



August 2017

GOOD NEWS

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FCC supporting
Albany, Oregon's
first Pride March



Caring Inside & Outside



"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you? Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.'

Matthew 25:44-45 CEB

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23a CEB

Watch yourselves and the whole flock, in which the Holy Spirit has placed you...to shepherd God's church...

Acts 20:28 CEB

Our summer has been busy with congregational caring both inside and outside of our walls.

Forty gathered to march as a church family in Albany's first ever LGBTQ+ Pride Parade. And the church sponsored a Vigil of Lament & Moral Outrage following the City Council's failure to affirm the importance of diversity and inclusion. Fifty from inside and outside the church participated in the vigil. During the current heat wave we are providing a water station 24/7 for those without housing.

These critical actions are a few of the ways in which we show our love of neighbor (Mark 12:31) and do justice (Micah 6:8) in our fragmented world. We are called by Jesus, after all, to take the Good News to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8) and to care for the "least of these" (Matthew 25:45).

Being witnesses to Christ's love also involves living in and caring for one another in community. The early church was one in which no one was in need and the people were of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Early last month the sudden loss of our brother Garnett was exacerbated by Lola's injury the day of his memorial. We ache as the *koinonia*—as Christian family—when anyone within our ranks is in pain. Others within our family have been dealing with surgeries, injuries, financial problems, and illnesses. It has been a challenging summer. As church we've tried to share our love and concern but at times we've failed to wrap our arms around everyone.

We can do better.

Healthy, growing churches are filled with individuals who partner with the pastor to provide pastoral care. They overflow with disciples who provide abundant love for one another. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on September 17th at noon for "Becoming Shepherds: Congregational & Pastoral Care by Laity."

In Service of the One,

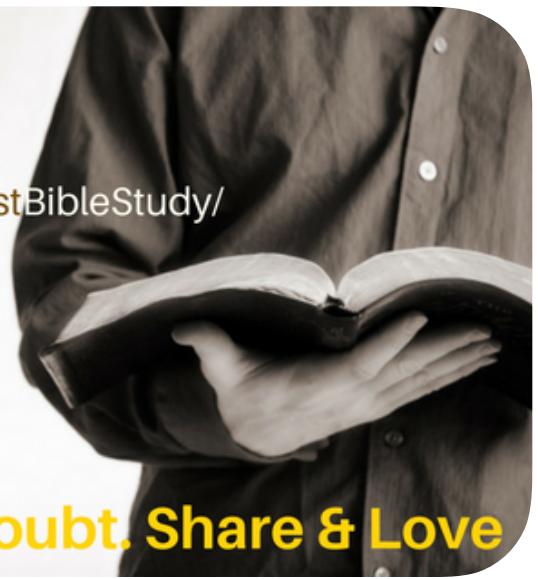
Bible Study

On Facebook @ facebook.com/groups/AlbanyFirstBibleStudy/

Thursdays @ 3:30 @ the church



Explore. Think. Doubt. Share & Love



August 6

Amos 3:1-2, 4:1-3, 5:4-6 (Tim preaching)

August 13

Amos 7:10-16, 8:4-6, 9-10
(Tim preaching)

August 20

Amos 5:18-24, 9:13:15 (Tim preaching)

August 27

Obadiah
(Douglass Anne preaching)

End of Summer Scripture Readings



Fall Scripture Readings

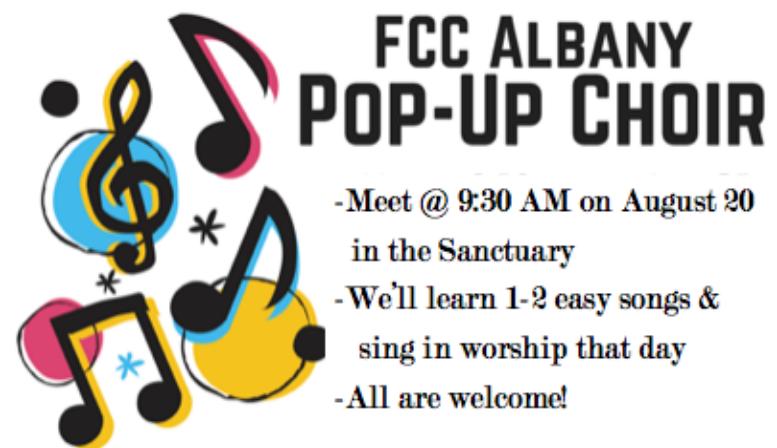
September 10
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
(Tim preaching, Pop-up Choir)

