

December 2016



# GOOD NEWS

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (*Disciples of Christ*) 432 Ferry St. SW, Albany, OR 541-926-8606  
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The Ordination of  
**Douglas Owen Collins**

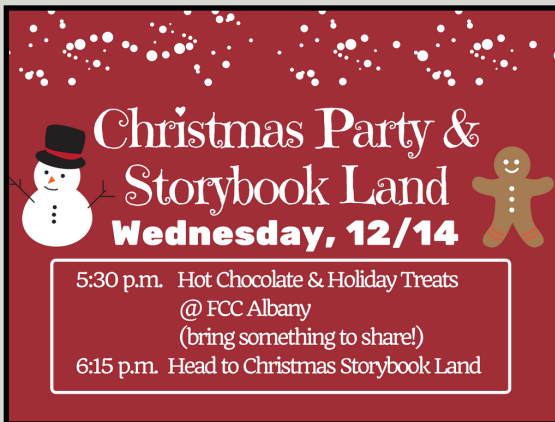


Saturday, December 17th 2016  
3:00 p.m.  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
432 SW Ferry Street  
Albany, Oregon 97321

## FCC Congregational Meeting

Our next quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held after the 10:10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 4. This is an important congregational meeting because this is when the congregation votes on the proposed budget for 2017, as well as on the slate of officers and other church leaders nominated for the coming year. "The entire church community is encouraged to attend congregational meetings. Only members of the congregation may vote." Please plan to be there.

**Christmas Party & Storybook Land**  
Wednesday, 12/14



5:30 p.m. Hot Chocolate & Holiday Treats  
@ FCC Albany  
(bring something to share!)  
6:15 p.m. Head to Christmas Storybook Land

## Christmas Wreaths

This Saturday Dec. 3, our FCC youth, children, and families are making Christmas wreaths from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Albright house. (2110 Geary St SE) We'll have cinnamon rolls, hot cocoa, and Christmas music while we work!

**Christmas Wreath Sale**



SUNDAYS:  
DEC. 4TH & 11TH

Proceeds go towards  
Youth Mission Trip & Programming

**FCC Albany**  
**Advent & Christmas 2016**

**Sunday Worship**  
8:00 & 10:10 a.m.

11/27 - Hope 12/4 - Peace  
12/11 - Joy\* 12/18 - Love

\*Children & Youth Christmas Musical during 10:10 a.m. Worship

**Family Christmas Eve Service**  
12/24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Pajama Worship**  
12/25 at 10:10 a.m.



## Giving Statements

Your record of giving statement will be available on Sunday mornings on the rolling cart by the elevator, or on weekdays in the FCC office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Reiki Sharing

Please join us for Reiki Sharing on December 10 from 9-11 a.m. in the Friendship Room.

## Doug Collins Ordination

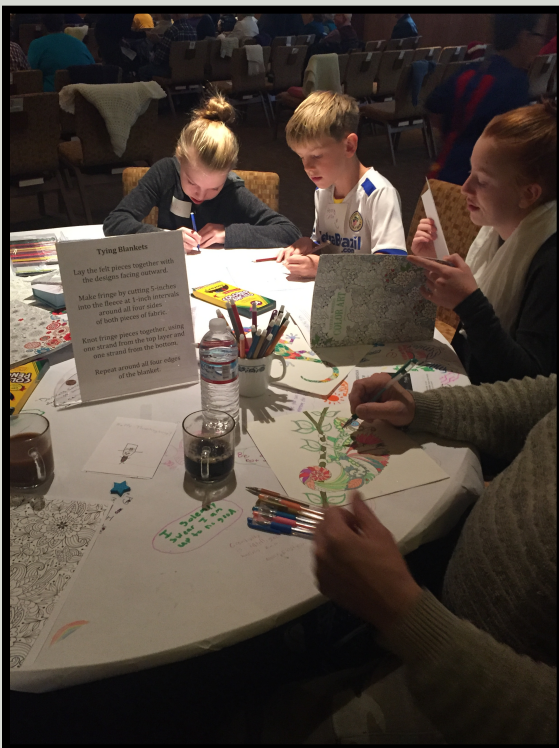
The congregation is invited to attend Doug Collins Ordination Service and Celebration Dinner which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 3:00 p.m. If you wish to attend the celebration dinner and have not already RSVP'd, please RSVP to Anita at the church office, 541-926-8606, [fccalbany@comcast.net](mailto:fccalbany@comcast.net) by Dec. 10.

