



United Church of Christ-Congregational
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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

Our community of faith is one that is guided by the Word of God. We understand that Word to be found in scripture. In the United Church of Christ, we do not take all of the Bible literally, but we err in the other direction, if we think that it is just a collection of ancient stories for right living. Scripture contains God's self-revelation to us; God's promises and God's leading in steadfast love. Both the Old and New Testaments work toward showing us the God whom we call Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. To take the Bible seriously means to listen for God's Word for us in the midst of the community of believers.

However, to take the Bible seriously, we have to know what it says. One of the biggest boons to faith communities, was the printing press. It meant everyone could read the Bible, not just hear it read. So, guess what? They read it and so should we. So, I thought we'd take a small Bible quiz, just to see how some fundamentals are shaping up out there. How's your Bible literacy?

1. There are two Noah stories in the Bible. In one, all the animals came two by two. How many were in the second version of the story?

2. What was the name of Abraham's first-born son?
3. What books in the Bible contain the stories of King David?
4. Who is the author, traditionally attributed, to the first five books of the Bible?
5. Who was the last king of Israel to rule over a united kingdom?
6. Who wrote the Book of Acts?
7. Why did Paul go to the Jerusalem church to defend his ministry?
8. The globe in the UCC symbol is divided into three parts based on which words of Jesus?

How did you do? If you got four or more right, good for you! If not, see your local pastor right away. The words in Scripture have sustained the believing community for well over two thousand years. It speaks to us still in the midst of speeding, modern life. It can center us and call us to begin again as we follow Christ. Scripture is rich and beckons to go deeper into our knowledge of God. Read it. Study it. Pray it. (the answers are elsewhere in this newsletter).

Grace and peace and inspiring reading to you all.

Deb

bring your donation to the shopping cart located in the Roberts Room.

Moderator's Note

The Pet Blessing Service was again a very fun, joyful and totally entertaining event enjoyed by all the two and four legged attendees.

Our Brunch in the Courtyard on Sep. 11th, was pretty darn good - good food and a good crowd. The Thomas Courtyard was a perfect venue. It is a space where we will undoubtedly hold many more events.

The national soapbox races on Court St. were quite exciting. Tedd and Logan participated in the zucchini on wheels race and Well, I should let them tell you all about it. I'll just say it was pretty satisfying for one and not so much for the other.

Kristal's Power Point presentation about her trip to the National Youth Event in Orlando, Florida was well done. She did a good job presenting the highlights of this very fun and meaningful experience, and I appreciated her answering all of our questions.

Lastly, Men's Breakfast and Breakfast for Others will resume October 2nd. See you there.

Randy Stewart
Moderator



- Oct 2—Men's Breakfast**
World Communion Sunday
5pm FOC Potluck at Zion
- Oct 3—Women's Fellowship Field trip**
- Oct 5—Noon Book Study**
5pm Diaconate mtg
- Oct 6—Office closed**
- Oct 12—Noon Book Study**
- Oct 16—Laity Sunday**
- Oct 19—Noon Book Study**
- Oct 25—5:15pm Trustee's mtg**
- Oct 26—Noon Book Study**
4pm Church Council
- Oct 30—1-2:30pm Youth Halloween party at Sally's**

World Communion Sunday October 2

World Communion Sunday was established in 1933 as a celebration that promotes Christian unity. We are at the table of Christ with Christians in every land and every tongue. Let us remember that Christ's call "That they all may be one" is the motto of the United Church of Christ. Please join us.



October's food collection will be items for THANKSGIVING. We gather these items early so they can be added to food baskets for the holiday. Please

Neighbors in Need

When we think of getting justice, we think of courtrooms, lawyers, judges, juries, and defendants. But the Neighbors in Need program seeks justice by actively providing food and other necessities. Feeding hungry children is a priority of N.I.N. but other justice issues of homelessness, literary, job training. The monies are distributed to non-profit groups to help those who are most vulnerable. Please be generous to this important mission of the church.

From Kristal Schultze-Meyer

My trip to Orlando Florida for the NYE went really well. For my service project we went to second harvest food bank. There we made 172 food boxes which were 3700 pounds of food and potentially 2200 meals. The first full day we were there we went to Epcot Center which was really cool. Then we could choose a project for one of the days and I picked digital drawing. We didn't actually do digital art we drew pictures of what was a problem where we come from. I did deforestation. Then after that we had worships and that was really it besides the days in the parks.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast and Breakfast for Others will be resuming again on Sunday, October 2nd, at 8 a.m. in the Tenney Room. Breakfast for Others will follow at 8:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

October Servers

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
10/2	Yvonne	Rosemary	Paula
10/9		Raz	Lovell's
10/16			Wilson's
10/23			Sally's Sunday School
10/30			Janice Sue Judy

Celebrate With Floyd...