September 17
Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14
(Tim preaching, Choir)

September 24
Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23;
28:10-17
(Douglass Anne preaching)

*"In the beginning,
God created the
heaven and the
earth." Genesis 1:1*

Church Happenings



Connect with a Pastor

Rev. Tim Graves, Lead Pastor
541-223-7562 call or text
rev.timgraves@gmail.com
facebook.com/timothygraves

Rev Douglass Anne, Pastor
541-286-5085 call or text
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH &
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LABOR DAY WORSHIP: EAT & PLAY

POTLUCK BRUNCH - BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

**SEPTEMBER 3RD @ 10:00 A.M.
FCC ALBANY (432 FERRY ST)**

Becoming Shepherds

Congregational & Pastoral Care by Laity

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They overflow with disciples who provide abundant care to one another. Join us as we look at more ways to care & love.

Sunday, September 17 @ Noon



Church Renews Pursuit of Solar Power

Our church has renewed its pursuit of a solar power installation for our building. We are considering an 80-panel solar array that would offset approximately 45% of our annual electricity consumption. This really is one of those rare moments in life that represents a Win/Win on all fronts. Instead of taking on debt, we are seeking to pay for this project upfront, but this investment will ultimately pay for itself and keep on giving, and last at least 25 years into the future, guaranteed. Our church community's Social Justice team and many individuals will be joining forces with the Board and Stewardship Team to make it happen if we can. But we need your help.

As awesome as solar energy is, it does come with a price tag, and timing is essential to make the most out of rebates unique to Oregon. So our desire is to offer an opportunity for everyone excited about solar to get involved if they want to. If you would like to help FCC make this investment possible, please consider making designated "solar" contributions in addition to the giving and stewardship to which you already feel called. More details will be coming soon, and you can contact Corbin Lambeth at any time to get more information or ask questions. His contact information is listed below.

**Then God said,
“Let us make
humankind in our
image to be like
us. Let them be
stewards of the
fish in the sea, the
birds of the air,
the cattle, the wild
animals, and
everything that
crawls on the
ground.”**

Genesis 1:26 (Inclusive Bible)

Having a renewable, clean power generator visibly positioned on our roof says something big about our community, namely, that we accept the reality of climate change and are willing to do something positive about it. But this is not merely an environmental issue. While climate change alone may be enough motivation for us to act, this



is also an issue of justice, particularly for the most vulnerable people and animals who lack the resources to simply move or buy their way into safer and healthier habitats. A solar array says that we care about creating a sustainable and healthy planet for all God's creatures and that we are willing to do something to create the future we want to live in. Our church community has already taken the lead in Albany with our open and affirming

reimagining of the rainbow; it's time to advance our lead again by being the first Albany church to put solar panels on its building. What a beautiful set of ways to communicate who we are and what we value!

**For questions or comments please
contact Corbin Lambeth at
253-448-3020 or
c_lambeth76@yahoo.com.**

Directory

We are still in the process of creating the new directory. This is a big project and will take some time to get everyone's picture taken.

Les will be taking pictures after 10:10 worship. If you cannot make it then, you can schedule an appointment with Elysse to get your photo taken during office hours.

Les has also agreed to come to people to take pictures if they are not able to leave their home. Once we finish the directory, it will be much easier to update and keep up with in the future. We thank you for your continuing patience as we do our best to complete it.



Leaving food in the kitchen

Please mark and label any food you leave in the kitchen whether it be for Community Meal, an Ice Cream Social, or any other event or use.

Reminder to shut and lock doors

Please make sure to fully shut doors and make sure they are locked when you leave. We have had multiple instances where doors have been left unlocked or doors were not getting shut all the way.



Backup Nursery Workers Needed

We are looking for a couple back-up nursery workers to fill in as needed. Please email the office for more information if you are interested.

Help Wanted A/V Tech

We are also looking to hire an Audio/Visual Tech. This person will be responsible for the prep, set up, monitoring, and take down of audio and visual equipment for the 10:10 worship service as well as special events. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office.

