



United Church of Christ-Congregational  
**THE LIGHTED WINDOW**  
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 Christ and the Church  
**2013**




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**Sunday Worship Time**

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

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Hours: M-Th 9am-12:30pm

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**Pastor's Pen**

Everyone has a spiritual life. It makes no difference if someone is a believer or not, attends church or not, or if someone is aware of the Spirit or not. We are made for the indwelling of the Spirit. What is necessary for this spiritual life to strengthen is a pause from our usual routines, a time when our own concerns and problems are suspended. Our spiritual lives are like any other gift of God, they wither with neglect and flourish with practice. It is no accident that the Apostle Paul often compares the faithful life with the athletic life. Training makes a difference. A violin that is played daily over years, plays sweeter than a violin that lives in the closet. A singing voice may be good, but becomes richer and sings truer with practice. A body that exercises is healthier and more supple than the body of a couch dweller. Our spiritual lives need the discipline of practice. God's continuing word of love can be heard more clearly as we learn to be still and listen.

We have already entered the season of thanksgiving and stewardship. The two go hand in hand. The quieter we are, the more aware we are of the bounty of God's gifts in our lives and the more grateful we become. Gratefulness leads to generous

spirits and charitable ways of living. You cannot be ungrateful and generous. Ungratefulness cannot see grace, it only sees disappointment. Nothing in our spiritual life is more fraught with fraught than our dearly held views of money; that's why Jesus spends so much time in the Gospels talking about it. Fear of "not enough" creeps into our attitudes and the way we live in God's bounteous world, but Jesus says again and again, "Fear not." Living a life full of thanksgiving is a joyous life. Nourishing the spirit within us takes practice. God's continuing word of love can be heard the loudest when we cultivate stillness. Let's take Jesus at his word, let us live fearlessly into the abundance all around us. Let each one of us give as we are able in complete joy. Now, that would really be a Thanksgiving to celebrate. Grace and peace to you all,

*Grace and peace to you,  
 Deb*

Greetings and Shalom from the Children's Corner,

Hope you all had a great Halloween. Sorry last month's Children's Corner was short. For the month of October the kids followed David from when he was anointed as king as a youth. Then they got the act David and Goliath's famous fight. They took beanbags and got to be "David" while knocking over "Goliath" (plastic bottles) as a game. Then they followed David as he danced and brought the Ark of the Convent into Jerusalem and united all of Israel. For the last Sunday we held a small Halloween party where I showed Spirit Stallion of the Cimarron. I showed how, like King David, Spirit was a leader over his herd (people) and protected them and cared about them. And how Spirit had to learn to trust someone to help him return home was like King David learning to trust God to lead his people. And that both King David and Spirit made some unwise decisions they were good leaders.

In November we will visit the Prophets and the Kings. The first week will be the story of Elijah and the Ravens. This story is to teach the kids about how miracles come from God. The second week is Elijah and the Prophets. This is where Elijah takes on the prophets of Baal. The third week is about Elisha. He follows behind Elijah when Elijah is taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. The final week is about Josiah and Huldah. Josiah is the only king after Solomon to walk in the path of the Lord and Huldah is a priestess Josiah asks what would happen if the people do not follow God.

Angie Schultze, Children's Ministry



Matt Newton	3
Patti Dale	3
Jim Torgerson	7
Mark Poppoff	8
Jada Gay	13
Hew Hillis	21
Annadale Rooper	28
Joanne Brewer	29
Jim Wilcox	29
Bob Krein	29



Gary and Jackie Deckard	9
Dave & Bonnie Long	16
Floyd & Jean Emerson	28

To link to the website, click below <http://www.uccthedalles.org>

### November Pantry donations



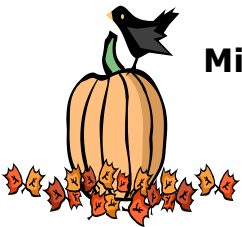
Adult toiletries will be collected in November to make up personal kits that will be donated to the

Salvation Army and distributed all year long. Items needed include soap, toothpaste, combs, wash cloths and nail clippers.



## Calendar of Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup> —8:00am Men's Breakfast**  
**8:30am Breakfast for everyone**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**3pm Prepare and Serve**  
**Community Meal**
- 6<sup>th</sup>—5:15pm Diaconate meets**
- 11th—Office Closed: Veterans' Day**  
**1pm Women's Fellowship**
- 17<sup>th</sup>—Harvest Potluck follows**  
**Worship**
- 26<sup>th</sup> —5:15pm Trustee's meets**
- 28<sup>th</sup> —Office Closed: Thanksgiving**



## Mission Update

The Mission Committee of the church has been busy and there are numerous projects slated between now and the end of the year.

In November our congregation will serve Community meals on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Church members are encouraged to support and volunteer at the local Warming Center. The Health Kit project is again taking place. These kits go to the Salvation Army. October Food Cart Project collection was Thanksgiving dinner items for the local food bank. A Mission Moment for Haven is

scheduled and will ask for donation of towels as well as other items.

