



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



Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

Office Administrator Sally Forster

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Hours: M-Th 9am-12:30pm

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Pastor's Pen

Our animal blessing service yesterday radiated joy in the sanctuary as people and pets made their way into the pew. Forget about being quiet and meditative. There were conversations going on throughout the service, yips, barks, panting smiles. The one cat in attendance, Cooper Peachey, was dignified and quiet as a mouse. Dogs let you know when they are happy, and every one of them seemed pleased to be there. We had a newly penned Introit by Cheryl Ortega and a lively led singing of "All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir" by the Peachey's. Kids were smiling, the congregation was smiling, some new banners, a beehive on the altar, and well-timed woofs during the sermon. Whew, a day full of surprises. It was a fitting end to the summer season.

I love that this congregation tries different ways that express our joy at being gathered and welcome surprises into our life together. Surely, God smiles in the midst of such happiness; lifting spirits, and showering us with blessing. Now that it is September, we begin again our program year of worship and serving and showering others with unexpected joy. The mission committee organized a "Welcome Back" lunch for the teachers at Dry Hollow Elementary School.

Education is the foundation of civil society and teachers are on the frontline. We wanted them to know that we are able to grant small money requests for the children they serve. We will be traveling to the other elementary schools. Dry Hollow was our test pancake. We will continue community meals, foster children's Christmas party, and are also looking for new ways to serve. How shall we work surprise into the lives of our neighbors? We are a group that expresses joy well, and are willing to help both our local community and far neighbors.

In this new season, I have a challenge for each of you, how we can share the joy of our community with others, expecting nothing in return? Cookie Day at the police station? Picking up trash in our downtown area, even if it isn't Earth Day?

Surprising others with love and goodwill shines the light of Christ into a world that sorely needs it. People ask me all the time to name what I like about this church. Without even thinking about it, I say that this is a church of willing and generous people of good cheer. There are more "yeses" here, than "no's." Naming the things that make this church, our church, identifies the many graces that we experience together. Where can we serve that we have not tried yet? Who shall we sneak up on and surprise with joy? Let me know.

*Grace and peace to you all,
 Deb*

Greetings from the Children's Corner

Teacher Chrissy and I would like to welcome back the kids for another exciting year. The Sunday school classroom needs a few supplies. And a few things that are a wish to have.

Needs:

2- single hole punches
 Pipe cleaners (variety of colors)
 Cardstock (variety of colors)
 Ribbon (variety of colors) size 1/8 inch or ¼ inch (4 spools)
 Pony beads
 Glue sticks for small glue gun
 3 large bottles of liquid glue
 10 glue sticks
 Large piece of flannel (for games)
 velcro

WANTS:

Femo/Sculpty clay (variety of colors) for Christmas ornaments
 Metal cookie cutters
 Playdough (variety of colors)

Angie Schultze



September Birthdays

Susan Stewart—1
 Natasha Davidson—1
 Angela Schultze—1

Gary Deckard—3
 Jackie Deckard—9
 Dorothy Wiley—12
 Randy Stewart—13
 Logan Baumgarten—15
 Corliss Marsh—18
 Deirde Baumgarten—18
 Joy Krein—29

September Anniversaries

Dottie Layer & Bob Pratt—5
 Ed & Klea Espy—25



Calendar

2nd —Pastor Deb out of office
 7th —Office Closed: Labor Day
 9th —Pastor Deb out of office
 14th —Noon Women's Fellowship Luncheon at Dorothy Wiley's 5:15pm Diaconate
 16th —Deb out of office
 23rd —5:15pm Church Council
 24th, 25th and 26th —Pastor Deb at General Conference
 29th — 5:15pm Trustee meeting
 30th —Pastor Deb out of office



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<http://www.uccthedalles.org>



This Month's collection is **Peanut Butter and Jelly.**

School has started and PB&J is a favorite!! Place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Roberts room.

Church Servers for September:

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
Sept 6		Rymmell	Natasha & T.C.
Sept 13			Dorothy Wiley
Sept 20		Raz	
Sept 27			

that matches words and actions. This is the church of extravagant welcome.”

In an interview with the Religion Dispatches, John says “he is going to call the UCC to seek to rigorously adapt to the 21st century by considering new ways of “being church.”

My commitment throughout the search process was to find someone who will try to connect with the local church—you and me sitting in the pew. His top priority for his first 90 days is to

focus on rebuilding relationships between the local churches and the national setting.

Here’s a picture of John and Corliss



Celebrate with Floyd!
Don't bother praying to change things until you are willing to change yourself. Celebrate the power of prayer to make a difference.

Let me introduce to you-John Dorhauer, our new General Minister and President. John was elected to lead our denomination at General Synod 2015. He will serve a 6-year term. The United Church of Christ Board took the recommendation of the search committee and nominated John for election.

Most recently, John was the Southwest Conference Minister. Prior to that call, he served two churches in Missouri for 15 years. From there, he served as Associated Conference Minister on staff in Missouri, and then seven years as Conference Minister for the United Church of Christ in the Southwest. This is what John had to say when approved by the UCC Board: “I love my church. If you’re asking me why I’m here, and why I responded to this call to serve, it’s because I love my church. This is the church known for clear commitment to justice. Our goal of providing a bold, public voice must continue if we are to be a denomination



Recycling at the Library

The Dalles-Wasco County Library has a new fundraising opportunity and everyone in the community can benefit. Recycle material that cannot be put in the blue totes can be taken to the library. Some of these items are: inkjet and toner cartridges, plastic cereal bags and cereal bag liners, packaging for hair care, skin care and cosmetics, Scotch tape dispensers, snack bags, cell phones, cleaner packaging, aluminum and plastic drink pouches, foil-line wrappers from energy bars, dental care products and ink pens and mechanical pencils. A complete list is available at the library.