Preschool is hiring

The Preschool is needing to hire a couple of assistant teachers for the upcoming school year. Part-time, 8:45-12:00 Monday-Friday working with 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Resumes or preschool application forms (can be picked up in church office) are due by Monday, 7th. Email Beth Morse if you have more questions. FirstChristianPrimary@gmail.com



Activities & Groups

Just Keep Slimming!

On a weight-loss journey and want some support? Want to lose some weight but don't know where to start? Or maybe you have a weight-loss story or advice that you want to share. If so, join **Rachel Woitt** and **Nancy Powell** as we introduce Just Keep Slimming, a weight-loss support group open to anyone and everyone.

When: Every Wednesday at 3:30 starting August 2nd.

Where: Cornerstone room FCC



River Float

Tony and Maura Wilson are planning a church river float on Saturday, August 19th. There will be more details to follow. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet taped outside the office window, or email [Maura](#).

BRING YOUR OWN FLOTATION DEVICE.



Book Study

Book Study has resumed on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 AM.

Resourcing People in Need

Rachel Woitt has taken on the role of helping to resource those with need in our community. She has researched emergency services in the Albany area and has put together a brochure with that information.

Rachel needs some help to continue and expand this project. She is looking for people who are interested in helping to gather information on resources and help in providing services that are needed. You would also help the Social Justice Team in the pursuit in providing laundry services for our low-income and struggling brothers and sisters. These are just a couple of the projects she is hoping to start. This group will be the task force responsible for providing this information whenever needed. Please email Rachel at milofreak101@yahoo.com if you are interested.



Thank You



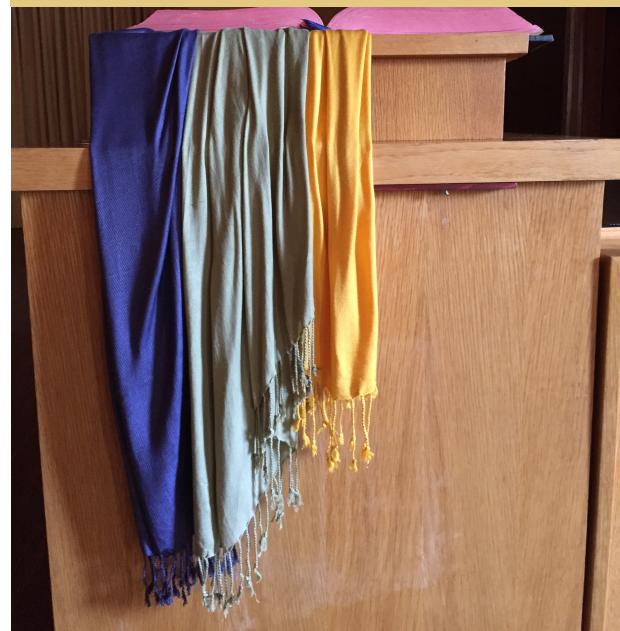
Thanks to Charlotte Smith for designing our new and now accurate information signs.

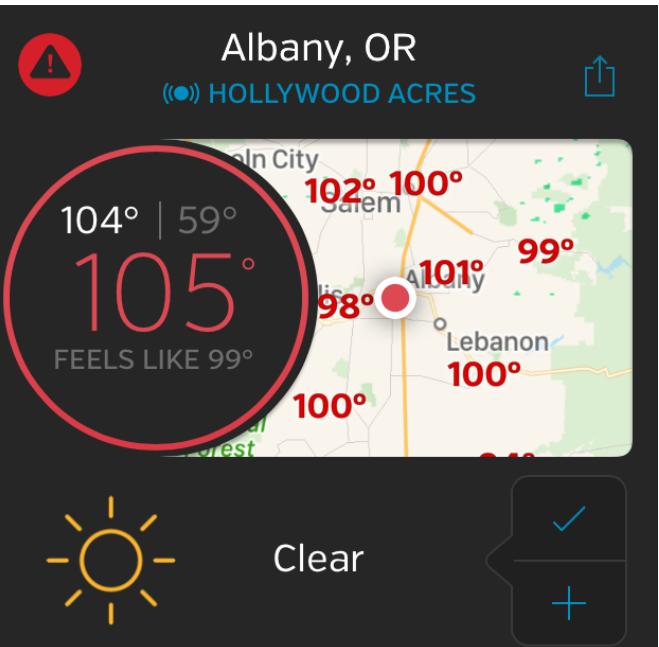


We would like to thank the following people for volunteering their time last Saturday at the Farmer's Market along side Pastor Tim: Linda Lees and her granddaughter, Caren Luckenbill, Gary Goby, Rachel Woitt, MarDale Salston, Bob Moore, and Alice Newbould. Your help was very much appreciated!



