



United Church of Christ-Congregational  
**THE LIGHTED WINDOW**  
 Celebrating 156 years of faithful service for  
 Christ and the Church  
**February 2015**




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**Sunday Worship Time**

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

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**This month, Pastor Deb is recovering from ankle surgery. Jean Vercouteren suggested these quotes from The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

1. *Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.*
2. *Never be afraid to do what's right. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.*
3. *Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"*
4. *Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think.*
5. *Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.*
6. *Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.*
7. *Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.*
8. *In the end, will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*
9. *Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.*
10. *If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.*

## Greetings from the Children's corner,

Baruch Has hem (Blessed be the Lord)  
 Hope the Groundhog lets us know spring is coming soon. We hope you enjoyed the litany that the class created last month. Just a reminder I would like to start a bell choir with the Sunday school class. I plan on practices to be on Saturdays at the church with the time to be determined. **Please confirm by 2/15 with me if your child is interested and will commit to coming to practices.**

This month we continue studying the first chapter of Mark that we started last month. Here is what the kids will be learning this month:

2/1 Mark 1:21-28 Jesus is a teacher unlike other teachers

2/8 Mark 1:29-39 Jesus' ministry two major themes (G-d's word and healing)

2/15 Mark 9:2-9 Jesus' Transfiguration

2/22 **START OF LENT** Genesis 9:8-17 Water connections (how water can cleanse and heal)

*Angie Schultze*

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### **Celebrate with Floyd!**

**The religious journey is not like a game of holy hide and seek—trying to hide from God or trying to find a hidden God. No, it is like traveling a open road, hiding in plain sight.**

### **Faith & Fun Trivia Night**

Saturday, February 7th, 7 p.m. at the church. Bring your brain to play and desserts to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.



### **February Birthdays**

Bob Peachey—8  
 Tedd Lovell—10  
 Gene Parker—11  
 Vicki Matthew—14  
 Jean  
 Vercouterer—17  
 Marissa Miles—18

### **February Anniversaries**

Bob and Sue Wilson 26

My apologies to Joy Krein, in my rush to leave town, I grabbed the stack of annual reports to run through the copier. I made the copies and left it to be sorted and stapled. When I returned from Michigan, I found Joy's report right there on the shelf, where all the other reports had been. So here, in it's entirety in the annual report from Women's Fellowship. --Sally

### **Women's Fellowship**

Women's Fellowship encompasses a split year from September to May. This report is looking at January thru May and September to December 2014. We meet on the second Monday of the month with an ever-growing supportive membership. Presently, we have 24 members. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Besides having a business meeting each month, a program is planned and refreshments are served by a hostess. For the 2013-2014 year, we learned about the Lutheran, Episcopal, and United Methodist denominations. For the 2014-2015 year, we are continuing to learn about other denominations. In October, we visited the St. John The Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale, Washington. In November, we learned from Rev. Deb Allen about what is in the Bible and why. In the months to follow, we will have guest speakers informing us about the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Mormon church, the Christian Scientist Church, and the Quaker Church. Our annual fund raiser is the Christmas Bazaar.\*\*

Since January of 2014, we have generously supported outreach to the following:

- \*Columbia Gorge Peace Village Day Camp-\$150 and Joy Krein's in-kind service allowed us to be designated as a Community Peacemaker supporter
  - \*Child Sponsorship through Global Ministries-\$360
  - \*the Rev. Ann Smith Educational Loan/Grant fund that supports UCC seminary and lay students from our conference-\$100
  - \*UCCC's Foster Children's Christmas Party-\$100
  - \*Pastor's Discretionary Fund-\$200
  - \*DHS Foster Children Christmas Fund-\$100
  - \*Purchased 6 new tablecloths for the round tables
  - \*Donation for the new kitchen stove \$203 with Men's Breakfast paying the other half
  - \*\*Raised over \$500 at the Christmas Bazaar
- Least coin offering is passed each meeting.

We are indeed a very active and supportive group to our church, community and Christian outreach.

Submitted by Joy Krein  
WF member



**Snow Removal**

Snow removal around here is do-it-yourself, but the Trustees have designated a lead person for each snowy month.

- January—Dave Long
- February—Mark Poppoff

If you can help out in snowy weather, please contact that month's lead person. We want to keep everyone safe in slippery weather.

Thanks Trustees!

**Men's Breakfast will be February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8am, with breakfast for everyone else at 8:30pm.**

**Riverside Church Seeks Part-Time Music Director**

Riverside Community Church, United Church of Christ seeks a part-time Music Director to guide, expand and strengthen its music ministry. The position requires a person with creativity, a diversity of musical interests and experience in choral direction. The Director will work an average of 10 hours/week, with compensation of \$200-\$250/week depending on experience.

Riverside is a vibrant, Spirit-filled, justice-seeking congregation located in downtown Hood River, Oregon. To apply, please send a resume & letter of interest to: Search Committee, Riverside Church, P.O. Box 656, Hood River, OR 97031 or [rcc@gorge.net](mailto:rcc@gorge.net). Position open until filled.

Ash  
Wednesday  
Service  
February  
18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



**New Noon Book Study  
Begins February 25<sup>th</sup>  
in the Isabella Gray Room. Bring your  
lunch if you want. Pastor Deb will  
announce the book when she returns  
the first week of February.**

## 2015 CHURCH OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

**Church Council-** Meet as needed  
 Moderator **Corliss Marsh**  
 Vice Moderator **Randy Stewart**  
 Clerk Dixie Parker  
 Treasurer Deidre Baumgarten  
 Financial Secretary Susan Stewart  
 Council-at-Large Gene Parker  
**Annabelle Lavier**  
 Klea Espy

**Diaconate** 2 yr terms  
 2015 Donnie Bergstrom  
 2015 Tedd Lovell  
 2015 Tom Peachey  
 2016 **Joy Krein**  
 2016 **Dottie Layer**  
 2016 **Jim Wilcox**

**Board of Trustees-** 3 yr term  
 2015 Dave Long  
 2015 Nikki Lesich  
 2016 Lyle Miller  
 2016 Sue Peachey  
 2017 **Lynn Wilcox**  
 2017 **Bob Krein**

**Finanical Committee** – 2yr term  
 2015 Tedd Lovell  
 2015 Randy Stewart  
 2015 Lyle Miller  
 2016 **Deidre Baumgarten**  
 2016 **Susan Stewart**

**Delegates to Fellowship of Churches**  
 3yr term  
 2015 Callie Jordan  
 2016 Klea Espy  
 2017 **Sue Wilson**

## Foundation/Memorial Committee

Meet as needed—3 yr term  
 2015 Jean Emerson  
 2015 Dottie Layer  
 2015 Angie Schultze  
 2017 **Tom Peachey**  
 2017 **Corliss Marsh**

**Pastoral Relations** – Meet as needed  
 3yr term  
 2014 Gene Parker  
 2015 Cheryl Ortega  
 2016 Jim Wilcox  
 2017 **Susan Stewart**  
 2017 **Lynn Wilcox**

**Missions Committee** –Appointed  
 Denise Miles  
 Corliss Marsh  
 Joy Krein  
**Brenda Ragar**

**Nominating Committee-** Meet as needed

**Delegates to Central Pacific Conference** U.C.C.-TBA

New officers are listed in **BOLD**