



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



**July 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**

Soon, very soon, I will be parked under a palm tree somewhere, gazing at the waves rolling in and out, in and out, in and z-z-z-z-z. I can't wait. I love the soft, fragrant air of the tropics and my spirit rejoices at the sight of a palm tree. To me, palm trees are God's party favors; they shout joy, exuberance, gladness and delight. It is a boon to the human spirit to lay down the burdens of work for a time. Unscheduled days are both recreation, as in play, and re-creation, as in restored and renewed. One of the things that I loved about summer, when I was a kid, besides the all neighborhood evening hide and seeks games, was the fact that my parents played. They laughed more, we ate outside, had picnics at the beach on Lake Michigan and some summer suppers consisted entirely of corn on the cob that was just picked. Kids notice everything, in case you have forgotten, it is good for them to see us at play. We teach those around us, all the time, what is important about life.

Research has shown that the number of times you smile decreases as we age. How can that be? All you retired folk out there seem like pretty happy campers to me. But

assuming that we do smile less than your average 5 year old, summer is the perfect antidote. The long, long days of light invite us into activities designed for pleasure. Hikes, berry picking, barbeques, boating, and eating your annual s'mores call on our playful side. Even sitting in the backyard watching the stars coming out (the mosquitoes bring them) realigns us to God's rhythms, not our work day rhythms. These seasonal cadences are in our bones, they ground us to the good created order. It is important to let them hold sway over us, at least for a time.

I look forward to my time in paradise. I never tire of wild print shirts and the sweetness of the pineapple. It will be a delight and I commend to you your own search for your sweet spot of play. Hear the Word of Wisdom in Proverbs 8:

I was daily his delight  
 Rejoicing before him  
 always,  
 Rejoicing in his inhabited  
 world, And delighting in the human race.

*Go and do likewise. Grace and peace and aloha. Deb*



**3<sup>rd</sup>—Raz Mason  
preaching  
4<sup>th</sup> —Office closed,  
Fireworks viewing at  
Lovell's**

**10<sup>th</sup>—6pm Bobby Jo Valentine  
concert**

**17<sup>th</sup>—Kristal's blessing at service**

**19<sup>th</sup>—5:15pm Trustee's mtg**

**21 to 30<sup>th</sup>--Pastor Deb on  
compassionate leave**

**24<sup>th</sup>—Lea Mathieu preaching**

**25<sup>th</sup>—Office Closed**

**26<sup>th</sup>— 5pm Fellowship of churches  
potluck at Sorosis Park**

**31<sup>st</sup> —Potluck for Shirley's birthday  
follows worship**

### **Moderator's Notes**

July is scheduled to be a good party month for us at the UCC Congregational Church. On July 4th Tedd and Rymmel Lovell have invited the congregation to gather in their front yard later in the evening to watch 4th of July fireworks. The church office will be sending out an email with details and special information regarding parking. Additionally, on July 10th our church will be sponsoring a concert in the city park. While none of our church members will want to miss this, we have also invited the whole community. This is a free event. Bobby Jo Valentine will be entertaining us. Bobby was the 2015 Song Writer of the Year for the West Coast Songwriter's Association.

The Church Council has remained very busy this spring. We have spent a lot of time on the above mentioned concert event as well as our ongoing business regarding our Christian Education program and youth summer activities, our numerous and expanding mission projects, and our on-line presence (Face Book and web page sites), to name a few.

Randy Stewart



July collection will be **VEGETABLES!**  
Please add your contribution to the  
grocery cart in the Roberts Room.

### **Women's Fellowship News**

Congrats to Jean Emerson our May raffle winner! Our next raffle drawing will be at the end of September. Thank you all for your contributions!! On June 14<sup>th</sup>, our program committee met and discussed plans for our new year coming in September and ending in May of 2017. The full calendar will be shared at our September meeting.

Columbia Gorge Peace Village Day Camp meets August 8th through the 12<sup>th</sup>. Our church has scholarship monies available for campers!! Go to [columbiagorgepeacevillage.com](http://columbiagorgepeacevillage.com) to learn more about the camp. Camp Adams has camping all summer long. Contact Joy Krein for more information.

Reminder

**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 July**

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host	Teacher Assistant
7/3	Yvonne	Caroline	Amy	
7/10				
7/17	Yvonne			
7/24				
7/31			Potluck	

would like to take this on a project? Much of the material is ready for final editing and typing, some needs minor revision and some is still in the creative stage. Much of this is work that I need to do myself, but I need supervision and support and some one who can help get it all put together. I see this as part of my ministry, could it be a part of yours? I can pay for your time if needed. If you are interested, call Floyd, 541-298-7937, I will appreciate your help.



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

**Celebrate With Floyd...**

What is the difference between worry and faith? They seem opposites, but to be deeply concerned about someone or something and to pray about it seem pretty much alike to me, Worry and celebrate in the presence of God just might do it.

**Help Wanted**

Over the many years of my ministry, I've accumulated a whole bunch of written material, stuff like "Celebrate with Floyd" that shows up in the Lighted Window. I also have sermon illustrations and pastor's pages from church newsletters like those that have appeared from time to time in the Chronicle. People have been vey kind in their comments and words of encouragement that I have decided to see if I can get it all together and ready for publishing, perhaps as a book of daily devotions.

Unfortunately, at my age, things don't get done quite as quickly as I would like, so I am wondering if any one in the congregation

**Shirley Ulrich is turning 80!**  
**Please join with the congregation for an**  
**all church potluck following service on**  
**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.**  
**A sign-up is located in the Roberts Room.**

Hi my name is Kristal Schultze-Meyer. Many of you have known me since I was little but I wanna tell you a little more about me. I have been attending the UCC ever since I was little. I go to Lyle school and I will be going in to the 9th grade. My favorite sport to do I'd track. My favorite subjects in school are math and science.

So as you all know I will be attending the National Youth Event in Disney world in Florida. I am looking forward to meeting lots of new people my age and to learn new things about the faith. I am also exited to be apart of the classes that will be available. I just want to say thank you to all have donated and supported me .it all mean so much thank you.

## **July 17**

### **Blessing Send-off!**

Please join us in worship on July 17 to help send our youth member Kristal Schultze-Meyer to the United Church of Christ National Youth Event in Orlando Florida.

We will send her off with love and prayers.

*Water, water, everywhere....*

Sink faucets have been found running and the water bill was unusually high last month. Please make sure the water is off, when leaving the restroom and please supervise children when they are restroom as well.

Thank you