Thanks to the Sanctuary Arts team for the consistent way in which they subtly (and not-so-subtly) bring beauty and focus to our worship space. This banner was created by Maggie Sebastian (thanks!) and if you look closely in the sanctuary, you'll note that the colors in the banner are reflected on the communion table and pulpit.





First Christian Church is providing a 24/7 water station outside the church during the current heat wave. Thanks to all who provided water bottles for those who needed them.

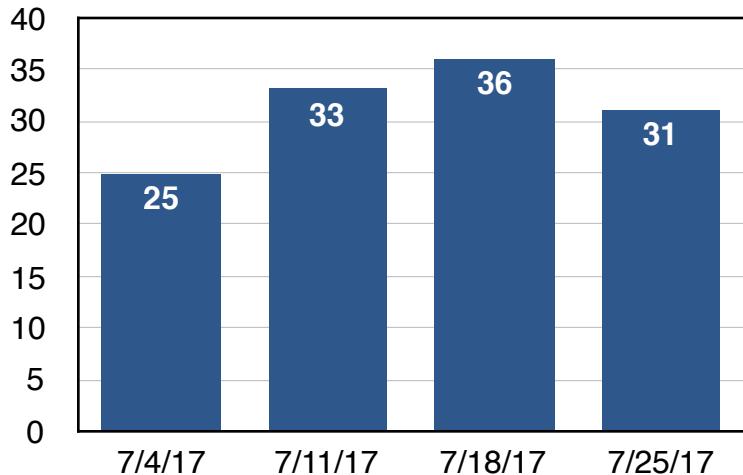


The children's area within the sanctuary is evolving. New mats, toys, and other learning materials for younger children are being added. Though FCC offers a staffed nursery, some families prefer to be with their children during worship.

BY THE NUMBERS

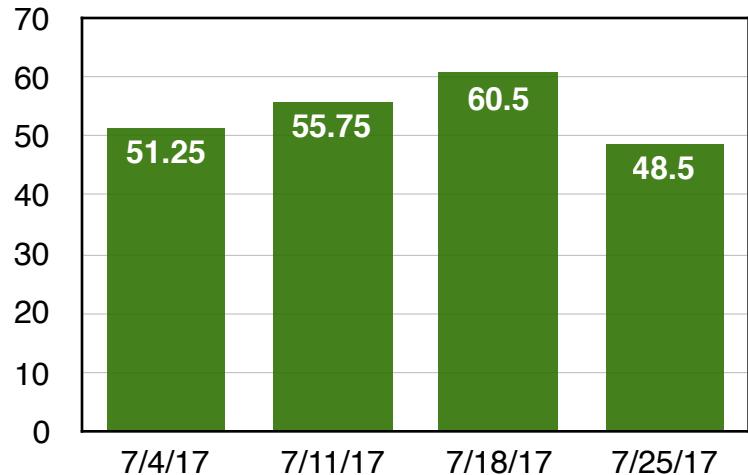
COMMUNITY MEAL

Number of CM Volunteers



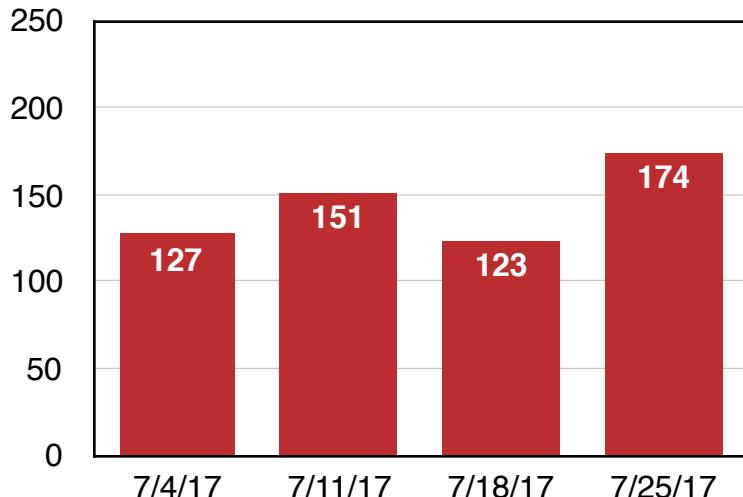
This is a bar graph showing the number of volunteers for the Community Meal for the month of July.