In December our congregation will be adopting two families for Christmas and providing them with gifts according to their wish lists. A collection for the UCC Christmas Fund will take place. Cookies will be provided to the AA group at their meeting on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Our church will provide our facility, a program and dinner for a group of foster kids and their biological parents on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Plans for a project involving active duty military and veterans are evolving. Also, a PET delivery project to Guatemala is scheduled in April for anyone interested.

We hope you can all participate in these projects. Your time, talents, and donations are very much appreciated. If you have any mission project ideas please don't hesitate to bring them to the Mission Committee.



"Verdi, Wagner & Holiday Favorites" is the title of the Cascade Singers' 2013 Christmas concert. Performances are Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 10th and Union Streets, The Dalles. The community choir and children's choir will present romantic era music by Giuseppe Verdi and Richard Wagner whose 200th birthdays were observed in 2013, and a variety of pieces, classical to pops, sacred and secular, for the holidays. Admission is by donation at the door.

## Upcoming Advent Study with Pastor Drew

I'd like to invite you to take part in an Advent study utilizing the book: *Advent and Christmas, Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen*. This book is available in the office for \$8.50. Henri Nouwen (1932-1996) was a professor of spirituality and a Catholic priest who lived in monastic communities from time to time, and loved to mentor people on their walks of faith. This book offers short and accessible daily devotions, scriptures, and concrete actions to take as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We will be meeting together to discuss this book and do some Bible study the three Wednesdays leading up to Christmas at Noon in the Isabella Gray room. (4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>) We will be meeting with members of First United Methodist Church, please join us.

Pastor Drew Frisbie

### EARLY WARNING:

HABITAT'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR  
AND SOUP/PIE LUNCH  
SATURDAY-DECEMBER 7TH  
10 AM - 2 PM

It's a tradition not to be missed. Lots of baked goods and holiday items for sale. Choice of yummy soups and pies for lunch.



## Women's Fellowship

The November meeting for Women's Fellowship will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Isabella Gray Room. All women of the church are invited to attend. Jean Vercooteren and Caroline Homer are the hostesses and Jean Thomas will provide the prayer. Rev. Deb will provided the program. Her topic will be about the Episcopal church. Last month we learned about the United Methodist Church from Jean Vercooteren. Save the Date for the Women's Fellowship traditional Christmas Bazaar. It will be December 8<sup>th</sup> right after church in the Robert's Room.

## Heifer Project

Heifer Project is coming to a close. We thank you all for your generous contributions of 1134.00. Our monies will go to Rwanda. If horses are not needed, another animal will be substituted. Thanks goes to Callie Jordan, Donnie Bergstrom, Angie Schultze and the Sunday School children for all their help towards this project.  
Joy Krein



## Deck the Halls!

Donations are being taken now to help with the purchase of fresh evergreen wreaths to decorate the sanctuary. Drop by the office, or look for the envelope during coffee hour.

**P.E.T. Update**

Due to the efforts of Corliss Marsh and Gene and Dixie Parker, our Personal Energy Transport (P.E.T.) went to the annual meeting of the conference in Pendleton. We shared this mission project with those in attendance and offered to pass it around. The Smyrna UCC church in Canby, Oregon showed up last week to borrow it. Who knows how many more P.E.T.s will come from this project.

There is a trip planned by P.E.T. to distribute vehicles in Guatemala in April. If you are interested, go to their website <http://www.petspokane.org> For more information.

**The Dalles Chapter AFS  
2013 FRUIT FUNDRAISER**

This is our major fundraiser to replenish chapter funds for student support and scholarship funds.

We expect the sweetest, juiciest ruby red grapefruit you have ever tasted and we have been told the Texas draught is over so the Navel oranges should be juicy, too.

We encourage you to use the AFS fundraiser to promote the exchange program. Talk about the AFS mission: to build peace and promote intercultural learning. Talk to your neighbors, family and friends. Share the information with those you meet; lawyers, doctors, dentists, hairdressers. Give the gift of health and support our AFS Mission in the process. Thank you for your help.

We need all exchange students, scholarship recipients, and AFS volunteers to help sort the fruit and distribute boxes between on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am - Noon. Many hands make light work!

**Orders must be in by Friday,  
November 22, 2013**

**Pick up:** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ After 12:00pm or call 541-296-6546

**Location:** 2522 Old Dufur Rd, The Dalles

**Make checks payable to "The Dalles AFS": Mail form & payment to:**

**T. Lovell  
2522 Old Dufur Rd.  
The Dalles, OR. 97058**

Questions? Call Tedd or Rymmel Lovell at 541-296-6546  
Lovell's Email: [tlovell@netcnct.net](mailto:tlovell@netcnct.net)  
Subject: **AFS Fruit Fundraiser**

**Thank you for supporting The Dalles AFS Chapter!**

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for: \_\_\_\_\_ Boxes **Grapefruit;** \_\_\_\_\_ Boxes **Oranges** @ \$18.00 per box.

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 boxes of **Grapefruit;** \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 boxes of **Oranges** @ \$9.00 per 1/2 box.

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