



United Church of Christ-Congregational  
**THE LIGHTED WINDOW**  
 Celebrating 156 years of faithful service for  
 Christ and the Church  
**September 2014**




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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**

What I did on my summer vacation: not enough. September gets here and we remark on the speed of time. Where did the summer go? I'm asking that myself. Summer, the queen of seasons, with its gloriously long days, brightness, and six solid weeks of ninety-five days came to a screeching and blessedly cool halt. Oh, that's right, I spent summer scuttling between air-conditioned spaces. But, seriously, I've been asking myself what happened to it. It was busy, didn't get two big items on my list accomplished.

You've heard it said that your curse is your blessing and your blessing is your curse, it is true of pastors, too. I love my job and am conscientious about my job, which makes it hard to stop doing my job. Jesus took lots of breaks, but somehow, that message doesn't get through. So, the first thing I spent doing on my summer vacation was working. Hmm. The second thing I did was take care of beloved family members. I am very lucky to have a certain three year old and a certain ninety-two old in my life, but when I was away, I was taking care of one of them. The third thing I did was finish unpacking from last year's move. I was so anxious to quit moving that I only unpacked 80 percent. This meant that I went through absolutely every box, nook and cranny in the house,

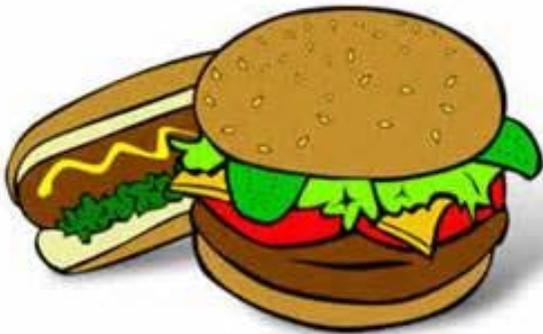
garage included. How about you? Consequently, I had a major clear out and a yard sale. I am textbook tidy. My favorite thing this summer was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. My family and good friends came up. We toured the dam, saw an awesome sturgeon in action, played "Where's Waldo" that the downtown merchants sponsored, went to Fort Dalles Museum and stopped by Sally's place where you get to feed marshmallows to the chickens. If you are three, this is the best thing, ever. So, there is proof there was some fun, but not enough. Everyone is now back on normal time, usual schedules, and "back at it" as we say. Me? I'm scheduling more fun. God gave us this beautiful garden to play in and gave us a day to stop working. I have been negligent. I've had moments when I felt dull-witted and/or boring, but I think I have not stared at nothing or breathed in delicious sea air (it is so close, why not use it?). I am planning more space in my days, week, and months. Disengagement of the usual can allow some extraordinary thoughts to have space and purchase in the midst of busy life. I think the question we may get asked at the pearly gates is "Did you have fun?" I plan on answering, "Yes".

*Grace and Peace to you all,  
 Deb*

## Greetings from the Children's corner,

It is that time again. School is in session once more. I want to thank all who helped with getting supplies for the classroom. I apologize for this being a short article this month. I too started back to classes and have to relearn to juggle my schedule again. The kids and I will be using a new curriculum in the classroom this year. So next month I will give a recap of what we learned this month and a preview of next months lessons.

*Angie Schultze*



### Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Group Read Wednesdays Noon-1:00 p.m.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter 1-8 pg 1-48.  
September 10<sup>th</sup>- Chapters 9-17  
pgs 49-97.  
September 17<sup>th</sup>- Chapters 18-27  
pgs 98-146.  
September 24<sup>th</sup>- Chapter 28-Epilogue  
pgs 147-193.

Book is available at Klindt's.  
Cost is \$13.50

## Solemn Sermon Preparation

The Diaconate would appreciate the assistance of the congregation in allowing Rev. Deb a time of solemn preparation prior to giving her sermon on Sunday morning. When you see Rev. Deb in her robe, and especially when she is seated up front, please hold any comments or requests until after service. Rev. Deb mingles for a time before putting on her robe and that is the appropriate time to approach her if you don't wish to wait until after the service. We are very fortunate to have the wonderful quality sermons the Rev. Deb provides us and we want to assist her in any way possible.

Thank you,  
The Diaconate

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<http://www.uccthedalles.org>

### Calendar of Events

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>—5:15pm Diaconate  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup>—Start Smart preschool begins  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> —Ice Cream Social follows  
Worship  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup>—5:15pm Trustees  
Sept 21<sup>st</sup>—Joint Worship with UMC 10am  
Sept 26-28<sup>th</sup> UCC Conference, Pendleton

2014 CPC Women's Retreat  
October 3-5 Camp Adams,  
Molalla, OR

## UCCC Women's Fellowship News

**Women Doing Justice!**" is the theme of this year's retreat.

Patricia Rumer is this year's Resource Leader. She is a graduate of Occidental College with a Masters degree in political science from UCLA. In addition, she has a PhD from Portland State University. This year's Women's Retreat will focus on how to "do Justice" in our world. Plan to learn some new ways of doing justice in our everyday lives and what God had to us about it. Registration is due September 29, 2014. Total Retreat Fee is \$105.00. pre-registration is \$65.00, with the final \$40.00 due on arrival. Both registration forms and financial aid is available from the church office. Call during office hours Mon-Thur 9am- 12:30p.m.

