



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
 Celebrating 157 years of faithful service for
 Christ and the Church



June 2016

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

Last year we were given monies from a family trust for Christian youth activities and ministries. We were chosen because of our inclusive invitation to all people. It was a complete surprise and source of great delight.

There were two conditions for use of this money; it was to be used in line with our open and affirming/ extravagant welcome tradition and, we were to spend it. Yep, that's right, not save it for the best and most worthy cause or program, not save it for a rainy day, not dole it out in parsimonious dribbles. We are spending it. It is great fun.

So far, we are on quite a roll. First, we are hosting and sponsoring a summer concert in City Park, by a UCC inclined singer/ songwriter, Bobby Jo Valentine. On Sunday, July 10 at 6 p.m. Bobby Jo will entertain us with meaningful songs in line with our brand of Christianity. There is no "free will" offering, it is completely free to whoever comes. Mark your calendars and bring a picnic and a chair. Second, our Mission Committee continues to support the community Backpack food pantry for homeless youth in The Dalles.

We have made a generous donation for sturdy, adult-sized backpacks for the coming year.

This is a sustaining ministry with many ecumenical partners.

We are sending one of our own, Kristal, to the National Youth Event in Orlando, Florida. This is an all-UCC gathering that only meets every four years. We are also splitting costs with the White Salmon UCC to send their pastor, Kelly Ryan, as our chaperone. . We are sending three to Peace Village, a day camp, in Hood River in August, and there is room for more. Finally, we have recently agreed to underwrite three of the summer programs for teens at our local library. We hope this will enable the library to continue their fine variety of classes for youth in our area.

Have I mentioned that this is great fun? We've only had the money about a year. In our church, children and youth have a special place. We want them to be happy, be fed, be enriched, and learn something new. We have taken the loving generosity of this family and spread it to the far corners of our community. I love the two mandates we've been given, serve youth and spend it. Too often we wait for just the right moment to be generous. There is no such perfect moment. Today we can be an agent of delight. Today we can touch a life. All I can tell you is "Man, is this fun." Be the church. Give generously to those around you. Enjoy this life.

*Grace and peace to you all,
 Deb*

Hello from the Children's Corner

Sunday school ends on June 19th.
 June 5th lesson will be "A Little Man with a Big Problem" Luke 19:10
 June 12th lesson will be on the Wedding in Canaan
 June 19th lesson will be on Father's Day

Enjoy the summer!!!!!!
 See you in September.

Angie Schultze



Summer Birthdays

June

Allison Miles—1
 MaryLee Hattenhauer—10
 Jean Emerson—11
 Lynn Wilcox—13
 Lyle Miller—18

Bonnie Long—22
 Cheryl Ortega—24
 Traci Church—24
 Tom Peachey—26
 Bill Matthew—30

July

Olivia Church—4
 Sohala Church—6
 Judy Dinnell—9
 Jase Schultze—19
 Lucile Torgerson—19
 Rymmel Lovell—26
 Wilma Schaub—26
 Robert Bailey—30
 Shirley Ulrich—31

August

Annabelle Lavier—6
 Louanne Starr—6
 Majory Foley—12
 Nikki Leisch—14
 James Beckwith—19
 Denise Miles—26
 Pat Cox—30
 Brenda Ragar—30

Summer Anniversaries

June

John & Deidre Baumgarten—19

July

Tom & Sue Peachey—5

Jim & Lynn Wilcox—6

August

Randy & Susan Stewart—7

Gary & Brenda Ragar—25

To link to the website, click below

<http://www.uccthedalles.org>



4th —9am clean-out day

5th—Ice cream social follows service

19th—Father's Day, Last Sunday school

20th —July 4th—Pastor Deb on vacation

Moderator's Notes

What a Spring! The Church grounds look fantastic, and the Thomas Courtyard is coming along very nicely. I think the courtyard will be an enjoyable and well-used space. We'll have to schedule a Coffee Hour there soon.

The church's councils, boards and committees have been busy since winter and now are getting their individual duties in place before the summer lull. Still, major mission events are planned so keep an eye out for those announcements.

Thank you to all who supported the Mother's Day Breakfast and Raffle which along with donations raised \$462.00. It is a joy that we are able to support several of our youth who wish to go to Camp Adams this summer. We all appreciate what a great experience that will be for them. Randy Stewart



June collection will be Paper Products
Please add your contribution to the
grocery cart in the Roberts Room.

Women's Fellowship News

The 2015-2016 year for UCCC Women's Fellowship has ended. There is a three-month rest and then the new year begins for 2016-2017. Planning for the new year will be done by members Corliss Marsh, Sher Schwartz, Rosemary Ross, Jean Vercooteren and Joy Krein on June 14th at 10:30 in the Isabella Gray Room. If you have program ideas, please share them with a committee member or join us at the meeting.

This past year our program's focus was on world religions. At our May luncheon meeting we had the Venerable Kozen Sampson from the Mt. Adams Zen Buddhist Temple located at the Trout Lake Abbey as our guest speaker. We enjoyed his presence with us very much. He was very kind and shared his passion for loving kindness with all people. Plus, he taught us two meditations. We hope to have him visit us again.

