



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
 Celebrating 158 years of faithful service for
 Christ and the Church
September 2016



Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

Children's Class 10:15am

Office Administrator Sally Forster

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Hours: M-Th 9am-12:30pm

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Pastor's Pen

Lately, I have been rereading some of the works of eighteenth century theologian and preacher extraordinaire Jonathan Edwards. Many of Edwards' sermons concerned discerning the true work of the Holy Spirit. There were large and noisy revivals across the country at the time, but Edwards preached against the emotionalism that griped many of these assemblies and he denounced the setting up of tests for "true" believers. They would ask "Do you have the Spirit?", modern day proponents ask "Are you saved?" Same thing. While religious fervor was rampant, Edwards' preached that the chief emotion of accepting the divine majesty of God and the foundation of Christian life was **love**. This love, defined as true spirituality, was an inward experience that showed itself in outward action. Genuine love of God produced **meekness**, **quietness**, **forgiveness**, and **mercy**. For Edwards, Christian action, motivated by the love of God, was the foremost sign of true spirituality. Why is that so hard to remember?

Meekness, quietness, forgiveness, and mercy are not our strongest suits when it comes to getting

things done. We are a people of confidence and action, we call people in charge and make our case, we organize and put forth persuasive arguments. We bulldoze our way when it pleases us. Case in point, this morning when I got to church, several people were sitting on the church steps smoking. It bugged me. The litter from cigarette butts annoys me. My first thought was to tell them to move along and please don't smoke there any more (what a church lady). Then, I remembered Edwards, the foundation of Christian life is love: **meekness**-I was assuming that they were just willful, perhaps one of them had suffered and needed to rest; **quietness**-insisting on things going my way because of personal dislikes is the opposite of quietness; **forgiveness**-my initial reaction, "How dare they?" turned into, "What does it matter?" **mercy**- church steps should be sanctuary, personal habits aside. The tenants of Christian love are powerful, when we remember them.

Edwards preached three hundred years ago, but we still need reminding. In all things, thoughts, words, actions, the greatest Christian force is love. If only we could remember that.

Grace and peace to you, Deb

Pre-Church Brunch September 11 In the Thomas Courtyard

Join us for the inaugural event in the new Thomas Courtyard, Sunday, September 11, **before worship**, at 9 a.m. We will enjoy coffee, juice and goodies in the courtyard. If you haven't had a chance to enjoy our new space, this is a great time, in the cool of the morning, to sit and chat with friends. Due to this special event, we will not have our regular coffee hour. Again, join us before worship.

Parking for Sunday, will be in the State parking lot or on 5th street. The Soapbox derby event will have Court street closed and barricaded. Churchgoers will be allowed around the barricade to park on 5th street.

Attention Sunday School parents!

There will be a meeting after church in the Isabella Gray room. Come hear how the new structure will work and let us know how you'd like to help.



4th—Office Closed (Labor Day)
7th —5:15pm Diaconate
11th—Start Up Sunday
12th—Noon Women's Fellowship
18th—3:30pm Community Meal
23-25—UCC Conference in Pendleton
27th—5:15pm Trustees
28th—4pm Church Council New Time

Thank You note from Pastor Deb

This church has a kind and tender heart at its center. I want to thank you for the many cards, texts, and emails after the death of my mother. All these expressions of sympathy were truly helpful while plodding through the many necessary tasks required when someone dies. I am saving each and every card to be reread at a later date. There is a generosity of grace in this place. Thank you.

John Hickox in Palestine

Church member, John Hickox, is spending a the next three months in Palestine as an observer. John is passionate about the issue of justice in this region. If you would like to donate to help support him in this mission, you can send a donation to Church World Service, putting John's name in the memo. Their address is:

Church World Service
 28606 Phillips Street
 Elkhart, IN 46515



**September items
will be:
Peanut & Jelly.
July's collection of
vegetables,
numbered 191**

**items! The Salvation Army
distributes food three days a week.
That means their food bank needs to
re-stocked often to feed our
community. Please look for the
shopping cart in the Roberts Room.**

Moderator's Note

This has been a great summer for the church. The Church's yard has been in beautiful shape. You may have noticed Mark Poppoff tending the flower beds after church on Sundays. Make sure to thank him. Also a thank you to the Laviers for tending the new potted plants in the Thomas Court Yard.