Number of CM Volunteer Hours



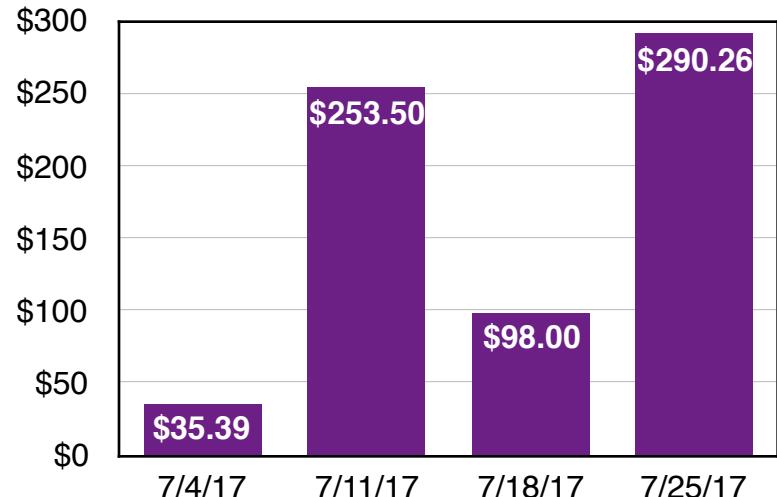
This is a bar graph showing the number of volunteer hours for the Community Meal for the month of July.

Number of People Fed at CM



This is a bar graph showing the number of people fed at the Community Meal for the month of July.

