



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
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 Christ and the Church



May 2016

Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

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Pastor's Pen

All of us, from time to time, find ourselves visiting ailing friends or family in the hospital. Visiting the sick is a vital part of our compassionate caring for one another. However, visiting the sick is not the same thing as visiting those who are well. Ill people are vulnerable and need caring thoughtfulness from those around them. Ordinary conversation may be more than they can participate in or even track. Here are some tips that I hope will be helpful.

1. A shorter visit is a happier visit. Limit yourself to 10-15 minutes.
2. There will be other times to talk about your ailments, your surgeries or your hospital stays. Focus your attention on the one who is ill.
3. If you are doing all the talking, it's time to go.
4. Hospital zones are quiet zones for good reason, the sick need rest. Keep your voice at a soothing and peaceful decibel level.

5. Visitors should be limited to two at a time. Don't camp around the sick person, the whole tribe and nation of you, especially if the room is shared.

6. When the staff comes in, kindly step out into the hall or end your visit.

7. You don't have to be a pastor to offer a prayer.

8. Keep what you have seen and heard to yourself. Our health is deeply personal. Keep the confidences of the one you have visited.

Letting people know that we care when they are unwell is a loving ministry. Don't stop visiting, just keep the well-being of the person you are seeing foremost in your mind. The next person to benefit from these guidelines just may be yourself. May we love one another gently.

*Grace and peace to you all,
 Deb*

Hello from the Children's Corner

Just a reminder there will not be any Sunday school on the 15th of this month. I want to thank those who volunteer downstairs. You all have been a great help and blessing.

This month the lessons will be:

5/1 Shared Ministry: Revelation 22:1-5
5/8 For The Common Good: John 17:20-26

5/15 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL teacher on vacation

5/22 Five Smooth Stones: David and Goliath

5/29 The Five W's of Prayer: James 5:16

On-Going Sunday School Volunteers needed!

We will need volunteers to assist in Sunday School for the rest of the school year. Our insurance requires two adults to gather with children. **If you are willing to help, please sign-up on the sheet in the Roberts Room.**

Thank You.



May Birthdays

Deb Allen—6
Jean Thomas—10
Dottie Layer—13

Michael Schultze—21
Kris Vercouteren—26
Caroline Homer—29

May Anniversary

Tedd and Lovell—21

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4th —5:15pm Diaconate
8th- 8am Mother's Day Breakfast
9th —Noon Women's Fellowship
15th—3:30 Community Meal
19th—Noon Mission Committee
22nd—Choir Sunday
24th—5:15pm Trustee's mtg
24th —5pm Fellowship of Churches Forum: Exchange Students presentations
25th—5:15pm Church Council
30th—Office Closed (Memorial Day)

Moderator's Notes May 2016

You should check out the two church projects nearing completion, the Thomas Courtyard and the Fireside Room. I'd like to thank all the people who worked to make these happen. A special thanks to Tedd Lovell for leading the courtyard project. Rev. Deb's five-year anniversary celebration and recognition was a big success. It was a delightful gathering and well deserved. Thank you to Joy Krein and Rymmel Lovell for making it a very special event for our very special pastor. There are two changes involving the Trustees and Diaconate. Susan Herring moved from Diaconate to the Board of Trustees and Tedd Lovell has filled her position on Diaconate. Thanks to all of our officers, board and committee members for serving. Summer is approaching and we have several children who will be attending Camp Adams with church scholarships helping pay their way. I encourage everyone to support the Men's Breakfast Mother's Day Breakfast and Raffle on Sunday, May 8th. All the proceeds from this event go to our Camp Adam's Scholarship fund.

Randy Stewart, Moderator

Mother's Day Breakfast and Raffle

Sunday, May 8^h

Breakfast served
from 8:00 to 9 :30 a.m.

Adults \$5.00

Children 10-5 yrs. \$2.50

Children < 4 years free

Raffle following
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

For our church's Camp Adams
Scholarship Fund

**Sunday, May 22,
will be Choir Sunday!**

Come join us as we sing a few of our favorites! There will be opportunity for you to sing along with us! We celebrate another year together before our off-time during the summer.

Maybe you will be inspired to provide some musical (or non-musical!) moments some Sunday this summer.

**Cheryl Ortega
Choir Director/pianist**

**Summer Camp Dates and
Registration is now open**

Camp Adams

Exodus (9th-12th grades)—July 3-9, 2016

Sojourners (6th-8th grades) July 10-16

Discoverers (4th- 5th grades) July 17-23

Genesis/Seekers (2nd-3rd grades)

July 24-30

Taller & Smaller (K-1st with Adult)

July 31-Aug 3rd OR Aug 3-6

**Scholarships are available. Contact
Pastor Deb.**



May pantry's collection will be BEANS. Canned green beans or other vegetables always make a good side dish. Hearty beans provide a base for chili or soups. Please add your contribution to the grocery cart in the Roberts Room.

Women's Fellowship News

Women's Fellowship will be meeting Monday May 9th at NOON in Tenney Fellowship Hall for our May SALAD LUNCHEON. Our hostess will be Rymmel Lovell and our devotional will be given by Dorothy Wiley. All members please bring your favorite salad to this event!

