



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
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May 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

Wasn't that a fine party last Sunday? The going away party for Callie Jordan was festive and celebratory. Even though Callie did much of the planning, it takes a church to have such a good time. Food, homegrown music medleys, a going away present, mass invitation to visit Tucson, y'all come. We have had two other going away parties already this year for Doris and Carolyn, though they were on their way to the Church Triumphant. While we celebrated their time with us, these parties had a different tone. All this leave-taking got me thinking about the nature of church. We love greeting familiar faces on Sunday mornings and being greeted by name in return. We get used to who is here and the way we do church.

Sometimes it seems as though we do the same thing over and over again. There is so much comfort in the familiar patterns of church season's. That's our perspective. God's perspective takes a longer view. It is the Holy Spirit that animates the church, guiding us in purpose and mission in a particular place and time. We are fortunate that our church has been an important witness for so long in this place. But the winds of the Spirit blow through us, refreshing and renewing our calling. The shape and nature of the congregation is

fluid, people come and people go, ideas gain enthusiasm, while others have come to an end. New faces bring differing gifts to share and cause us to look to needs that we might have not seen before. It is good to remember that God is in charge of us and is here in this place; in worship, in our delight in one another, in the sorrow of goodbye and the joy of new friends. Some people worry about the size of a congregation. I do not. I worry about the heart and the willingness of the congregation to engage in meaningful purpose. We don't have to worry. This congregation is always on the lookout for ways to be of use in the wider world. This congregation has a great capacity for compassion and joy. After all, in God we trust. Yes, we miss our beloved friends, but God will send some new faces among us and maybe with those new faces, new directions for our mission energies. We wish Callie all good things in her new adventure. A lucky UCC church in Tucson will soon be welcoming her. But my big question now is, with Callie gone, who is going to wear hats to church? There is a void just waiting to be filled...

*Peace,
 Deb*

Greetings from Children's Corner

I would like to thank Annabelle Lavier for teaching Sunday school for me on May 31. Also I still need mason jars the quart size by May 10th for a project in Sunday school.

This month the kids will be learning about:

5/3/15 Reach Out. The story is about the Ethiopian who talks with Philip about the prophet Isaiah and then about Jesus the Messiah.

5/10/15 The Great Dance. This story is about how Jesus calls the disciples his friends and that they are to love each other as he love them and how God loved him.

5/17/15 On Your Behalf. Trust is a special gift given by God that can sustain us through hard times and celebrates with us in good times.

5/24/15 PENTECOST Sunday. Recreating God's Spirit in the present in new and surprising ways.

5/31/15 The Butterfly. There is new life in Jesus and the lesson of Nicodemus.

Angie Schultze

Logan is playing Little League Baseball this spring. We would love to have you come out and cheer him on. The baseball fields are located on Walnut St. and the field he is playing on is behind the snack shack. Logan is playing on the Diamondbacks this year. Bring a cushion to sit on and hope to see you there!

Logan's Schedule:

Tuesday May 5 5:30p
 Saturday May 9 12:45p
 Tuesday May 12 5:30p
 Friday May 15 5:30p
 Tuesday May 19 5:30p
 Wednesday May 27 5:30p
 Friday May 29 8:00p
 (under the lights on the main field)
 Thursday June 4 5:50p



Here's Kristal at a recent track meet.



Annika traveled to Salem on April 25th to compete in the Oregon State Gymnastics Championships. In her age group, she was up against the best 25 girls in the state. Annika's stellar performance earned her a Silver medal on the Balance Beam! In the other events she finished 9th place on vault, 10th place on bars, 7th place on floor, and 7th place overall. She now has her sights set on moving up to the next level of competition in the fall. Congratulations Annika!!!



