



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




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**Sunday Worship Time**

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

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**Pastor's Pen**

When I was a kid growing up in Michigan, October was a radiant month. All those Eastern hardwood trees around town turned every shade of red, gold, yellow and orange; even some shades of saturated color that seemed to glow from within. In those days, best beloved, we raked our leaves to the curb and lit them. Ahh, the smell of burning leaves and the occasional toasted marshmallow perfumed late afternoons. But the best part for me was at the end of the month, Halloween.

What a great holiday for a kid. You get to dress up, be out after dark, open up your bag and receive treats and sweets and the stray apple or two (bah! humbug!) When we are kids, we don't think that there is anything extraordinary about this. It's just what happens every year. You, no doubt, see where I am going with this. We wake up to brilliant October skies, enjoy clean, crisp nights; we live, work, travel in safety; have family, friends and enough of just about everything that matters. We open our bags and

treats fall in, but we are no longer kids and it's time to notice this staggering generosity.

October is not only beautiful, it is the beginning of the season of generosity. Time to notice what has landed in our laps, time to remember to share our bounty, time to live into the season of gratitude and grace.

We will be beginning our stewardship program soon. Sustaining this community and its ministry is what all of us do happily. God is good to us, let's remember to give thanks for the many gifts we are given. As the hymn says, "Freely, freely, freely we have received. Freely, freely, freely we give."

*Grace and Peace to you all,  
 Deb*

## Greetings from the Children's corner,

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Ted and Rymell for loaning me a car until my van is fixed. THANK YOU so much for your help these past few weeks.

In September the kids had lessons that covered the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, the Good Shepherd, creation and the Garden of Eden, and how God's love includes all people.

This month the lessons will cover Exodus for three weeks. The first Sunday will cover the 10 Commandments. The Second Sunday will cover the Golden Calf story. The third Sunday will cover Moses and the Glory of the Lord. The final Sunday will cover Deuteronomy 34 where Joshua takes over for Moses when Moses dies.

I need about 15 empty Jello/pudding boxes for the third Sunday craft activity.

*Angie Schultze*

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### Calendar of Events

- Oct 1st—5:15pm Diaconate meets
- Oct 5th— 3-5pm UCCC serves  
Community Meal  
5-7pm FOC Progressive Dinner
- Oct 13th —Office closed
- Oct 17th—Pastoral Relations meeting
- Oct 19th— Laity Sunday, Stewardship  
program begins
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup>—Women's Fellowship trip to  
Goldendale
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup>—5:15pm Church Council
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>—5:15pm Trustees mtg

### Celebrate with Floyd!

**Pity the person who doesn't believe in anything but fears everything. Celebrate the person who believes something but doesn't fear anything.**

**Women's Fellowship in October**  
*Field Trip to St. John The Forerunner  
 Monastery*

*Women of the church gathered at Dorothy Wiley's for a delicious luncheon provided by her on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We extend our thanks and gratitude to Dorothy for her gracious and faithful hostessing of this "kick-off" luncheon to begin our new year. At the business meeting that followed finalized plans were made for the year's programs.*

*For the October meeting, the group will be taking a field trip to **St. John The Forerunner Monastery** in Goldendale, Washington. Usually Women's Fellowship is held on the second Monday of the month. However, not this time due to the scheduling of the field trip which will be **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**.*

*We will gather at the church to car pool our trip. We will gather about 12:45 on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and leave our church at 1:00 pm. We plan on touring the Monastery and visiting the St. John's Gifts and Bakery store.*

*There is a dress code that needs to be followed. We are to wear long skirts with a blouse that has long sleeves or long skirted dresses with long sleeves and a scarf to cover our hair. Our meetings and this adventurous field trip welcomes all women of the church to attend. Jean Vercouteren requests an approximate head count so she can tell the monastery how many of us will be attending. Please let us know your commitment by emailing Joy Krein at [bandj67@charter.net](mailto:bandj67@charter.net) or calling Joy at 541-296-2869.*



**October Birthdays**

Mark Ulrich—7  
 Jill Minnick—10

Donnie Bergstrom—22  
 Kristal Schultze—28  
 Helen King—30

**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**

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellowship of Churches Progressive dinner will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

NEW this year, the "progressing" will be moving down the serving tables for each of the 3 courses, rather than journeying from church to church. The location will be the Mid-Columbia Senior Center at West 9<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Heights. There will be no charge this year, but a free-will offering will be received to offset the cost of the building rental. Participants are asked to bring canned good or money for local hunger relief. Special entertainment is anticipated.