A common human assumption is that we are chosen people. That is reflected in the stories of the Old Testament and shows up in modern times as people think that God favors their church, nation, political party or race above all others. But the ever-present questions is, "Are we chosen people or are we spoiled brats?" Celebrate! Every last human being on the face of the earth is chosen, but not one of them will get by - by being spoiled.

UCCC's Women's Fellowship News

Field Trip to Trout Lake Abbey on
October 3rd

The annual Women's Fellowship Luncheon held at Sue Wilson's home on sunny September 12th was a great success with eighteen women attending. Roberta Cook, Jean Emerson, Dottie Layer and Lucile Torgerson joined us. We welcome them and Adele Barnett (who was unable to attend) to our membership and our new year that runs from September 2016 through May of 2017.

Following the luncheon, the Program given by the planning committee detailed the new year's plans. Coming up soon is our FIELDTRIP/RETREAT to Trout Lake Abbey near the community of Trout Lake, Washington. On MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, we will meet at our church at 8:45 am and depart via a carpool PROMPTLY at 9 am. Participants are to bring a sack lunch and a beverage if you choose, but coffee/tea/water will be provided at the Abbey. Our time at the Abbey will be from 10 to 2. The Venerable Kozen Sampson will meet with us before we tour the Abbey grounds. After lunch, Sher Schwartz will lead us in an activity on prayer. Then about 2:30 we will visit the Meadow Rock Alpaca Farm and gift shop close by. About 3:30 we will depart for The Dalles. So far fifteen members have signed-up to participate. If you are not signed up but interested in joining us, please contact Joy Krein by calling/texting 541-980-0619 or emailing bandj67@charter.net ASAP!!

The fieldtrip is considered our October meeting. In November we will meet on Monday, the 14th, in the Isabella Gray room at 1:00 pm. Women of the church are always welcome to join us regardless of membership.

SAVE THE DATE

Important opportunities are available for Women of the church

October 7-9 Women's Camp at Camp Adams

November 4-6 Northwest Regional Woman's Retreat XI Kah-Nee-Ta Resort
Contact Corliss Marsh if interested. 541-296-8618



Dear UCCC,

Thank you for your check for \$500.00 in response to the \$20,000 Match Opportunity. With your help we made our Match goal. Your gift to PET will assist 23 production sites and help coordinate shipping to reliable partners in the field.

Signed,
Executive Director of the PET, Inc.

The 26th Annual Fund Raiser for HOPE emergency shelter, will be Saturday, October 8th. The 3K & 5K walk/run will begin and end at the Kiwanis pocket park. For more information- please pick a flyer in the church office or call 541-296-9566.

October Birthdays

Mark Ulrich	7
Jill Minnick	10
Donnie Bergstrom	22
Kristal Schultze	28

What Did the Conference do in Pendleton?

This year the Central Pacific Conference (UCC) tried a new approach to our annual meeting. Instead of the usual long plenary sessions and workshops, we tried small groups that constantly formed and re-formed according to people's interests. This sparked animated conversations and new connections among members. It was an exciting time. 31 churches and 130 members of the conference participated this year. Ask Corliss or Pastor Deb if you have any questions.

**Noon Book Study Begins
October 5**

The fall book study will be "*The Book of Joy*" by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Week 1—Read Day One to pg. 80

Week 2—Read pgs. 81-123

Week 3—Read pgs. 125-188

Week 4—Read pgs. 191-239

Week 5—Read pgs. 241 to the end

Meetings will be in the Isabella Gray room. Cost of the book is \$14.50. Financial assistance is available. Contact Pastor Deb.

Save the Date.....

On Sunday, November 6th, there will be an ecumenical service at Zion Lutheran church at 10 a.m. Members of St. Paul's Episcopal, First United Methodist, Zion and UCCC will join together to celebrate All Saints Day.

THE ANSWERS...

1. SEVEN PAIRS ANIMALS, SEVEN PAIRS OF BIRDS.
2. ISHMAEL
3. SAMUEL
4. MOSES
5. SOLOMON
6. LUKE
7. GENTILES OF THE CHURCH
8. BE MY WITNESS- JERUSALEM, JUDAS, AND ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.