Rymmel will furnish the dessert. Our program will be provided by Venerable Kozen Sampson, a Buddhist monk, from Mt. Adams Zen Buddhist Temple that is near Trout Lake, WA. Our UCCC congregation and any guest are invited to attend the luncheon and hear him speak. Non-members please RSVP to Joy Krein at bandj67@charter.net or by calling Joy at 541-296-2869. Following our program there will be a short business meeting for our members. Nine years ago Sampson founded Mt. Adams Zen Buddhist Temple at Trout Lake Abbey. He volunteers as a chaplain at area hospitals and is a member of the Mt. Adams Ministerial Association. The brochure from Mount Adams Zen Buddhist Temple states "we are a small temple with ongoing meditation services and retreats. Our mission is to promote the cessation of suffering as taught by Siddhartha Gotama, and the Mahayana branch of Buddhism via the Vietnamese Thien and Japanese Zen schools." At our April meeting, Women's Fellowship member, Sher Schwartz, gave us an overview of Hinduism whereas in March she provided an overview of Buddhism. Jean Vercooteren shared her knowledge on Islam in February. These presentations conclude our year of understanding some of the world's religions. We thank both Sher and Jean for their excellent and informative presentations.

Our April Raffle which was a \$30 gift certificate to the Master Gardener's Plant Sale was won by Rosemary Ross and provided by Annabelle Lavier!

Congratulations to Rosemary, a two-time winner! We thank you ALL for purchasing raffle tickets!! The monies help provide our support to outreach. Look for May's Raffle Sunday May 1st!!

On May 14th the Central Pacific Conference Women UCC will be holding their annual meeting at the First Congregational UCC in Vancouver, WA from 11 to 3. Guest speaker will be Linda Jaramillo. All members are invited to attend.

Help Wanted! Servers for May

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host	Teacher Assistant
5/1	Paula		Bruce Annabelle	Corliss
5/8		Raz	Brenda Dottie	
5/15				No Sunday School
5/22				
5/29				



SAVE THE DATE!!!
July 10th 6PM
Bobby Jo Valentine Concert
City Park
Sponsored by United Church of
Christ Congregational

Celebrate With Floyd...

Faith and religion happen in every day life. It is the overflow that goes to church. Don't wait until Sunday to celebrate.

May 15th is PENTECOST

Please remember to wear **RED** to church. Strengthen the Church Offering will be taken that day.

Your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. "Invest in the Vision" UCCC serves Community Meal that day. Please contact Annabelle if you would like to volunteer.



The Mission Committee invites the congregation to participate in the **CHALLENGER BASEBALL** program. People are needed to sit in the stands to

CHEER and ENCOURAGE the players. All games are played at the 16th street softball field above the Middle School. Games begin at 2pm. Every Sunday in May. May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Closing ceremony is June 5th.

THANK YOU....

from Mrs. Huskey's the 5th grade at Colonel Wright School. The Good Neighbor Fund provided the class with monies to purchase some supplies and new curriculum for the spring quarter.



Serve.



Time to roll up your sleeves and help!

Stage clean-out on June 4th beginning at 9am. Time to sort, throw out and make the area behind the stage a cleaner, safer place.

Dear Friends,

It's been a long time since I have been given a surprise party, I was delighted and totally unsuspecting. Who knew that so many people could keep a secret? It is my joy to serve as your pastor and celebrating the first five years was a happy day for me.

Thank you all for the gifts, the kind and generous words you wrote in your cards. it is a privilege to be your pastor. You are a lively, engaged and willing congregation.

Many, many thanks.

Love,
Deb

BACKPACK UPDATE

Good Morning,

A big thank you to St. Paul's for their faithful service in March. We threw a couple of changes their way and they rolled with it and got the job done.

We are now serving the Cross Roads program at the Wahtonka Bldg and welcome those kids to our program. They get out of school early on Fridays so they pick up their bags on Thursday. We are humbled to be able to serve these kids.

Zion is busy in the pantry this month and we welcome them and appreciate their faithfulness.

We served 142 kids last month, had 43 volunteers with 89.5 volunteer hours. We are so grateful to all that pray, donate and volunteer for this program. Without all of you our kids would be hungry. I continue to be in awe of this caring community. May God continue to bless all of us, these innocent children and their families.

Keep praying for the program, the kids, the schools and staff and the adults in the kids lives. Thank you.

Peace,
Glenis Schreffler

To all who attended and helped celebrate Rev. Deb's 5th anniversary as our pastor, we express our gratitude. Thank you to those who provided goodies for our lunch, donated to the money tree, gave flowers and cards and commendations. Rev. Deb was truly surprised and it was a grand celebration. Thank you Randy Stewart for creating the committee. Blessings to all, Joy Krein and Rymmel Lovell

Landscape Plans

The Board of Trustees is beginning a process to develop a landscape plan for the church grounds. The goal of the landscape plan will be to design a program that will coordinate landscape designs/developments, minimize maintenance requirements and optimize water usage.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or preferences, please submit your written comments to the church office by email, regular mail or by bringing them to church. The Board of Trustees will begin the development of the landscape plan/policy at the next scheduled Trustee meeting on May 24. Your comments need to be submitted by Sunday, May 22. secretary@uccthedalles.org
-Bob Krein

HAVEN Safe-house Needs!

The Mission Committee is asking for collections to benefit the local HAVEN organization. There will be a big box located in the Narthex for the items. Collection is for the month of May.

- Big Cooking Pot
- Microwave
- Baking sheets
- Can opener
- Draino (other drain cleaner)
- Oven Cleaner
- Mop and bucket
- Hand Soap
- Dish cloths and sponges
- Paper Towels
- Hand towels
- Queen Mattress pads (2)
- New Pillows
- Tampons and pads
- Deodorant
- Full size- shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- Laundry baskets
- Bagless vacuum
- Gender neutral baby clothes