## **Pastoral Relations Committee to meet October 17th.**

The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet on October 17th. An explanation from our church bylaws explains the purpose of this group.

"It shall meet at least once a year and upon the request of the Church Council. The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to promote a harmonious and effective relationship between the pastor and the congregation, reviewing and advising on concerns that the pastor has relative to the congregation or visa versa."

Please speak to committee members, Susan Stewart, Lynn Wilcox, Gene Parker, Cheryl Ortega, Jim Wilcox, or Pastor Deb, if you have a concern for this committee.

## *Faith and Fun*

Our October event will be a visit to location [45°28'42"N 120°28'20"W](#). Yep, that is Oregon's new Cottonwood Canyon State Park. This 8,000-acre state park is the second largest in Oregon but is still mostly undeveloped.

Our plan is to take the self-guiding interpretive tour of the displays/fence line and an old barn. Additionally, we might see elk, deer, pronghorns, coyotes, snakes, birds, and unique flora. Some of you may also want to bring along a picnic lunch and feel free to invite a friend.

The weather can be extreme — blazing in the summer and bitter in the winter. Hopefully, we will find it in between extremes but be prepared for wind and weather.

Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>, after church. We will coordinate drivers and passengers at that time.

Randy

## **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.

## **The Dalles HOPE Warming Place**

The warming place opens it's doors every season to provide overnight shelter for those without the comfort of a place to stay during cold weather. We depend totally on volunteers to staff every night the temperature drops from November 16, 2014 to March 21, 2015. We are in desperate need of volunteers to perform the following tasks:

- Volunteer to stay overnight with our homeless guests.
- Volunteer to be a Nightly Coordinator which requires scheduling volunteer to serve.

If you are interested in this ministry- please contact Ed Elliot at 541-386-5857



Pastor Deb will be out of the office from October 8-15.

## A Big Thank You..

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Dear UCC,  
We so appreciate receiving the honorarium gift from the United Methodist Church. Your support of their Lay Intern Committee has benefitted our program as well.

Thank you so much.  
Marilyn Gladwell for CGHFH Board

At the joint service held September 21<sup>st</sup>. UCCC was presented with a plaque and \$200.00 dollars was given to Habitat for Humanity in appreciation of the mentoring Pastor Deb is doing for the First Methodist Church.

Doris Anderson would like to thank everyone who helped make her birthday so much fun after church on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dear UCCC,  
Many Thanks for your contribution. The backpack program will succeed because of you.



November 1<sup>st</sup>!

One Hour Saturday night

## Food Pantry for October

Items collected for October will be the standard Thanksgiving items such as:

- Pumpkin pie filling
- Stuffing mix
- Instant Potatoes
- Gravy mix
- Cranberry Jelly
- Canned Vegetables
- Marshmallows
- Olives or pickles

Any other "traditional" or fall favorite food to help with the holiday baskets.

## November 2-All Souls Day Ecumenical Service

The congregations of UCCC and First United Methodist Church and Zion Lutheran will be joining together at 10am to worship as one body.

We will be meeting at Zion Lutheran Church.

## Corliss Honored

Our own Corliss Marsh received the Ruben H. Huenemann Award at the annual meeting of the Central Pacific Conference for Christian Leadership. This award is given out to honor individuals who have worked to further the work and mission of both, the Conference and the denomination of the United Church of Christ. The chair of the award committee told me that when they received Corliss' nomination that all said, "of course, who better than Corliss." It was a short meeting. We know what Corliss does for us. She also works that hard for the wider church. Be sure and congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

Congrats!