Lost: Pulpit Bible
Last Seen on Bible stand in the Roberts Room.
If you know the whereabouts of this historic Bible, please contact Rymmel Lovell at 541-296-6546



Mission Group purchases backpacks for Weekend food program.

Seen here, Corliss Marsh and Brenda Ragar with 25 backpacks donated to the Methodist Church for their on-going food program during the school year.

Tree of Life Conference

Eyes on Gaza

October 16, 17, 18

First Congregational United Church of Christ

1126 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR

Today, Gaza is virtually cut off from the world by a crippling air, land, and sea blockade. Within its tightly enforced confines lives one of the most densely crowded populations on earth, a population mostly comprised of refugees-- half of them children.

During this conference, a rich array of speakers- natives of Gaza and human rights activists with recent experience on the ground in Gaza, journalists, theologians, filmmakers and medical workers will lead-- in an exploration of the U. S. connection to the people of Palestine and Israel to engage action for peace with justice in the Holy Land. Jewish, Muslim and Christian voices will be heard.

For a schedule of events, stop by for a copy in the church office. To register for this event or for information please call 971-599-1119

October 4 All Church Potluck

We will have an all-church potluck after worship on October 4—World Communion Sunday. It's time for the family to gather.



Heifer Project

This year our Heifer Project is not selecting a specific animal. We are designating our monies to go to the greatest need. Remember all Garden Exchange funds go to Heifer, International. We will conclude our project on October 4th, World Communion Sunday.



Cookies

For the Annual Meeting in Pendleton, we are asked to contribute 12-15 dozen cookies. They must be ready the morning of September 24th. Please call the church office, 541-296-2909 if you can help.

Thank You!

Dear UCCC,
Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon. Everything was so delicious. Thank you, also, for the gift certificate! What a great surprise.
God Bless,
Courtney Kiser, 5th grade teacher
Dry Hollow

Women's Fellowship

September is upon us! The new year; 2015-2016, for Women's Fellowship begins this month. All women of the church are invited to join us. We meet the second Monday of the month from September to May usually in the Isabella Gray room at 1pm. We begin with prayer, followed by dessert and a program that focuses on spiritual / religious growth and we finish with a short business agenda.

This first meeting for the year is traditionally held at the home of Dorothy Wiley -1707 Esther Way. This year, all members of Women's Fellowship will bring a salad of their choice and Dorothy will provide dessert. If you are interested in attending- please contact Joy Krein at 541-296-2869 or 541-980-0619 by Wednesday, September 9th.

This year, our programs will have guest speakers from the Baha'i Faith, Jehovah Witness, followers of Islam and Buddha.

From the business side..

Women's fellowship provides a financial donation to the Columbia Gorge Peace Village Day camp (CGPV). The camp, in its eighth year, was held the first week of August at the Mosier Community School, had 150 attendees and many volunteers. The date for next year will be August 8-12 for children 6-12 years of age. To learn more about the Peace Village, visit their web site at

ColumbiaGorgePeaceVillage.com

Also, Women's fellowship supports Sonam Dolma from Tibet, who attends school in India, through the Global Ministries Sponsorship Program.

We strive to build our treasury through events like the Christmas bazaar and a possible monthly raffle for a delicious dessert. Stay tuned!

submitted by Joy Krien

**Women's Retreat
"Spirit Now Live in Me"
October 9-11 Camp Adams**

The Rev. Dana McBrien will be the resource leader for "Spirit Now Live in Me." She is the Spiritual Care Coordinator at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel.

Corliss Marsh will be leading a Fabric Craft session.

Registration forms are located in the church office. Cost for the retreat is \$105.00. Financial assistance is available. Forms are due October 1st.



FREE LUNCH

Over a dozen of our members participated in hosting a luncheon for the Dry Hollow Elementary teachers on August 24. The Mission committee is organizing these teacher luncheons to make them aware of our Good Neighbor Fund (small grants to assist children). This was our trail run. We will be hosting at the other elementary schools this year. The teachers were very appreciative of our efforts. Thanks to all who participated.

The Good Neighbor Fund can assist with:

- shoes
- specialized equipment
- school photos
- book
- school supplies
- medicine
- clothing
- school fees
- other needs

Book Repair

Some of our mission members are repairing books for the Juvenile library at NORCOR. This service project will help maintain the limited number of books available at the facility.

Prayer Chain Ministry

After many years of heading up and organizing our Prayer Chain, Jean Emerson has decided that it is time to pass the baton on to someone else. Jean has served us so well and faithfully all these years, she expanded our ministry of prayer, far and wide.

For the time being, please send all prayer requests to Sally in the office. 541-296-2909 or

<mailto:secretary@uccthedalles.org>

Let us know if you would like to remain on the prayer chain or if you would like to be added. Praying for one another is faithful, fitting work for the church. Be sure and thank Jean for her years of service in this important ministry. Well-done, good and faithful servant.