



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
 Celebrating 158 years of faithful service for
 Christ and the Church



August 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

Moderator's Note

UCC-Congregational, The Dalles participated in the June 17th vigil to remember the people killed in Orlando. We are also displaying a rainbow banner on our church building to honor those who were killed.

WOW, what a 4th of July fireworks show. Thank you Tedd and Rymmel for hosting. It is a perfect venue. You two are very generous.

THE CONCERT! Bobby Jo Valentine was well received by a generous number of attendees (over 100). A special thanks to Jeff Minnick for working with Bobby Jo on setting up in the park, arranging for the sound system and being an outstanding emcee. Additionally, many on the Church Council worked hard to promote this event. I thank them as well. It was a very nice evening in the park. We were happy to be able to provide this music to our community.

Kristal received our church's blessing on July 17th and then she was off to the UCC National Youth Event. We look forward to her report when she returns. Several of our younger campers returned from experiences at Camp Adams and Peace Village. If you want to hear about their adventures just ask them.

In June Angie Schultze resigned from her position as Director of Christian Education. The Church Council is hiring a new Christian Ed. teacher for the younger children. Sally Forster has generously volunteered to teach the older students. We also want to hire a Christian Ed. aide to assist Sally and our new teacher. This will additionally solve the problem of our insurance company's requirement of having an additional person present downstairs besides the two teachers. We do wish Angie all the best and sincerely thank her for the years she worked with our youth. Lastly, I wish to thank Jim Wilcox, Corliss Marsh and Raz Mason for doing such a great job with Sunday services in Deb's absence early in July.

Randy Stewart
 Moderator



3rd—5:15pm Diaconate
18th—Noon Missions mtg
24th—5:15pm Church Council
28th—Animal Blessing at Worship



August collection will be **PORK AND BEANS**. Please add your contribution to the grocery cart in the Roberts Room.

UCCC's Women's Fellowship's new year begins on September 12th with a Salad Luncheon at NOON at Dorothy Wiley's. All women of the church are invited to attend. Members will provide a salad. Save the date!! More information will be given in the September Lighted Window.

Women's Fellowship News
SAVE THE DATE: Women's Camp
October 7-9, at Camp Adams
Northwest Regional Woman's Retreat XI
Kah-Nee-Ta Resort
November 4-6 "Let Your Spirit Bloom"
Keynote Speaker: Jane Kirkpatrick

From Joy Krein

No Sunday School during July-Aug

Servers for August

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
8/7		Rymmell	Stewarts
8/14	Joy		Joy
8/21	Yvonne	Rymmell	
8/28			

Celebrate With Floyd...

We celebrate when someone new joins our church, and we mourn when someone leaves. But it could be that those who leave are a better reflection on our church that who start coming, especially if they go with a better understanding of the faith than they had when they came. Celebrate those who go better equipped to be a special blessing in their new place.

Thank You and you and you...

Thank you to the Mission Committee for your generous donation of \$550 to Friends of The Dalles-Wasco County Library to be use for expense for teen programming this summer. We appreciate the Mission Committee's support of efforts to provide positive activities for the teenagers of our community.

Sue Ann Arguelles, President
 Friends of the Library

Thank you for your kind donation to the backpack program. It will make a great difference in the many lives of our children in this community.

With Gratitude, The Backpack Program

Coming Up- The Annual Animal Blessing August 28th



It's that time of year again, when the sanctuary is filled with the sounds of snuffling, yipping and maybe a meow or two. The

annual pet blessing will be during worship on Sunday, August 28th. Please remember to have your small animals in a crate. Pastor Deb will bless each animal (or a photo of your pet) and hand out a small treat. Everyone is invited.

Christian Education News

As it was mentioned in an earlier article by Randy Stewart, a new Sunday School teacher is needed for children ages 3-10. The church will be advertising this position and one for a teacher's aide. Job descriptions are available in the office.

The curriculum chosen for the younger children is "Shine- Living in God's Light." It is produced by UCC Resources and each week the children are provided with a leaflet that describes the Bible story. They can add artwork and solve puzzles that reinforces the lesson. Every other week, a game will be played to incorporate the two lessons. Everything is very hands-on and visual. The lesson plans also include a chance to move about and a closing prayer circle. Each child will leave the classroom with their completed leaflet, which includes questions for families to ask their child about the lesson. *continued...*

After a summer-long search, Pastor Deb and I looked at several different curriculums for the students aged 11 and older. It was a daunting task. We chose the lessons published by the United Methodist Church, entitled "Submerge" from the "Deep Blue Kids" series. It is a Bible survey that will prepare students to transition to a confirmation class or youth group. It will help develop a faithful relationship with God while engaging students in fun and creative activities. Each student will be given *The Diver's Log*. It is an interactive and reflective log/journal/sketchbook that allows students to write, draw, and THINK about different Bible topics. Students will spend the first 10 minutes of class with their logbook as they prepare for the lesson. During the course of the lesson, a dramatic story is read (think of it like an old time radio program, complete with sound effects.) A very short Worship moment ends each class. There will not be weekly crafts in this class, but more elaborate art projects, that might take several sessions to complete. The first six sessions will discuss the stories of faithful, brave and smart women of the Bible. It will also include discussions about all aspects of prayer and quiet time with God. This is a busy time for youth and it is important for them to learn to shut out all the external noise to find that calm place within them.

Sally Forster