



United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW

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Christ and the Church

October 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

We have had some excellent early fall weather, clear days, crisp nights, blood moon, days like this lift the soul and fill the heart. We are on the threshold of the joys of another season, a glorious gift, just for us.

I remember a sunny and crisp fall day when we were living in Wisconsin. My son was in fourth grade when we went to a famous marsh nearby, to watch the migrating flocks, at least, that was why I was there. Although we traveled together, we were on two separate trips. While I was ooh and aahing at the thousands and thousands of Canada geese and the blaze of glory of the hardwood trees, my son was directing his attention a little closer to the ground. He was on the hunt for snakes, frogs, and desperately wanting to test for himself how deep the water was. I, myself, lost track of time due to the beauty all around us, but soon the cadence of "Are we there yet," "My feet hurt," and the famous "This is boring" could be heard. This litany was only interrupted when something slithered by. Most parents recognize this pattern in their children, but how many of us

recognize it in ourselves? Complaints such as "Are we there yet" and "This is boring" surface in the midst of our lives, if we care to notice. When nothing captures our interest, and our attention is focused on our bodily inconveniences, we are actually the farthest from that which makes us human. We are made in the image of God, a God whose love, care, and interest encompasses the earth. A God who looks outward. As Jesus said, we are to look to the care of others as an expression of our love of God. God calls us to service not because its good for us, like vitamins or sit-ups. God calls us to look to the care of others because it is joy, love and grace. These are the very things that elevate us to the image of God.

Left to ourselves, we focus on ourselves and our appreciation for this beautiful creation and all the lovely people in it narrows. God has blessed us with a world of wondrous variety and people to love. What is good for us, is noticing the gifts God has given us. If you find yourselves asking "Are we there yet" or declaring, "This is boring," look around you. You may be missing the best part of the trip.

***Grace and peace to you all,
Deb***

Greetings from the Children's Corner

BOO!!!!

I want to thank Annabelle for subbing for me this month.

On the 25th we will be having a small Halloween party in class. If the kids would like to dress up in costumes I ask that there be no masks or weapons.

Lessons for the month:

10/4 Mountain Sunday: to celebrate mountains as images of hope and reminders of God's presence.

10/11 Faith Essentials: to explore the concepts of letting go in order to follow in God's way.

10/18 Power to Serve: to hear from Jesus about ways to be great in service to others.

10/25 Speak Out: to speak out as Bartimaeus did and follow Jesus

Angie Schultze



October Birthdays

Mark Ulrich—7

Jill Minnick—10

Donnie Bergstrom—22

Kristal Schultze—28

Helen King—30

No October Anniversaries

Church Servers for October:

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
Oct 4	Nikki	Paula Christy	Potluck
Oct 11	Nikki	Louanne Starr	
Oct 18	Nikki		
Oct 25	Nikki		Janice, Judy & Sue

Calendar

4th —World Communion Sunday:
8 a.m. Men's breakfast, Heifer Collection,

Neighbors in Need Collection,
Potluck follows service.

5:00pm Fellowship of Churches dinner

7th -Noon book study in Gray room

5:15pm Diaconate

11th—UCCC serves
Community meal

12th—1pm Women's
Fellowship

14th—Noon book study in Gray room

15th—17th -Deb out of office

18th—Laity Sunday

21st—Noon book study in Gray room

22nd—Office Closed

27th—5:15pm Trustee's meet in Fireside room.

28th—Noon Book Study

5:15pm Church Council meeting

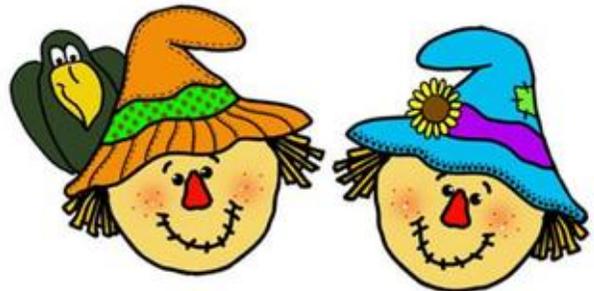
31st—Halloween—set clocks back one hour.

Nov. 1st—Ecumenical service at Zion Lutheran church



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Celebrate with Floyd!

The only time we might need to walk on water is when we are over our heads. We ordinary mortals need either to celebrate in the shallow end of the pool or learn to swim.

Noon Book Study

Book study begins October 7th and continues every Wednesday through the 28th. The book is entitled "Gracias" by Henri Nouwen. Cost is \$15.00 and scholarships are available. Please contact Pastor Deb for more information.

Community Meal

UCCC serves the community meal on Sunday, October 11th. Jim Wilcox will be in charge of the arrangements and meal. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jim at 541-980-1129.



This Month's collection is **Thanksgiving food stuffs**. All those wonderful goodies, that makes your Thanksgiving so special can be shared with others. Gravy mix, stuffing mix, potatoes, green bean casserole ingredients etc. etc.

Women's Fellowship

On October 12th Women's Fellowship will be meeting in the Isabella Gray Room at 1:00 pm. Brenda Ragar will be our hostess and Sue Wilson will provide the prayer. Our program will focus on the Baha'i Faith by guest speaker, Rene Weiler, from White Salmon, WA. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to long time member Dorothy Wiley for traditionally being the hostess for Women's Fellowship's September Luncheon at her home. Delicious salads brought by members and served created a special time enjoyed by the 14 in attendance. For the program Joy Krein shared her week long experience as child care provider of the instructors' children ages 2-5 at Columbia Gorge Peace Village, a multi-cultural and interfaith day camp for children ages 6-13 held the first week in August at Mosier Community School. A brief business meeting followed.



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.

Thank You!

The church received home-made thank you cards from Dry Hollow school and First United Methodist church, showing appreciation for the teacher luncheon and the donation to the backpack program.

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.

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>

Ecumenical Service November 1st

We are doing it again! On Sunday, November 1, we will join the First United Church and Zion Lutheran Church for All Saints Sunday. Zion Lutheran will host us all, the service is at our regular time of 10 o' clock. But this is a bonus Sunday; we switch back to Pacific Standard Time that day (fall back) so you have an extra hour to get ready. We had a joyous time last year; let us repeat the beginnings of a tradition among us. Pastor Deb is the preacher for the day.