Next month the Church Council will dig in and get rolling on the two big items that need to be done each fall: the 2017 budget and a slate of nominees for next year. We will also be starting our new Christian Ed. program. Sally Forster has volunteered to teach the 4th grade and up class. We want to hire a new teacher for the pre-K through 3rd grade along with a new Sunday School aide. Our efforts to hire this second teacher and the aide are ongoing. These are paid positions. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who might be interested in these positions.

Go upstairs to the new Archive Room. Rymmel and Joy have done a great job organizing our historical documents. Thank you!

The Church has a new and up to date Facebook page. Please check it out as well as "Like" and "Share" it. In the Facebook search box type United Church of Christ Congregational, then look down the list until you find our church in The Dalles and click on it. We will be attempting to keep this page current and relevant. While you are at it visit our church's web page at uccthedalles.org.

Randy Stewart
Moderator

Columbia Gorge Peace Village 2016

Sunday, August 14, I was fired up to share about the 9th year of Columbia Gorge Peace Village held August 8-12 at the Mosier Community School. If you were not present in church, you missed me, Joy Krein, the Turtle Wrangler, walking down the aisle to the podium to share my enthusiasm for the week-long day camp. Over 170 campers participated with 60 Counselors and Jr. Counselors, and numerous volunteers. More campers from The Dalles were in attendance than ever before. My extended family had 14 in attendance either as a camper, counselor, junior counselor, volunteer or planner and developer. I wish to thank Women's Fellowship for their financial support. A huge thank you goes to UCCC's Hanna Monies for paying full tuition for two campers. Robert Deckard enjoyed being an Otter at camp plus Maurine Naijar from The Dalles enjoyed her group, the Mountain Lions. Women's Fellowship and the church's mission must be continual supporters of this great camp that promotes PEACE. It serves campers from 6 to 12 years, Jr. Counselors 13-15 and Counselors 16 and beyond. In addition, the children that are not camp age, but need day care while their parent(s) teach or volunteer. Over 25 of these children were with me off and on throughout the week with my crew of helpers, like long-time supporter and church member Marylee Hattenhauer who volunteered on Thursday. Go to columbiagorgepeacevillage.com to learn more about this great experience. If you want to get involved or offer a donation contact Joy Krein.

SAVE THE DATE

Important opportunities are available for Women of the church

September 12th: Women’s Fellowship Luncheon at Dorothy Wiley’s at NOON
All women are invited to attend; members bring a salad

October 7-9 Women’s Retreat at Camp Adams

November 4-6 Northwest Regional Woman’s Retreat XI Kah-Nee-Ta Resort
From Joy Krein

September Servers

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
9/4		Caroline	Corliss
9/11			Brunch in Courtyard
9/18			Wilson's
9/25			

UCCC’s Women’s Fellowship News

September is here and with this ninth month arrival begins the new year for Women’s Fellowship. Meditation, Mindfulness and Contemplative Prayer is the theme for this year’s program. Our meetings are usually the second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m

The Program Committee met in June and decided to learn more about meditation, mindfulness and prayer. The first meeting of the 2016-2017 year will be held on Monday, September 12th at NOON at Dorothy Wiley’s home, 1707 Esther Way, with our delicious salad

luncheon. Dorothy has been our luncheon hostess at her home for many, many years. Thank you, Dorothy!! Remember each member is to bring a salad. We invite ALL WOMEN of the church to attend.

The program on September 12th will be sharing the program for the year. On the first Monday in October (a date change) Sher Schwartz has organized a field trip adventure to the Trout Lake Abbey and Buddhist Temple with Venerable Kozen Sampson. We will also stop at the Meadowrock Alpaca Farm close by.

