



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



**April 2015**

**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**

Resurrection is so powerful that its faint echoes are even visible in our secular culture. It is a high holy day that gets noticed in odd ways. People spend millions on baskets, hams, plastic eggs, and chocolate bunnies. Rules are relaxed and kids can eat candy for breakfast. These are the accoutrements of special celebration. These announce something new and wonderful is in our midst. Children especially remember this happy festive day. Even if the purchasers of jelly beans think that they take no notice of things religious, there is something more magnificent than advertising at work here. God meets our need.

How many of us know what it is we really need? Ever gone to some event, kicking and screaming, then ended up having a wonderful time? Of course you have, one of those places might even have been church. Easter is like that; gruesome death, tomb, despair, then...miraculous life. At first, we do not want to go there, but then, we catch a glimpse of irrepressible joy. Deep within us the human heart has been made to receive the good news. Turns out to be the very thing we needed, for life, for meaning, for joy and for the experience of abundance and love.

Easter comes and our church is full of flowers, people and happy chatter. Those who are not regular church attenders show up on this holy day and pews are stuffed, elbow to elbow. Some grumble at this state of affairs but we know that God calls to each human heart, it is God's initiative. As the family of Jesus Christ, we are to honor each response to this holy call, no matter how faint or feeble. After all, each of us were, at one time, less faithful to this call than we are right now. The church has celebrated for two thousand years, the church visible to our eyes and the church invisible, known to God.

The good news of Easter is so filled with awe, that it stirs the hearts of the regulars and the irregulars. Let us give thanks that such a mighty call is heard by so many, even if it is one day a year. God can do wondrous things with one day. Its all that is needed to work the resurrection in the human heart. Happy Eastertide.

*Alleluia! He is risen. He is risen, indeed.*

*Deb*

## Blessed be to the **RISEN LORD**

Greetings and Happy Easter from the Children's Corner,

Just a reminder no Sunday school on Easter morning.

This month the kids are busy in the New Testament with the Books of John and Luke.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> the kids will be Experience the Resurrection along with Thomas who had to see Jesus' pierced hand and feet to believe Jesus had been resurrected.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the kids will learn Christ is with us and what that means. Like Thomas and the other disciples each had their own opportunity to experience the Resurrected Jesus each person who believes has a different experience in knowing Jesus' presence.

On April 26<sup>th</sup> the kids will revisit the Good Shepherd story and learn that God cares for the whole world and what it means for us to live in that world.

*Angie Schultze*

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**Celebrate with Floyd!**  
**To assume that I have a corner on religious truth might just be the most damning idolatry of all. Instead, celebrate the little sliver of truth that I might have.**



### **April Birthdays**

Robert Deckard—4  
Barry Frizzell—13

Donna Miller—13

Cynthia Graham—15

### **April Anniversary**

Gene and Dixie Parker -4

## **Women's Fellowship**

Women's Fellowship's next meeting will be Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Isabella Gray room. Louanne Starr is our Hostess and Caroline Homer will provide the Devotional. Last month's program was provided by Marolyn Wilks who informed us about the Quaker religion. This month we will be learning about the Christian Scientist church. Either Mr. or Mrs. Chapman of the First Church of Christian Scientist will be presenting. All women of the church are welcome to attend. This will be Callie Jordan's last meeting with us before her move.



COLUMBIA GORGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Pizza/Salad/Pasta**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

4:30 to 7:30

Spooky's

Adults: \$12

Buy tickets ahead of time and skip the line

Corliss has tickets



**UCC COMMUNITY MEAL**

April 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday

Sign up on bulletin board to help



### Backpack Program Update

In February, 136 packs were filled which served 816 meals. A donation from YouTHink, netted 311 pounds of food for the pantry. The North Wasco Virtual Academy students organized a jog-a-thon with the pledges coming in at \$1175 dollars and 55 pounds of food. The community is continuing to support this program and making a difference in the lives of kids.

Gender-neutral backpacks are needed now. Food or packs can be dropped off in the white box at the First United Methodist Church, near the office door.  
*--from Glenis Schreffler*



### Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> —Noon Mission Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>—7 pm Maundy Thursday service
- 6<sup>th</sup> -Office closed
- 7<sup>th</sup> -Office closed
- 11<sup>th</sup>—10am Baby Shower in the Isabella Gray room for Natasha Davidson
- 12<sup>th</sup>— UCCC serves Community Meal
- 13<sup>th</sup>—1pm Women’s Fellowship meets
- 15<sup>th</sup>—4:30-7:30pm Habitat pizza feed
- 19<sup>th</sup>—2-5pm Organ Crawl
- 22<sup>nd</sup>—5:15pm Church Council
- 26<sup>th</sup>—11:30am Goodbye potluck for Callie Jordan
- 28<sup>th</sup>—5:15pm Trustees meet
- 29<sup>th</sup>—5:15pm Diaconate meet



### Callie Jordan is moving!!

Everyone is invited to join a potluck in her honor, on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Tenney Hall.



This Month’s collection will be FRUIT. Please bring cans for donation to the shopping cart.



**It's a Baby Shower!**  
 You are invited to a baby shower for Natasha Davidson Little **Aaliyah Marie Sinsabaugh** is expected on May 31, 2015  
**Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 10:00 am**  
 United Church of Christ Congregational  
 Corner of E 5<sup>th</sup> & Court Streets The Dalles OR

There are two baby registries:  
**Wal-Mart** - Registry I.D: Barcode 99530885187 or Natasha Davidson  
**K-Mart** - Registry ID: 900086157549010101 - or Natasha Davidson  
 Gift cards are welcome.  
 RSVP to: [541.980.9666](tel:541.980.9666) (talk or text) or [donnaaeg@gorge.net](mailto:donnaaeg@gorge.net)  
 Hostesses are:  
*Susan & Patty Herring & Janice Helms*

**MISSION GROUP TO MEET**

On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Mission Group will be discussing the upcoming year's projects. If you have suggestions, please let the office know, before the meeting.



**Coffee Hosts for April:**

- April 5<sup>th</sup>—Marylee Hattenhauer
- April 12<sup>th</sup>-Dottie Layer and Brenda Ragar
- April 19<sup>th</sup>—Dorothy Wiley
- April 26<sup>th</sup>—Potluck and Party for Callie

**Work, Work, Work, Joy**

In a recent sermon, we noted that one of the three markers for a lively church was ongoing maintenance and care of the building. Our commitment to our church building as part of our ministry was on full display March 28. So many of you showed up to dust polish, vacuum, clean windows, tidy gardens, and dig trenches for pipes. We are bright and shiny due to your dedicated labor. It takes all of us to keep this place in good repair. Thanks and appreciation to all you worker bees who made clean-up day a success.