May Birthdays

Deb Allen—6

Jean Thomas—10

Dottie Layer—13

Marilyn Ericksen—17

Michael Schultze—21

Kris Vercouteren—26

Caroline Homer—29

May Anniversary

Tedd and Rymmel Lovell—21

Womens Fellowship

The April meeting had guest speaker Tiffany Chapman. She spoke about her membership with the First Church of Christ Scientist here in The Dalles. She recommended readings of Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), the founder of the church and author of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. Over 10 million copies of this book have been sold. A web-site for viewing is spirituality.com. Other publications are "The Christian Science Sentinel" and "The Christian Science Monitor Weekly". We are in thanks of all the informed presentations from our visitors that we have had throughout this year.

Our next and final meeting for this year will be Monday, May 11th. We will be having a salad luncheon that will be held in the Tenney Fellowship Hall at NOON. Joy Krein will be the Hostess and Brenda Ragar will provide the Devotional. After the luncheon, we will make plans for our next year's programs that begin again in September and conclude the following May in 2016. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Pastor Deb would like to borrow a stationary exercise bike for about 4 weeks while her ankle is healing. Does anyone have one she could use?

A Grateful Congregation...

Thank you for the gifts that I will soon see. Mom and Dad say they are adorable and that you've picked them just for me. They are sending this card of thanks because I still haven't arrived. And even when I do, I won't be able to write you 'till I'm five!
-- Natasha, TC and Aaliyah Marie Sinsabaugh

Lyle and Donna Miller want to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and good thoughts during their recovery.

From Callie Jordan

Thank you all so much for the wonderful send-off party. Church potlucks are a favorite memory of my childhood that I can never get enough of plus the added fun of our own entertainers who so graciously played customized songs was a treat --- thank you to so many chipped in to help put it together. And there couldn't have been a better choice of going away gift that the very appropriate Tony Kiser print, named "Lights of Home". My mom and I loved the selection of old-time hymns that morning and both of us were particularly touched by the personal benediction at the end of the service. I will miss you all but will definitely keep my Oregon church family in my fondest memories.

Central Pacific Conference Women Women's Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ

5150 SW Watson Street

Beaverton, OR 97005

Begins at 10:00AM

Registration/Luncheon \$10.00

Please make reservations by May 8th

503-646-1191

See flyer in church office for more information.

From Caroline Homer

A PROMISE FROM GOD

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER
 IN THE SEED AN APPLE TREE
 IN COCOONS A HIDDEN PROMISE
 BUTTERFLIES WE'LL SOON BE FREE
 IN THE COLD AND SNOW OF WINTER
 THERE'S A SPRING THAT WAITS TO BE
 UNREVEALED UNTIL ITS SEASON
 SOMETHING GOD ALONE CAN SEE
 THERE'S A SONG IN EVERY SILENCE
 SEEKING WORD AND MELODY
 THERE'S A DAWN FOR EVERY DARKNESS
 BRINGING HOPE TO YOU AND ME
 FROM THE PAST WILL COME THE FUTURE
 WHAT IT HOLDS A MYSTERY
 UNREVEALED UNTIL ITS SEASON
 SOMETHING GOD ALONE CAN SEE
 IN OUR END IS OUR BEGINNING IN OUR
 TIME INFINITY
 IN OUR DOUBT THERE IS BELIEVING IN OUR
 LIFE ETERNITY
 IN OUR DEATH A RESURRECTION AT THE
 LAST A VICTORY
 UNREVEALED UNTIL ITS SEASON
 SOMETHING GOD ALONE CAN SEE

DEAR LORD YOUR REASON FOR THE
 SEASONS IS ALL PLANNED SO PERFECT
 YOU PLANNED THE CHILL OF WINTER WHEN
 THE SNOW FILLS THE RIVERS IN
 PREPARATION FOR SPRING WHEN NEW LIFE
 BEGINS IN THE PLANTING OF SEEDS THAT
 BRING OUT THE BLOSSOMS AND FLOWERS
 THAT FILL THE AIR WITH THE EVERLASTING
 AROMA AND SWEETNESS
 YOU PLANNED THE HEAT OF THE SUMMERS
 THAT RIPEN THE FRUITS AND GRAINS OF
 OUR LANDS READY TO BE PLUCKED AND
 HARVESTED
 THE SLOW FADING INTO RUST AND
 BURNISH COLORS THAT SLIP INTO FALL
 FOR ONCE AGAIN THE REST AND
 PREPARATION OF ENDING FOR A NEW
 BEGINNING