In November Jean Vercooteren and Sher Schwartz will speak on the topic “Ancient Christian Traditions of Contemplative and Meditative Prayer. December brings the traditional Soup and Bread Luncheon and card signing for our shut-ins organized by Sue Wilson and some Tai Chi by Corliss Marsh. January 2017 we will enjoy a “Walking Meditation” inside the church. In February Jean Vercooteren will present a program about “Native Religious Practices”. March’s program brings guest speaker Jill Kiefer from Water’s Edge giving us insight on “Health Meditations”. Rosemary Ross will inform us on “Different Ways of Praying” in April. Our program at the May luncheon will have each of us sharing what we do in our prayer life and how this year’s program has benefitted us. Truly we, (Corliss Marsh, Rosemary Ross, Jean Vercooteren, Sher Schwartz, Rev. Deb and myself) are excited for the adventure ahead. We hope you will be too! We are looking forward to our time together at Dorothy Wiley’s on September 12th at NOON. Members, remember to bring a salad. Members and all women interested in attending please call, text, or email me (Joy Krein) so we have an accurate number attending. My info: phone number 541-296-2869; cell 541-980-0619; email: bandj67@charter.net

Celebrate With Floyd...

The highest calling that any human being can answer is to be a blessing to other human beings. Sometimes, to be a blessing calls upon us to be servants. Celebrate the blessings that we have been given and received through service.

A NOTE OF



Dear UCCC,

Thank you for making it possible for me to go to Peace Village camp. It was the best time of my life. I made new friends and about making the world a better place. Everyone was kind to me. It makes me feel like home, I will never forget how you bless me.

- Love, Maurine Naijar.

Dear UCC,

Thank you very much for donating the money for my camp supplies. These items will help me do well at camp LEAD. From- Marvela Garcia (Student from Youth in Transition program)

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.

September Birthdays

Susan Stewart	1
Jackie Deckard	9
Dorothy Wiley	12
Randy Stewart	13
Logan Baumgarten	15
Corliss Marsh	18
Deidre Baumgarten	18
Sher Schwartz	19
Joy Krein	29

September Anniversaries

Dottie Layer & Bob Pratt	5
Ed and Klea Espy	25

Job Description

Sunday School Teacher, Ages 3-8
United Church of Christ Congregational
3 hours/week at \$20.00/hr
Background check required

Progressive church is seeking a Sunday School teacher for our younger children. Sunday school meets during our weekly worship service between 10-11 a.m. We require experience teaching or working with children in this age range and knowledge of the Bible. Curriculum is provided for stories, crafts, plays, and songs. A cheerful and patient disposition is a plus. This is an annual contract for 44 weeks. Job details include.

- Using the provided curriculum, teacher will design and prepare the Sunday School weekly lessons, including having all supplies on hand
- Teacher will meet once a month with the Pastor to go over the monthly plans.
- Teacher will write a brief article for the monthly church newsletter outlining what the children are learning each month.
- Submit supply lists to the office 3-4 weeks ahead of the time they are needed.
- Tidy the classroom (wipe off desks, sweep, and take out trash) after each class

Interested applicants should send a one page resume, names and contact information for three references.

Send to the church

Sunday School Teacher Assistant
United Church of Christ Congregational

\$20 for 1.25 hours/week

Background check required if 18 or older

Progressive Christian Church seeking a teacher assistant for Sunday School classes during weekly worship 10-11 a.m. Assistant will rotate between two classes, assisting the teachers, as needed. This position is for one and a quarter hours each Sunday for 44 weeks. Experience with children helpful, but not required. Must be 16 to apply.

Please send a resume or letter of interest and the contact information for three references to:

United Church of Christ
Congregational
Teaching Assistant
111 E. 5th St.
The Dalles, OR 97058

Or email your information to:
secretary@uccthedalles.org