

February 2017



# GOOD NEWS

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## 2016 Honored Member – Chris Norman

Each year, our church honors an individual (sometimes a couple) who has made a significant contribution to our church community over the last year. This year, our Honored Member is someone who has made a huge impact as our church has embarked on some changes to our structure and how we operate on a yearly basis – Chris Norman!

Over the 6 years Chris has been a member at FCC Albany, he has contributed to the Board, the youth group, as well as many other projects and events. Most recently, Chris served as co-captain of our Stewardship team and helped guide and encourage the team (and the congregation) as we embarked on a new way of thinking about stewardship and the work of our church.

Thank you Chris for your leadership, concern, and care over this past year (and many more)! We are so grateful for all the time you have spent listening, asking questions, encouraging and equipping others, and faithfully representing who were at FCC Albany!!

## Thank you, Search Team!!

Our Lead Pastor search team has spent many long hours over the past eight months working to ensure our Lead pastor is the best fit for our congregation and staff. There were countless meetings, emails, phone calls, and questions asked and answered. This team gave a significant amount of time and energy to this meaningful and important process and we are so grateful for each of them.

On January 15, our congregation voted to call Rev. Tim Graves as our Lead Pastor and he will begin on March 1. He and Pastor Douglass Anne will make a great pastoral team for our congregation and we look forward to the work we all will share in the years to come.

A huge thank you goes to our Search Committee: Jan Hagemeister (chair), Charlotte Houser, Jerry Blais, Denise Tafen, Mac McClanahan, and Lacey McClellan. Thank you all so much for your good and faithful work!!



# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## In Our Prayers:

Leon Widmer and family; Sue Stein and dad; Harryette Anderson's friends and loved ones; Cathy Feeney's granddaughter, Dakota Feeney, and her family Bill, Michelle, Cadence, and Trevor; David Fryer; Rhyson Houser; Jeanette Armstrong; Nancy Powell; Meisia Tamasky; Delores Kelly; Fern Dixon; Jace Lukenbaugh; Jan Goby; Rollie & Laverne Bilyeu; Georgia Parker; Linda Bricker; and the well-being of our nation.

## Attendance and Giving

### Sunday, January 1

Attendance: 65

General Fund Giving \$706

Building Fund Giving \$169

### Sunday, January 8

Weather Cancellation

### Sunday, January 15

Attendance: 93

General Fund Giving \$13,319

Building Fund Giving \$1,840

### Sunday, January 22

Attendance: 96

General Fund Giving \$3,995

Building Fund Giving \$1,579

### Sunday, January 29

Attendance: 78

General Fund Giving \$1,664

Building Fund Giving \$5,144

General Fund Total January: \$19,684

Building Fund Total January: \$8,732

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$8,950

## Mark Your Calendars!!!

Jim Reeves and Tessie Rice are getting married at Albany FCC on February 25, at 11 a.m. We are looking for people to bring food, and volunteers to come help make this day special for Jim and Tessie. If you are able to help, please contact Anita Dodd in the church office: [fccalbany@comcast.net](mailto:fccalbany@comcast.net) or 541-926-8606 or Nancy Robb: [robb6624@comcast.net](mailto:robb6624@comcast.net)

## Prayer Chain

Prayer Chain is working, and we are still welcoming more members. Contact Debbie Burchfiel to be included in the email list: [debbieburchfiel@gmail.com](mailto:debbieburchfiel@gmail.com)

## Reiki News

February Reiki sharing continues on Thursdays in the Friendship Room 1-3 p.m., and on Saturday, February 25, 9-11 a.m.

## Sundays @ 9

During January and February, Sunday's @ 9 will be viewing and discussing video lectures dealing with the historical background of the New Testament and the book of Mark. The group will also talk about Biblical study aids, translations and archaeology.

During the season of Lent, Sunday's @ 9 will feature a special Lenten study. Following Lent, the study group will return to the New Testament with special focus on the Gospels.

The study is meeting in the Cornerstone Room and is open to all interested adults and teens.

## Wednesday Book Study

In our Wednesday morning book study we are reading "The Five Gospels" by Robert W. Funk. We meet in the Cornerstone Room @ 10 a.m. If you have questions call or email Linda Lees: 541-928-7468 [lles@proaxis.com](mailto:lles@proaxis.com)

Did Jesus claim to be the Messiah?

Did he promise to return and usher in a new age?

How did Jesus envision the Kingdom of God?

*The Five Gospels* answers these questions in a bold, dynamic work that will startle traditional readers of the Bible and rekindle interest in it among secular skeptics. In 1985 the Jesus Seminar, comprising a distinguished group of biblical scholars, was founded by Robert W. Funk. They embarked on a new translation and assessment of the gospels, including the recently discovered Gospel of Thomas. In pursuit of the historical Jesus, they used their collective expertise to determine the authenticity of more than fifteen hundred sayings attributed to him. Their remarkable findings appear in this book.