Our May Raffle Drawing will be held June 5th for the blue planter bowl and planter ornament. After a summer break, the next raffle item will be announced the first Sunday in September with the drawing held September 25th. The monies received go towards outreach. In April we donated \$100 to the Rev. Anne Smith Educational Loan/Grant fund sponsored by Central Pacific Conference Women. At our May meeting we designated \$100 to Columbia Gorge

Peace Village. We are very grateful for your contributions and support that enables us to assist our outreach goals. Thank YOU!

*Dear Sponsor...

It's been a long gap again right? As usual I hope all of you are fine and having a good time on your own. For me I'm enjoying each and every minute. I've and I am in a very healthy state. It's been almost a month since we returned from our winter-vacation. And lot's of things happened within this unsettled month. And now this new year. Now I read in class ten. So I am high class, that's why. I'm about joining hostel. Now here I'm in a hostel with bunch of friendly girls of my age. And the person in charge of our hostel is a very kind and patient women. So I feel really happy here. And my hostel named is called green hostel in for class ten girls hostel so I am very happy to stay with my age girls and they are really good. I am class ten B and in our class they had 20 students. So we are happy in the class dear sponsor. I hope you all are fine and enjoy each and every minutes dear good sponsor and your sweet family. Lastly I had stop my dancing pen here. No need to worry about me. Be healthy and take good care of your body. Thank you to being my sponsor. Take care ... Love you... Sonam Dolma

*Sonam Dolma is the girl UCCC's Women's Fellowship sponsors through Global Ministries. We pay \$360 each year. This is a delightful letter from her that we received in May. It is written the way she wrote it, but regardless of a few errors, her English and writing has improved dramatically.

Also two Save The Dates for UCCC Women’s Fellowship from Central Pacific Conference Women:

Women’s Camp, October 7-9, at Camp Adams
Northwest Regional Woman’s Retreat XI
Kah-Nee-Ta Resort November 4-6, 2016
LET YOUR SPIRIT BLOOM Keynote
Speaker: Jane Kirkpatrick

From Joy Krein

Servers for June

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host	Teacher Assistant
6/5		Caroline	Ice Cream Social	
6/12		Kristal	Susan & Randy	
6/19			Louanne	
6/26			Klea & Caroline	
7/3			Amy	

Celebrate With Floyd...

The life of faith is the opposite of the game of hide and seek. We are not looking for a hidden God or trying to hide from God. The secret of the game of Faith is to hide and celebrate in plain sight.

CAMPS BRING SUMMER FUN

Summer is here and it is time for camp! Camp Adams, our Central Pacific Conference’s camp, is a great camp for kids! It is an overnight experience offering a variety of times and choices and about 100 miles away. We have 5 children attending. Another camping experience is right here in the Columbia Gorge with the offering of Columbia Gorge Peace Village. CGPV is in its 9th year. It is a day camp and it will be held at the Mosier Community School August 8-12th from 9 to 3 each day. Campers 6 to 12 years are welcome to attend. Robert Deckard will be a camper this year from our church. Are there other kids interested? Camp Scholarships are available for both. Please let Joy Krein know at 541-296-2869. To learn more about CGPV go to its web-site, columbiagorgepeacevillage.com and investigate!!

Attention all Gardeners

The Trustees are in the process of developing a landscape plan for our church. We are leaning toward low maintenance/or low water plantings. You can help us. Please do not add or subtract to the plantings around the church without checking with the Trustees. All you free-lance green thumbs will have to restrain yourselves. We have had hurt feeling when someone has planted something, then the next gardener yanks it out. If you would like to help shape the plan contact Trustee chair, Gene Parker.

The Oregon Rising outreach effort continues!

We will be holding one more Community Presentation on **Tuesday, May 31st, 5:30 PM at The Dalles City Hall in the Council Chambers.** We appreciate the **City of The Dalles** for hosting this presentation and giving us the opportunity to include more voices to this outreach effort!

If you cannot attend this community presentation - please consider visiting the Oregon Rising website at www.oregon-rising.org and taking the online survey available.

The Oregon Rising sponsors have created this survey intended to collect the dreams Oregonians have for our students and their schools. The survey is estimated to take about 5-7 minutes.

Everyone is invited to share dreams for our students and it is important to the project sponsors that they hear from those whose voices haven't always been fully represented. Results will be shared at the end of the first outreach effort, in late summer or early fall, if you provide your email address.

Project sponsors will be using the results to build a plan for the future of Oregon's public schools, and will be taking that plan to the 2017 legislative session, because legislators will certainly be interested to know what Oregonians want for schools, and how they can help.

The Oregon Rising survey will be available until Friday, June 10th, 2016. If you have any questions - please contact us at 541-506-3420.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools!

Candy Armstrong, Superintendent

Rymmel Lovell will be handing out these surveys on Sunday May 29th .



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.

The Wisest Advice....

On Sunday, May 22, Pastor Deb asked the congregation what was the wisest advice given to them. Here is a sampling of the answers:

- Be yourself!
- Be honest, and believe in yourself
- This too shall pass
- No matter what it is, it is a phase, your kids (or you) will outgrow it
- As we get older, we don't learn the answers, we just get better questions
- When you climb a tree, never go any higher than you want to fall
- Be Kind!
- Don't count chickens before they hatch
- To give my heart and soul to God
- Stop. Breathe. Stay calm, and listen.
- Live and let live in God
- Be quick, but don't be in a hurry
- No matter what, remember you are in God's heart and her arms are around you holding you always
- Make sure dishes are done and bed is made before leaving the house in case you get company later



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