



United Church of Christ-Congregational
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Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

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Pastor's Pen

This month I am going on a week long pastoral continuing education trip to Minneapolis. This is the Festival of Homiletics, or a preaching convention. As a pastor, I rarely get to hear a sermon: good, bad or indifferent. The Festival will be a week of some of the best preachers in the country, preaching, lecturing about preaching, and leading worship services. Yea, I know, only pastors would get excited about a week of worship services. I attended this gathering ten years ago, when it was held at the Peachtree Methodist Church in Atlanta. Besides, the preaching, which was powerful, the highlight was standing in a church with 1,500 other pastors singing. We pastors sing, whether we are good, bad or indifferent. Everyone needs to think a new thought every now and then. I'm anticipating exploring some scriptural texts that are not that easy to preach. Hearing what others see and hear in a text is thought provoking. It is so easy to get cozy with the ruts we wear in our lives. Ruts are our brain on automatic pilot, no serious exertion required.

When people complain, it is often because they are being pushed out of their rut. How we love to wear our ruts sweeter and sweeter. This is true of faith, too. We tend to corral our faith into a comfortable box, but there is no escaping the dynamic nature of faith. New insights, new understandings, and new directions appear all the time in our midst. We are to have eyes to see and ears to hear if we are to catch the urgings of the Holy Spirit. We need to lean into the new winds that are sent our way.

I quote Pastor John Robinson (the Pilgrims pastor who stayed behind) all the time because it impresses me so much. "There is yet more light to break forth from God's Holy Word," he said 500 years ago. God is still speaking. We are called to listen for the latest installment. I am looking forward to getting out of my rut in hearing scripture. Let's face it, in bowling, would you rather have a gutter ball or a strike? Hope to be bowling 300 when I get back.

*Grace and Peace to you all,
 Deb*



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Calendar of Events

- May 4th- 8:00am Men’s Breakfast
- May 7th – 5:15pm Diaconate
- May 11th- Mother’s Day Breakfast
8-9:30 am Raffle follows service
- May 12th —1pm Women’s Fellowship
- May 18th— Fun and Fellowship meets after worship (see article)
- May 19th -26th- Pastor Deb out of town
- May 26th- Office closed for Memorial Day
- May 27—5:00pm Fellowship of Churches
- May 28th —5:15pm Church Council



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Welcome New Members Pat and Clay Cox

New members Pat and Clay Cox joined the membership of UCCC on Palm Sunday. Both Pat and Clay are retired teachers, native Oregonians, who have lived all over the western part of the state. They retired to The Dalles to be closer to family and really love it here. They are joined by dogs Cocoa, Jana and Gus. Welcome Pat and Clay.



Fill the shopping cart this month with BEANS! Any color or variety. In April- 146 items were donated for a total of \$84.47.

This year we have 3 children going to Camp Adams, Annika & Logan Baumgarten, & Benjamin Deckard. The kids will hosting coffee hour on Sunday, June 1st as a fundraiser to raise money for Camp Adams. The cost for camp is \$350 per child. We would love to be able to count on your support! See you at Coffee Hour on June 1st!

UCCC Women Fellowship

UCCC Women's Fellowship's May meeting will be held at Doris Anderson's home at NOON Monday May 12th. Doris has offered to be our HOSTESS. Please note this is a change from our 2013-2014 calendar. It will be our annual year end-salad luncheon. Please bring a salad or dessert. Doris Anderson's address is 1315 Hermits Way. Joy Krein will provide the prayer. Our program will be planning the 2014-2015 year. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is not until Fall which is a new year for us.

SNOW/ICE cancelled two of our meetings this year. However, we had an excellent Christmas bazaar in December and a great study of the Book of Esther in March and April provided by Sue Wilson. Earlier programs by either Jean Vercooteren and Rev. Deb Allen provided very informative historical information as to the forming of the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church and the Zion Lutheran Church within the USA and specifically here in The Dalles. Grateful thanks to these three women for their dedication to our programs.