### Celebrate with Floyd!

**A door to door evangelist asked me if I knew Jesus. Wrong question. Does Jesus know me? One of the scariest passages of the Bible says that "they shouted 'Lord, Lord' but the Lord said ' I never knew you.' Celebrate! Jesus knows us but loves us anyway.**

### UCCC Women's Fellowship

September greetings from UCCC Women's Fellowship. The annual September Luncheon for all women of the church will be provided by Dorothy Wiley at her home, 1707 Esther Way, on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Louanne Starr will provide the prayer. This is a special gathering for our membership plus women interested in becoming a member or just enjoying the fellowship of the day. We hope to see you there!

At their April meeting the members of UCCC Women's Fellowship voted to help support the Columbia Gorge Peace Village Day Camp with a donation of \$150. This donation plus member Joy Krein's in-kind donation volunteering as the day camp leader for the staff's preschool children allowed the donation to be designated as a Community Peacemaker supporter. Peace Village is a multifaceted, multicultural Day Camp with a mission to provide a fun, educational experience that teaches peace and sustainability practices. It is held the first week in August at the Mosier School. Over 150 campers participated in the week -long day camp. For more information one can visit the web-site by going to [ColumbiaGorgePeaceVillage.com](http://ColumbiaGorgePeaceVillage.com)

### New Intern at First United Methodist Church

I am Larry Gourley and I've been the pastor of The Dalles First United Methodist Church since July 1<sup>st</sup>. I have lived in Washington State for most of my life, having grown up in Tacoma, and for the last 26 years my wife Monica and I have lived in Goldendale. In between there were stops in Arizona, Texas, Mississippi and Japan, the last three courtesy of the United States Air Force. Monica and I raised our three children in Goldendale. Jeff is the oldest and works for Azure Standard in Moro, Oregon, and Paul is second and manages a Shell station in Goldendale. Our daughter Rebecca is the 'baby' and has just graduated from the University of Washington and now works for a public education agency that deals with the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

I was brought up in a Lutheran church in Tacoma, but have 'strayed' all over the spiritual map; having studied everything from Hinduism to A Course in Miracles. I have been a member of the Goldendale United Methodist Church for the last ten years. The Methodists have various programs for occasional preachers and I have been a Certified Lay Speaker for a number of years. About a year ago I got involved in their Certified Lay Minister program and 'graduated' shortly before my assignment here in The Dalles. I'm enthused about the ecumenical relationships between the various congregations here in The Dalles, notably the partnerships that the United Methodists have with Zion Lutheran and your United Church of Christ Congregational. It has been very rewarding to work with Pastor Deb Allen since July. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you in the ten months that I have left in this assignment. Together I know that we can accomplish great things as we join forces as fellow Christians, answering the call to meet the needs of all God's children.



## September Birthdays

Susan Stewart—1  
 Angie Schultze—1  
 Gary Deckard—3  
 Jackie Deckard—9  
 Dorothy Wiley—11

Randy Stewart—13  
 Logan Baumgarten—15  
 Corliss Marsh—18  
 Deidre Baumgarten—18  
 Doris Anderson—22  
 Clay Cox—25  
 Joy Krein—29

## September Anniversaries

Dottie Layer and Bob Pratt -5  
 Ed and Klea Espy—25

## **A Very Special 90<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday to Dorothy Wiley !!**

### **Thank You...**

We want to thank you for your generous support during our Camp Adams fundraiser for the children. This year, the families of the kids were asked to raise 1/3 of the cost of camp. The rest would be paid in scholarship money from the church and conference. Our fundraising goal last week was to raise \$350.00 for 3 kid's portion of camp. With your generosity—we raised \$430.00! The extra money will go into the general scholarship fund for future campers.

Annika, Deidre and Logan Baumgarten  
 Jackie and Benjamin Deckard

**HOPE  
 Emergency Shelter  
 24<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 5K& 10K Walk/Run  
 Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00am**

**Event begins and ends at the  
 Kiwanis Pocket Park  
 Registration begins at 8:30am  
 \$12.00 entry fee  
 For more information or pledge  
 sheets contact  
 Tom Sommerville 541-296-9566**

**Community  
Gospel Concert**

**Featuring**

**Pastor, Evangelist and  
Premier NW Vocalist**

*Nehemiah Brown*

**Thursday September 18th**

**7:00 to 8:30PM**

First United Methodist Church  
305 East 11th The Dalles, OR  
97058

All are invited for a very special evening of traditional Gospel music with Nehemiah Brown. If you have heard Nehemiah perform at Flagstone, The Veteran's Home, The Springs or the Senior Center, you know already how truly amazing his buttery smooth vocals are! This is a night you won't want to miss. Invite friends and family, come and be blessed!

"Nehemiah has been singing Gospel music since he was 5 yrs. old, the old Gospel songs being his favorite! Nehemiah and his wife Carol have established "God's Forgiving Grace" ministries. Thru this ministry they strive to show God's love, mercy and his willingness to forgive his children. They minister at churches, cultural and special events and retirement communities throughout the area. Nehemiah always brings God's message of hope and faith to as many as will receive!

The concert is free. A love offering will be taken. (Suggested donation \$5 per person) All proceeds go to their ministry

**Heifer Project Update**

Just a reminder that our Heifer Project for this year is focusing on turkeys. You can give to Heifer a couple of ways. Our Garden Exchange Table, near the stairway, funds some of this. People with



garden surplus of veggies, flowers, pork chops, whatever, leave them on the table.

Take what you need and leave a donation. You can also put money in an envelope, marked

Heifer or write a check to the church, with Heifer in the memo. We will be winding up our Heifer Project the first Sunday of October, which is World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need. Every little bit helps. We will let you know how much we collected in a later newsletter.

**Neighbors in Need  
Special Collection October 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive October 5<sup>th</sup>, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-third of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM.