's Touch" Book Study Group

**Reiki Sharing:**

October 22 1-3 p.m. (Morning reserved for Fish Food Drive)

November 19 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

December 17 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

## Fish Food Drive: 3 Ways to Help

The annual community-wide Fish Food Drive is set for Saturday, Oct. 22. Here are three ways we can help:

- 1) Bring non-perishable food to church on Sundays., Oct. 2, 9 and 16. Food will also be accepted at the church office through Oct. 22.
- 2) Sign up to help with the Fish Food Drive Breakfast. We need volunteers to help with biscuit making and fruit prep Friday, Oct. 21, and with the breakfast on Saturday morning, Oct. 22. Sign-up sheets are in the church office and will be on the Welcome Table on Sundays.
- 3) Volunteer to drive or go door to door during the food drive. Questions? Contact Graham Kislingbury, 541-974-2075

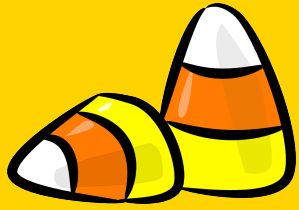
## Save the Date

**Doug Collins' Ordination:** God willing and the people consenting, we will gather for the ordination of Douglas Owen Collins into the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Saturday, December 17, 2016 here at FCC Albany, 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP for dinner following the service on Facebook by searching "The Ordination of Douglas Owen Collins" or by emailing [douglascollins80@gmail.com](mailto:douglascollins80@gmail.com) by November 17. Clergy vestiture: red."

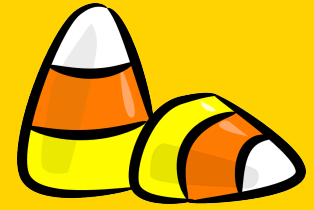
## Hospitality Teams

**Help Wanted! No Experience Necessary!**

**Help** is needed on several of our seven **hospitality teams** that set out and clean up coffee hour refreshments before and after the 10:10 a.m. worship service each Sunday. You would be assigned to an existing team of experienced hospitality workers, and take a turn about **every seven weeks**. Your help would be a great addition to our Sunday morning "friendliness quotient". A **sign-up sheet** for new volunteers will be available each Sunday morning during October.



# October

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

10-11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Connection Team Meeting

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

10 a.m. Book Study

2-4 p.m. Hang out with Douglass Anne

6 p.m. Personnel Meeting

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

11:45 a.m. Executive Committee Lunch

1-3 p.m. Reiki

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Commitment Sunday Pledge Brunch

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

4-6 p.m. Youth & Family Potluck @ Webb's

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**

6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

10 a.m. Book Study

6:30 Reiki Book Study

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

7 p.m. Mindfulness - 2905 44th St.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15**

Women's Regional Retreat at Murray Hills

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. Program Cabinet

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19****Newsletter Deadline**

10 a.m. Book Study

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

7 a.m.-12p.m. Fish Food Drive Breakfast

1-3 p.m. Reiki

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service - Special Guest

Marcia Whitehead

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**

6:30 p.m. Elder Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

10 a.m. Book Study

2-4 p.m. Hang out with Douglass Anne

6 p.m. Holy Sips - Deluxe Brewery

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

12-2 p.m. Halloween Carnival

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

5-7 p.m. Potluck/Family

Game Night





# Pastor's Reflection

## *The Generosity Paradox: The Path and Destination*

Generosity is paradoxical. Those who give, receive back in turn. By spending ourselves for others' well-being, we enhance our own. In letting go of some of what we own, we better secure our own lives. By giving ourselves away, we ourselves move toward greater flourishing. This is not only a philosophical or religious teaching, it is a sociological fact.

The generosity paradox can also be stated in the negative. By grasping onto what we currently have, we lose out on better goods that we might have gained. In keeping to ourselves what we possess, we diminish its long-term value to us. By always protecting ourselves against future uncertainties and misfortunes, we are formed in ways that make us more anxious about uncertainties and vulnerable to future misfortunes. In short, by failing to care for others, we do not properly take care of ourselves. It is no coincidence that the word "miser" is etymologically related to the word "miserable."

This paradox of generosity should not be surprising. Many wise observers of human life have taught different versions of the generosity paradox. An ancient Hebrew proverb reads "One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but ends up impoverished." The Buddha taught that "Giving brings happiness at every stage of its expression." A Hindu proverb holds that "They who give have all things, they who withhold have nothing." And Jesus of Nazareth said, "Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it."

When you and I get determined to follow Christ, we're led into three actions as his disciples:

- Being part of the Body of Christ
- Becoming more like Jesus
- Joining Jesus in ministry

All of these actions require the practice of generosity. In fact, generosity is the key that opens the door to relationship building, and that was what Jesus was all about!

Sometimes generosity requires pushing past a feeling of reluctance because we all instinctively want to keep good things for ourselves. Even so, we can structure our lives in ways that make generosity spontaneous and even fun. When we intentionally "live below our means" and avoid over commitment, we cultivate a sense of bounty or surplus that makes us want to share.

Truly the paradox is alive and well for it is in giving that we receive!

As we embark on our annual Pledge Campaign, culminating with Commitment Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, let us each see where generosity can take us.

Yours, trusting to in the power of the Holy Spirit to constantly surprise us beyond our wildest imaginings,

Eric, Interim Pastor

Some ideas were taken from [www.Widsomcommons.org](http://www.Widsomcommons.org) and [www.fastcoexist.com](http://www.fastcoexist.com) – The Generosity Paradox

# IMPORTANT FCC NEWS



## Transition Team Update

The Transition Team has a meeting scheduled for September 28. Members of the Search Committee will give an update on the search process. The Transition Team will be looking at their next tasks which include recognition of Eric's time with us and preparing the welcome for our new Lead Pastor.

## Fall Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship team invites you to join them in exploring the idea of stewardship this fall, with an eye toward developing a sound budget for 2017 that defines the mission and ministry of FCC Albany.

**Throughout the next few weeks, our Stewardship team will be contacting and meeting with members of the congregation** to discuss the concept of stewardship, answer any questions or concerns, and listen to any needs that should be addressed. It is their goal for every member of the church body to be a fully informed and aware participant in the mission, objectives, and work of the church.

**Commitment Sunday will be on October 9 and will begin with a celebration brunch at 9:00 a.m.** More details about Commitment Sunday will be coming soon!

If you have questions, contact the co-captains of the Stewardship team – Nancy Powell and Chris Norman.

## Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has met two times with Cathy Myers Wirt and the committee has selected two candidates to pursue. The committee has interviewed the references for these two candidates and did a Skype interview with each candidate. After evaluation with Cathy Wirt the committee is ready to enter into the final selection phase. With current scheduling this phase is estimated to take four to six weeks.



## OUR MISSION

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

FCC ALBANY  
**YOUTH & CHILDREN'S**  
 MINISTRIES

**WHAT'S UP,  
 POTLUCK?**

Children's Ministry: Oct. 2  
 Youth Ministry: Oct. 9  
 4-6 p.m.  
 Check your email  
 for more info!

  
**FCC Albany  
 Halloween Carnival**  
**Saturday, Oct. 29th**  
**12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**HANG  
 OUT**

**WITH  
 DOUGLASS  
 ANNE**

**OCTOBER 5 & 26, 2-4 P.M.**  
**FCC ALBANY YOUTH ROOM**

**Coming Up:**

10/22	FISH Food Drive 8:30 - 11:30 am
10/23	Corn Maze Outing 4:00 - 6:45 p.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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