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## New Lead Pastor Update

The congregation is pleased to welcome Rev. Timothy Richard Graves. On Sunday, Jan. 15, the congregation voted to extend Rev. Graves a contract to be our Lead Pastor. He has signed and returned the contract to our church.

Tim is an ordained minister of the Christian Church and currently serves as pastor for the Condon United Church of Christ. He is a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky and was ordained in 2011 by the West Virginia Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He also has a B.S and M.S in Education. He has been involved in many areas of church life and ministry.

Tim and his wife Maggie, an ordained hospital chaplain, will be moving to Albany in mid-February. His first Sunday in our pulpit will likely be March 5.

The Search Committee has completed their task in the selection process, and now the Transition Team will be handling the welcoming of Tim and Maggie to our congregation.

## Office Administrator Update

For the past ten months, Anita Dodd has served as our office administrator and has helped us immensely in the the transition process. She has decided that it is now time for her to move on and we wish her the best! Her last day in the office was Friday, January 27th.

The personnel committee will begin the hiring process soon, so if you know anyone (non-church member) who is looking for employment and has the administrative skills and the people skills we need in that office, please let them know to watch for the advertisement. Please share it on your Facebook, at your child's school parent's meetings, and other places where there might be a potential candidate for our job!



# February

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

10 a.m. Book Study

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

10 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

1-3 p.m. Reiki

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

10-11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

12 p.m. Program Cabinet Meeting

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

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

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

10 a.m. Book Study

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

7 p.m. Mindfulness

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

10 a.m. Book Study

Newsletter Deadline

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Regional Chi-Ro Mid Winter Retreat (18-19)

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Regional Chi-Ro Mid Winter Retreat (18-19)

Week of Compassion Starts (19-26)

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. "This is My American Life" Series

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Office Closed for President's Day

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

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

10 a.m. Book Study

6 p.m. Holy Sips

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

1-3 p.m. Reiki

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

11 a.m. Reeves/Rice Wedding

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Week of Compassion Ends (19-26)

8 a.m. Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Sundays @ Nine

10:10 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. "This is My American Life" Series

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Newsletter Mailed

6:30 p.m. Elder Meeting

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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





**JANUARY 22 - JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 19 - MARCH 26**

We are inviting people from groups in our community who are vulnerable to discrimination, and may be even more so in the current political climate. We need to hear their stories and experiences, so that we will be more equipped to use our voices and energy in support and advocacy.

Every week new guests will share their "This is My American Life" stories and challenges from poverty, racism, sexual orientation and being without a home.

Each session will begin with a light lunch at about 11:40 a.m. and then proceed to the gathering time at noon. The setting will be informal and arranged in a way that encourages conversation and discussion. All are invited to come share and learn.

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# FCC Albany Women's Weekend

March 11-12, 2017

Silver Falls

Conference Center



## REST, RELAX, & RENEW

Join us for our annual women's weekend at Silver Falls Conference Center. This retreat is a time to rest, hike, play, reconnect with friends, make new friends, and experience Christian community in a beautiful setting. We will enjoy four meals at the conference center, beginning with lunch on Saturday and ending with Sunday lunch.

We'll stay in heated cabins with two persons to a room. The bedding and towels are provided. Other things to bring: comfortable clothes, walking shoes, books, journal, Bible, whatever nurtures your creative spirit (beads, art materials, camera, knitting, crochet, etc.), board games.

Your presence is important to the community. If you are participating in the life of the church and need partial scholarship assistance, please let Pastor Douglass Anne know.

Yes, sign me up for Women's Weekend, March 11-12.

(Return to church office with \$130 payment by Sunday, Feb. 19)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requests/Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

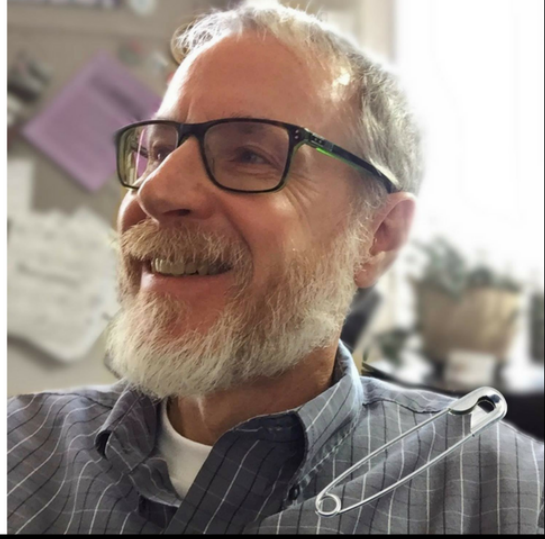
Quiet Cabin?  Stay-up-late Cabin?

Need a ride?  Will you be driving?  How many riders can you take? \_\_\_\_\_





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**Welcome Celebration for  
Rev. Tim Graves, Lead Pastor  
Sunday, March 5th  
Following 10:10 a.m. Worship**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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