UCCC Women's Fellowship faithfully provides outreach to others through their generous monetary donations earned through the purchasing of Free Trade candy bar/coffee sales by our congregation and our annual Christmas bazaar. This year monies have been given to the Department of Health Services to assist in holiday needs for children, the Rev. Ann Smith Educational Loan/Grant fund that supports UCC seminary and lay students from our conference, and the continued support of our sponsored child, Sonam Dolma, through Global Ministries child Sponsorship Program.

Personal donations in support of Sonam are also given by members. This year a new donation will be given to help support Peace Village Day Camp, a local camp of the Columbia Gorge held at the Mosier school in August and sponsored by Bethel UCC in White Salmon, Washington. Soon six new tablecloths will be purchased by Women's Fellowship treasury for the round tables used in Tenney Fellowship Hall. In addition, at each of our meetings a least coin offering is collected from each member. Recently we submitted \$27.17 towards this offering. We are indeed, a very active supportive group in our Christian outreach!

An Announcement about Women's Annual Meeting Central Pacific Conference

The Women's Annual Meeting for the Central Pacific Conference will be held Saturday, May 17th at the Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ with registration beginning at at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will be served but reservations need to be made by May 1st which is today. However, all interested women can attend the Opening Worship presented by the women from Clackamas UCC that begins at 1:00 p.m. and the Program given by Rev. Catherine Alder, UCC minister that follows the opening worship. Her program's title is "Peace with Justice in Israel/Palestine". After the program will be a business meeting.

The announcement also included a SAVE THE DATE reminder for all women of the church to plan ahead for a weekend at Camp Adams October 3-5, 2014...save that date!

Faith & Fellowship

F&F announces its second event of 2014. After church service on May 18th we will be going to the Ft. Dalles Museum and Anderson Homestead. This is one of Oregon's oldest history museums. It is located at 500 West 15th street and Garrison Street.

Coffee hour snacks should be sufficient to tide us over until we enjoy a picnic lunch on the grass after our tour of the museum. So bring lunch with you to church that Sunday (dessert for picnickers will be provided). We will get from the church to the museum by foot, however those who would rather drive can car pool. If you have been to the museum and want to join in for the picnic, feel free to do that.

The "group" admission is \$3.00 per adult. Students 7-17 \$1.00 6 and under FREE.

Happy Mother's Day!



Announcing the 2014 Mother's Day Breakfast and Raffle!!! Mother's Day Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 11th, 8:00- 9:30am in Tenney Hall. The raffle will be held during coffee hour after

church service.

The cost of the breakfast is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-10 years old. Children 4 years and under are free. You get one free raffle ticket with each adult breakfast purchased. Additional Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

All proceeds from this event are donated to our church's Camp Adams Scholarship Fund. This fund is used to afford children of our congregation a way to attend Camp Adams. We hope you can all join in enjoy the breakfast. Good luck at the raffle as well.

If you can donate items or services for the raffle, please fill out a donation certificate

and bring the items the morning of the event. Look for the donation certificates in the Roberts Room.

Thank You,
The Men's Breakfast Group

Pentecost is just around the corner- June 8th. Remember to wear red. We will be having a guest preacher that day.

Trash Day

UCCC celebrated Earth day on a beautiful sunny Sunday April 27th after worship. About twenty-three of us headed downtown, toward the cruise ship dock and picked up debris along the way. We filled our bags, then came back to the church for a soup lunch. It is good for us to remember that God put us in this wonderful garden, to tend and keep it. Thank you to all who helped and those who cooked!

Stayed tuned for our next mission project.

Here is Logan's baseball schedule for May From Deidre Baumgarten

If anyone wants to come out and cheer Logan on at the baseball fields, here is his schedule. He is playing in the "minors" this year, that means kid pitch.

The field he is playing on is next to/behind the snack shack. His team is the Cincinnati Reds. He is wearing a red jersey, #5. Enter the ball fields from Walnut Street, next to Griffith Motors. I recommend parking a little bit away from the fields. The kids on all fields hit lots of foul balls.

Fri 5/2 5:30 Thu 5/8 5:30
Tue 5/13 5:30 Fri 5/16 8:00 (on Majors Field under the lights) Mon 5/19 5:30 Fri 5/23 5:30
Fri 5/30 5:30
Hope to see you there!