Amount of Donations for CM

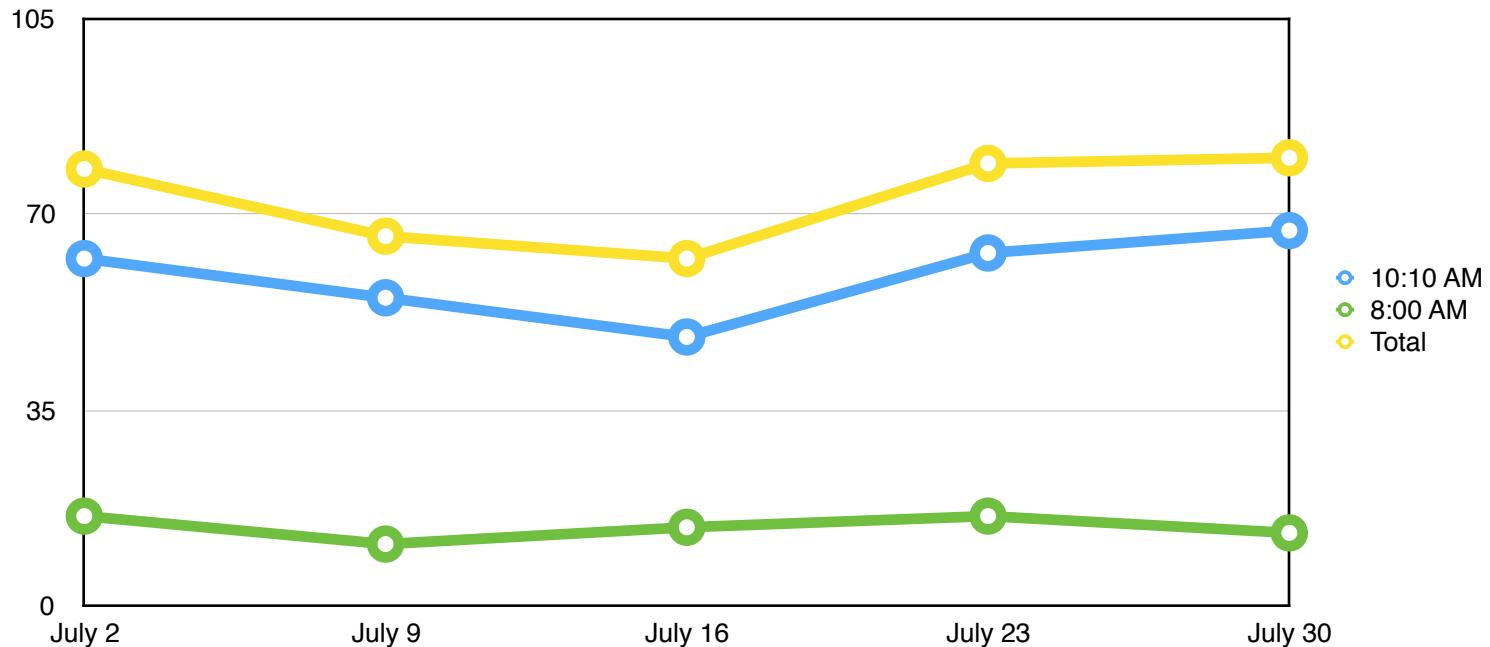


This is a bar graph showing the amount of donations given at the Community Meal for the month of July.

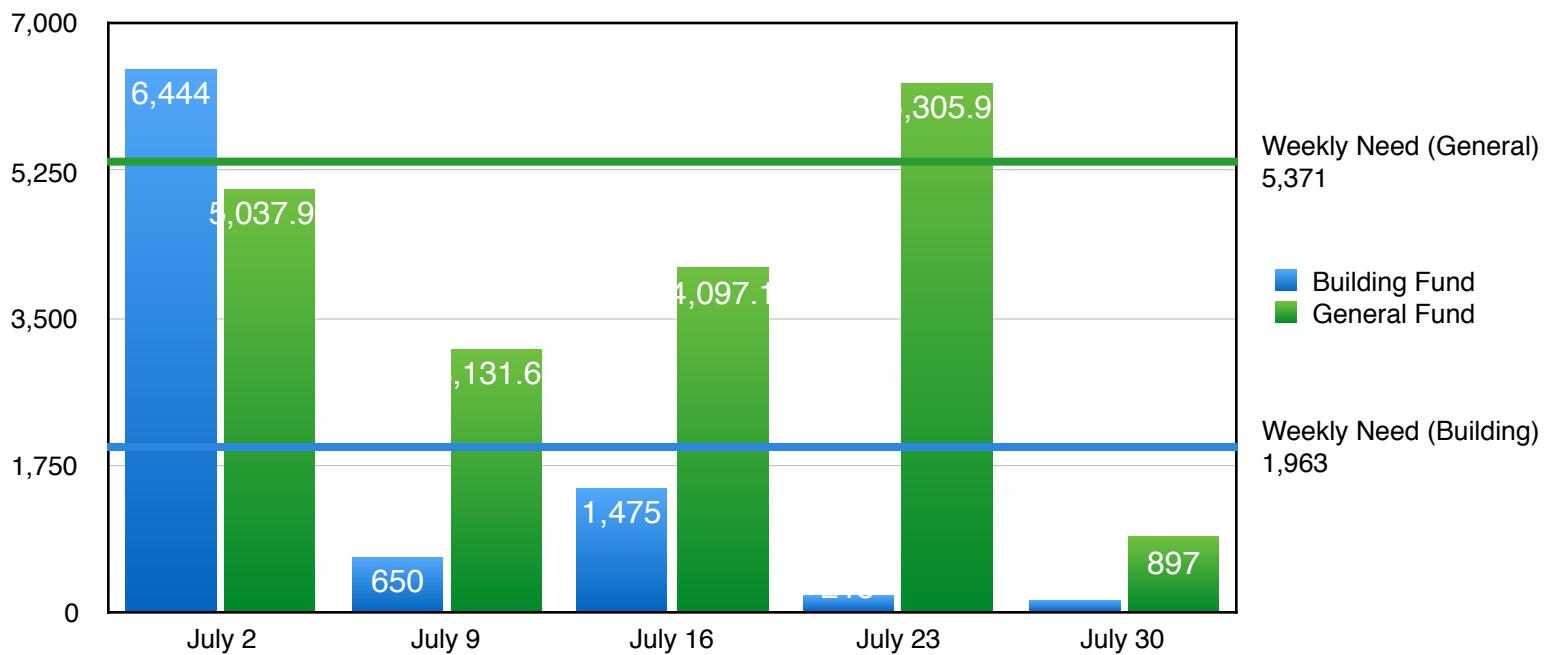
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Worship Attendance for the Month of July



Giving for the Month of July



**Tuesday, August 1:**

Pastor Douglass Anne's Sabbath
9:00-11:00 AM Reiki
4:30-6:30 PM Community Meal

Wednesday, August 2:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath
DA gone Aug. 2-14
10:00-11:30 AM Book Study
3:30 PM Just Keep Slimming

