



United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW

Celebrating 155 years of faithful service for
Christ and the Church

April 2014



Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

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Pastor's Pen

Last year, Easter was at the end of March, almost as early as it gets. Many voiced surprise that it was Easter already. Choruses of "I'm not ready" were heard, or maybe that was just me. This year, Easter is April 20, almost as late as it occurs. Laments of "It should be Easter by now" are heard, again, that might just be me. Maybe Easter is not a fixed time so that we are on the lookout for it." When's Easter?" we ask. When is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ? All the time, every day.

It is fortunate that Easter is in the spring. All the world is emerging from its winter crust and we are assailed by the news of a new day everywhere we look. Maybe Easter should be this week, every street is lined in blossoming trees and early spring flowers. It looks like the contents of an Easter basket everywhere we look. We engage in

activities akin to this call to newness, freshness, clean slate. With our spring cleaning, preparing gardens, packing away winter clothes and boots, more daylight, and sweeping away the debris of winter, we ready ourselves and our homes for the new that is raucously shouting "spring" all around us. Now is the time to take down those Christmas wreaths and lights.

Lent is a meditative time to ponder the message of Easter. The old has died, the new rushes in with a call to rejoice. Our Easter "alleluias" are shouts of welcome for this new life. Easter doesn't wait for us to fully understand it; it surrounds us with the majesty of God, the love of God for all of us.

Enjoy the new day that God has made. It was made for you.

*Happy Easter,
Deb*

Greetings from the Children's Corner
I want to thank the entire Congregation for their support as I continue my education. If you had not heard I made it into the Education Program to finish out the last two years of the program. You are the best church family ever.

Last month the kids followed the road to Jerusalem. 3/2: Jesus and the children
3/9: Jesus heals the Blind Man 3/16: Jesus and Zacchaeus 3/23: Peter Denies Jesus
3/30 Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (One Great Hour of Sharing)



3/2

3/9



3/16

3/23



3/30

On Easter Sunday there will be no Sunday School.

This month the kids will be Following the Road to Easter. On 4/6 the kids will have learn about Jesus entering Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. On 4/13 the kids will experience a Seder Dinner as they did last year. (so stay tuned for pictures). And then on 4/27 the kids will walk with Cleopas and another disciple along the road to Emmaus and the resurrected Jesus.

Angie Schultze, Children's Ministry



Robert Deckard	4
Barry Frizzell	13
Donna Miller	13
Cynthia Graham	15



Gene and Dixie Parker	4
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To link to the website, click below
<http://www.uccthedalles.org>

{April Pantry donations}

FRUIT will be collected during April. Canned fruit, dried fruit or fruit snacks can be put in the shopping cart located in the Robert's room. 159 items of tuna and related items were collected in March.



Calendar of Events

- April 2nd – Noon Book Study
5:15pm Diaconate
- April 12th—Church Clean-up begins at
9am
- April 13th – **Palm Sunday**
- April 14th—1pm Women's Fellowship
- April 17th—**7pm Maundy Thursday**
Worship
- April 20th—**10am Easter Worship**
- April 21st—Office closed
- April 22nd—5:00pm Fellowship of
Churches
5:15pm Trustee's meet
- April 27th—Trash clean-up after Worship
and soup luncheon

Earth Day Project



Let's do our part and help clean-up the sidewalks and streets from our church to the ship dock. Then come back to the church for a soup lunch.

Right after Worship/coffee hour on April 27th. Sign up sheet will be on the board for soup/ bread/ cookies/ drinks.

Corliss Marsh- on behalf of the Mission Committee.

A Note from St. Vincent de Paul Society- Food Bank

Thank you again for all your donations in 2013, we so greatly appreciate it. Donated items brought to our store from our community and surrounding areas help us generate profit to help those people that are less fortunate. We are asking you and our generous community to help us keep essential items in our food bank. We are hoping to be able to purchase or have items donated such as canned tomato products/sauces, beans, rice, pastas, canned fruits, boxed dinners, beverages and baby foods for our shelves. It is a sincere joy to fill the food boxes with these staples.

Any of these items will be an immense help to individuals and families that are struggling at this time. Even what you may consider the smallest donation can have a long-lasting, positive impact on an individual's life.

- St. Vincent de Paul Staff

A Note from HAVEN

Thank you so much for all the great donations. We will be able to use them for our needs!

We are going to be able to get more to our safe house, as well as give amazing things to our clients!

Thanks- The HAVEN Staff

Faith and Fun

Thank you all for your participation in establishing our church's new social group. The ballots have been counted and we've picked a name, "Faith and Fun," and will soon be scheduling another activity. For all who went to the Valentine's Day Chocolate Feast and Talent show you know how much fun is to be had. April is kind of busy with Lent and Easter so it is likely we will wait until May for our next gathering. We are still shooting for 4-6 events a year.

Below is a list of suggestions submitted so far. We will be working from this list as if you have any additional suggestions look for the suggestion list and add your idea.

Faith and Fun Outing Suggestions:

- Scavenger hunt
- Visit new Cottonwood State Park (John Day River)
- Historic Walk Downtown The Dalles
- Riverfront Trail walk
- Visit Ft. Dalles Museum
- After Church bike ride
- Wine tasting/BBQ
- Lost Lake Hike/ Picnic
- Visit Wings of Wonder butterfly farm near Monmouth

Habitat for Humanity Pizza Feed
Wednesday, April 23rd
4:30-7:30p.m.



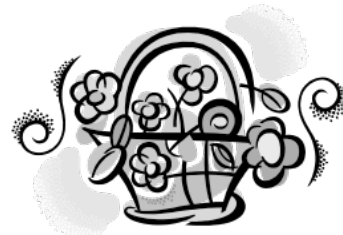
Spooky's Pizza
Buy tickets ahead of time from Corliss or Klea and avoid the line at the door.
Adults- \$12.00

A Super-Duper Thank You to the Annonymous donor who purchased and intalled tall (chair height) toilets in the Women's restroom.

EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN
IN MEMORY,
HONOR OF

BY _____

NO LILIES PLEASE



Calling All Hands!

Saturday, April 12 at 9am we will commence our **Spring Clean-Up Day!** Pews need vacuuming and dusting, cobwebs need dismantling, prep work for our courtyard project needs many hands. Please put this date on your calendar. It won't take us long . We need you. Donuts anyone?

Save your twisty ties

Habitat for Humanities ReStore is in need of your extra twisty ties. Please bring them to the sack in the Roberts Room, by the shopping cart. Thanks- Klea

NEW LIGHTS

PUD offered a program of reimbursement for switching out incandescent bulbs and old-fashioned flourscent lights for new energy efficient ones. The deadline was March 31. Our own Lyle Miller got right on it and met the deadline. Our new efficient lights cost close to \$4,000 to replace but we will get about \$3,500 reimbursement.

Thanks, Lyle!