Help is needed for Doug Collins ordination dinner on Dec. 17. If you can furnish either a salad or dessert for the dinner, please contact Charlotte Houser, 541-928-3810, [chouser9gc@comcast.net](mailto:chouser9gc@comcast.net)

FCC Albany is gifting Doug with several important gifts to honor his ordination, including a robe. If you would like to contribute to these gifts, you can bring it to the church office, or designate your gift in the offering on Sunday morning.

## Christmas Open House

Two of our families have agreed to host Christmas Open Houses on Dec. 11. The hosts will be Maura and Tony Wilson and Dena Minato and Dave Kullowatz. We have traditionally provided treats to serve at these events so we can all help share in the festivities. If you are willing to contribute a holiday treat, plan to bring it to the church kitchen by noon on December 11, and we will see that it is delivered in time for the celebrations. The open houses run from 4-5:30 p.m. that Sunday. Plan to be there!







# December



## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

11:45 a.m. Executive Committee Lunch  
1-3 p.m. Reiki

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Youth Making Wreaths at the Albright's  
10-11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Youth fundraiser wreaths for sale  
8 a.m. Worship in the Round  
9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine  
10:10 a.m. Advent Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
11:30 a.m.-12:15 Children's Christmas Musical Practice  
1:30-4:30 Caren Luckenbill Piano Recital

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5**

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministries  
6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

4-5 p.m. Open & Affirming Webinar  
4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

10 a.m. Book Study

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**

1-3 p.m. Reiki  
7 p.m. Mindfulness Group

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9-11 a.m. Reiki Sharing  
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Youth and Children Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal & Lunch  
1 p.m. Ginny Busic Memorial Service FCC Eugene

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Youth fundraiser wreaths for sale  
8 a.m. Worship in the Round  
9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine  
10:10 a.m. Worship Service/ Youth and Children Christmas Program  
4-5:30 p.m. Holiday Open Houses

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

6:30 p.m. Program Cabinet Meeting - Cornerstone  
6:30 p.m. Search Committee - Youth Commons

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal  
7-8 p.m. Youth Coffee Talk - Pacific Starbucks

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

10 a.m. Book Study  
5:30 p.m. Hot Chocolate & Holiday Treats @ FCC then to Storybook Land

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

3 p.m. Doug Collins Ordination

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round  
9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine  
10:10 a.m. Advent Worship Service  
5-7 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

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

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

Newsletter Deadline

10 a.m. Book Study

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

7 p.m. Family Candlelight Service

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

10:10 a.m. Christmas Pajama Worship

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Church Office Closed

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Church Office Closed

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

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

Church Office Closed

10 a.m. Book Study

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

5-9 p.m. FCC New Year's Eve Party

## Search Committee Update

Your Search Committee continues to work diligently to select a new pastor for our congregation. We have some meetings scheduled over the next couple of weeks that should bring our selection process to a successful conclusion. Once the selection is made, it will have to be approved by the Board and then the congregation, so there is still a wait; but as Douglass Anne reminded us on Sunday, the Advent season is a time of waiting. So, prayerfully wait for the next chapter of our lives to begin. Thank you for your patience.

## Transition Team Update

On Sunday, November 20, during Eric's last worship service with us, the Transition Team gifted him with a beautiful wooden plate made by Chet Houser. The plate noted the passage from Luke that Eric preached from on his first Sunday as our Interim Pastor. The Transition Team hosted a Farewell Reception for Eric after the 10:15 a.m. worship.