Thursday, August 3:

3:30-4:30 PM Bible Study

Friday, August 4:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath
7:00 PM Parent's Night Out

Sunday, August 6:

8:00 AM Worship in the Round
9:00 AM Sundays @ Nine
10:10 AM Worship
12:00 PM Program Cabinet

Monday, August 7:

10:00-12:00 AM Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, August 8:

9:00-11:00 AM Reiki
4:30-6:30 PM Community Meal

Wednesday, August 9:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath
10:00-11:30 AM Book Study
3:30 PM Just Keep Slimming
6:30-8:30 PM Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 10:

3:30-4:30 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Mindfulness @ Terry Wood's

Friday, August 11:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath

Sunday, August 13:

8:00 AM Worship in the Round
9:00 AM Sundays @ Nine
10:10 AM Worship

Monday, August 14:

6:30-8:00 PM Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 15:

Pastor Douglass Anne's Sabbath
9:00-11:00 AM Reiki
4:30-6:30 PM Community Meal

Wednesday, August 16:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath
Executive Team Leadership Retreat
10:00-11:30 AM Book Study
3:30 PM Just Keep Slimming

Thursday, August 17:

3:30-4:30 PM Bible Study

Friday, August 18:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath

Saturday, August 19:

Pastor Douglass Anne's Sabbath

Sunday, August 20:

8:00 AM Worship in the Round
9:00 AM Sundays @ Nine
9:30 AM Pop-Up Choir
10:10 AM Worship

Monday, August 21:

Total Solar Eclipse
10:00-12:00 PM Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, August 22:

Pastor Douglass Anne's Sabbath
9:00-11:00 AM Reiki
4:30-6:30 PM Community Meal

Wednesday, August 23:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath
10:00-11:30 AM Book Study
3:30 PM Just Keep Slimming
6:30-8:30 PM Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 24:

3:30-4:30 PM Bible Study

Friday, August 25:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath

Saturday, August 26:

Pastor Douglass Anne's Sabbath
9:00 AM Booth @ Farmer's Market

Sunday, August 27:

8:00 AM Worship in the Round
9:00 AM Sundays @ Nine
10:10 AM Worship

Monday, August 28:

6:30-8:00 PM Elder's Meeting

Tuesday, August 29:

Pastor Douglass Anne's Sabbath
9:00-11:00 AM Reiki
4:30-6:30 PM Community Meal

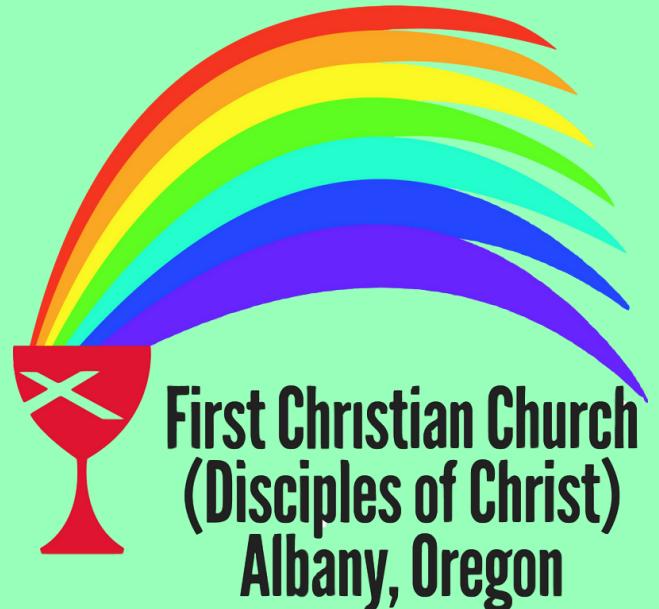
Wednesday, August 30:

Pastor Tim's Sabbath
10:00-11:30 AM Book Study
3:30 PM Just Keep Slimming
6:00-7:00 PM Holy Sips

Thursday, August 31:

3:30-4:30 PM Bible Study

- +true community
- +deep spirituality
- +passion for justice

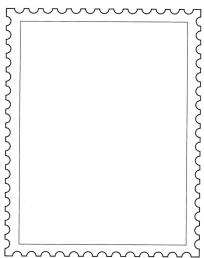


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