A TIME TO BE BORN A TIME TO DIE
 A TIME TO PLANT A TIME TO PLUCK
 A TIME TO BREAK DOWN
 A TIME TO BUILD UP
 A TIME TO LOVE A TIME TO HATE
 AND SO MUCH MORE
 THE WONDERMENT OF YOUR CREATION
 THAT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE US
 FOR ALL THAT YOU DO LORD WE THANK
 YOU WE THANK YOU SO

New century hymnal: Eccl chapter 3

Celebrate with Floyd!

Religious conversion does not mean that "Yesterday I believed that and today I believed this," but it means that "Yesterday I was angry and afraid and today I am calm and secure."

We can always use your input about the website. Please check it out and let us know what you think!



Calendar

7th-13th —Pastor Deb out of the office
 10th —Mother's Day breakfast and Raffle
 11th —Noon Women's Fellowship Luncheon
 17th —11AM Ecumenical Service at Pulpit Rock. Potluck follows at Zion Lutheran.
 20th —5:15pm Church Council
 24th —Pentecost Sunday
 25th —Memorial Day, Office closed

**Mother's Day
Breakfast and Raffle**



Sunday, May 10th
Breakfast served from
8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Adults \$5.00
Children 10-5yrs. \$2.50
Children under 4 yrs. free

Raffle will follow church service. One free raffle ticket with breakfast purchase. Additional tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Sponsored by the Men's Breakfast Group.
Monies received for Camp Adams Scholarship Fund.

To link to the website, click below
<http://www.uccthedalles.org>



This Month's collection will be BEANS. Please bring donations to the shopping cart. Canned or dried, all colors will be accepted.

Church Servers for May:

| Date | Greeter | Reader | Coffee Host |
|--------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| May 3 | Jean Emerson | Rymmel Lovell | Gene & Dixie Parker |
| May 10 | Randy Stewart | Dixie Parker | Randy & Susan Stewart |
| May 17 | Service | At Pulpit | Rock |
| May 24 | | Floyd Emerson | |
| May 31 | | Paula Christy | |

Book Study Starting Soon!

Get ready to read, laugh and learn more about other religions. This four week study, will begin at Noon on May 27th in the Isabella Gray room.

The book chosen is Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome. A Memoir of Humor and Healing in 30 Religions, By Reba Riley.

To order a book, please see the sign up sheet in the Roberts room.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
COMING SOON!**

TEACHERS APPRECIATION DINNER:

Date to be determined: late May week night

We are inviting the teachers of Dry Hollow School to dinner—just to thank them for what they do for the children of our community.

NORCOR BOOK REPAIR:

One evening in May, we will learn from a librarian how to repair paperback books so we can repair books for the youth library at NORCOR.

Announcements will be made as soon as we can firm up dates.

**Ecumenical Potluck and Worship
May 17th at 11:00 AM**

We are joining with our friends at Zion Lutheran and FUMC on Sunday, **May 17**, at **11:00** at Pulpit Rock for an ecumenical service. Food items may be dropped off at Zion before the service. The motto of the United Church of Christ is "That they may all be one."

Join us for worship and fellowship. The preacher's great grandfather preached from Pulpit Rock in 1884. It's a party for the people of God.

Courtyard Clean-Up

**On Saturday, May 9th
beginning at 9AM,
volunteers are needed
to help with landscaping
the Courtyard.**



**Please bring work gloves
and yard tools.**

**Raking and other chores need doing
before the paving stones can be laid.**