In an email from Eric this week he reports his safe arrival home and enjoyable holiday weekend with Monique-Cheri and extended family in the bay area. He sends his greeting to our church family and will keep us posted on where his next journey will take him.

In preparation for the selection of our new settled pastor, the Transition Team is developing plans for extending welcome to help integrate our new pastor into our church community.



VETERAN'S DAY PARADE  
HOSPITALITY TENT



## OUR MISSION

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

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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## In Our Prayers:

Delores Kelly, Fern Dixon, Jace Lukenbaugh, Jan Goby, Laverne Bilyeu, Judie Lindley, Georgia Parker, Linda Bricker, Meisia Tarnasky, Mary Lou McCorkle and daughter Debbie Reimer, Cathy Feeney's granddaughter, Dakota Feeney, and her family Bill, Michelle, Cadence, and Trevor. Al Stein (Sue's dad), David Fryer, Rhyson Houser, Audre Bratcher, Jeanette Armstrong, Nancy Powell, Judie Lindley, Chris Norman's sister Nancy, Marcy Savage, Mickey Puckett, and the well-being of our nation.

## Attendance and Giving

Sunday, November 6, 2016  
Attendance 100

General Fund Giving \$8,546  
Building Fund giving \$1,085

Sunday, November 13, 2016  
Attendance 91

General Fund Giving \$4,247  
Building Fund giving \$655

Sunday, November 20, 2016  
Attendance 119

General Fund Giving \$3,522  
Building Fund giving \$1,775

Sunday, November 27, 2016  
Attendance 96

General Fund Giving \$1,362  
Building Fund giving \$1,195

General Fund giving in November: \$17,677  
Building Fund giving in November: \$4,710  
Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$8,950



# COMMUNITY MEAL FUDGE FUNDRAISER

The Community Meal is selling Charlotte's fudge this holiday season.  
Orders for Dec. 11th delivery must be placed by Dec. 4th.  
Orders for Dec. 18th delivery must be placed by Dec. 11th.

Have a traditional holiday treat and help your community at the same time.

Order sheets will be available in the narthex or fellowship hall.

**ALLERGY WARNING: EGGS AND NUTS**

## Advent Decorations

A big thank you to all those who helped decorate the church for the Advent Season. There were many who added their personal touches to provide a festive holiday look to the church.

## Fish Food Drive

Dear FCC Volunteers: Thank you for hosting the breakfast for the Fish Food Drive this year! We had our biggest turn-out in years. I heard many compliments about the food and hospitality. Charlotte and her crew were fabulous! Fish appreciates your support and generosity. Our community is better because of churches like First Christian. Blessings, Holly (from Fish)

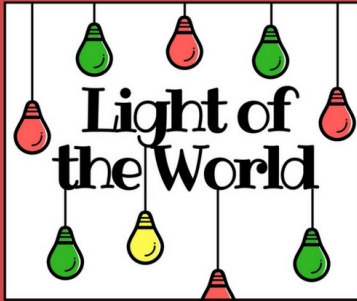
## Pastoral Counseling Center

The holidays are not a time of celebration for everyone. If you are struggling with grief, depression, anxiety, or relationship difficulties, please call the Pastoral Counseling Center at 541-753-9217. Our counselors are here to help.

## Faith Lutheran Longest Night Service

If you are struggling with grief during the holidays, Faith Lutheran Church, 930 Queen Ave SW Albany, is hosting a "Longest Night Service" on December, Wednesday 21 at 7 p.m. For more information contact Faith Lutheran: 541-928-7660.

★ **Coming Soon** ★  
**Youth & Children's Christmas Program**



**December 11th**  
during 10:10 a.m. Worship

**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
PARTY**

**@ FCC ALBANY**  
**DECEMBER 31st**  
**5:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

5 - 6 p.m. Potluck Dinner  
6 - 9 p.m. Games & Karaoke

**ATTENTION FCC FAMILIES**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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