



United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW

Celebrating 159 years of faithful service for
Christ and the Church

February 2017



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 annual meeting last Sunday, was joyous, music-filled, and a groaning board potluck. We outdid ourselves. We bid adieu to moderator Randy Stewart and welcomed our new moderator, Annabelle Lavier. We passed a budget unanimously and learned some hula moves. Well, you learned hula moves. I discovered that dancing, hand motions, and singing were two too many simultaneous activities for me.

I asked our gathered body to fill in two blanks with one word. First, what one word describes this congregation and second, who do you hope we are in the future. The first descriptor, who we are, grouped into four categories; open and welcoming, kind and compassionate, generous, and finally faithful. Others were busy, children of God, servants, driven, searching and peace-filled. No surprises there. This church is a very welcoming community, open to everyone having a place here, we care for our wider community, give generously of time and talents, to reach those in need.

Our second task, who we hope to be, had more variety, but all of them worthy of the name Christian. Our future hope is that we will be; change agents, witnesses, outreaching, mercy-filled, servants, inspirational, grace-filled God's people, faithful, non-judgemental, tolerant, on

going, hopeful, imaginative, loving, worthy, influential and thriving.

All these things fill me with hope for our future path. Research has shown that people become the images that they keep in their heads; think of yourself as kind, you will be kind, think that you are worthless, your quality of life suffers. The things that we name for our future speaks of our commitment to be witnesses to the Gospel, especially in a culture that values that witness less and less. We are firm in our desire to maintain a loving outlook toward the world and one another. This will propel us into a ministry that seeks to help our neighbors, far and near, and to value people, far and near, as brothers and sisters. It is vital to our congregation that we remember whom we serve.

Something that was not on either of the lists, that I think names who we are is that we are a fun group. We value laughter and sprinkle plenty of it in our ministry. We value knowing one another and enjoying each other's company. Smiles come easily and often. It is here together where we practice what it means to be a Christian. We are not grim, nor standoffish. This is a glimmer of the heavenly feast; joy, laughter, really good jokes, delighting in each other. In these things, we can never get enough practice.

Pray for the church. Pray for illumination of the paths we should take. Pray that we may all be strengthened in our faith. Open, generous, compassionate, these are the marks of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Let us rejoice in it.

Grace and peace to you all,
Deb

What Is Per Capita?

In the United Church of Christ, conferences charge a small administrative fee for each church member. These fees are called **per capita** and each church in the conference is assessed, based on the number of members. This year the per capita fee is **\$14.00** per person. The church pays the fee, but in this church, we invite members who can to cover their costs for this fee, to donate the cost. The fee will be paid, whether or not we receive any donations, but if you are able, could you donate your fee? You will find small brown envelopes marked **per capita** in the pews or in your bulletin. Please give if you can. These fees are a part of our covenant with all the other UCC churches, in our conference, and nationally.



Pastor Deb will be out of town from February 20th until the 28th. She is visiting a sunnier climate.



February's collection will be meal—in—a—can. Chili, stew, spaghetti and other pasta are good choices for this colder weather. Please put your donation in the Shopping Cart.

Servers for February

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
2/5		Rosemary	Klea & Caroline
2/12	Randy	Caroline	
2/19		Raz	
2/26		Rymmel	

Thank You!....

Thank you to you and your congregation for helping our C. W. family. They were beyond happy! It has blessed them for a long time with food and essentials.

*Thank you,
Kim Birge and the Colonel Wright Staff*

February Birthdays

Bob Peachey	8
Tedd Lovell	10
Gene Parker	11
Vicki Matthew	14
Jean Vercoouteren	17
Marissa Miles	18

February Anniversaries

Bob and Sue Wilson	26
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Faith and Fun

Is anyone interested in seeing some eagles? How about eating some pancakes? The Faith and Fun group will be leaving from the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4th, and heading across the river to Lyle.



We'll have breakfast at the Lyle Lions Club Breakfast at the Lyle Community Center. Then, we will drive a short distance and take

a hike/walk along the Klickitat River and search for eagles. Of course this is "weather permitting" and remember to dress warmly. Randy

SAVE THE DATE!
UCCC will serve
Community Meal on
February 26
Please contact
Annabelle Lavier if you can help

UCCC's Women's Fellowship News

Women's Fellowship is not going to be fooled by this winter weather one more time!! Our next meeting occurs on February 13th at 1:00 pm in the Isabella Gray Room. Jada Gay is the Hostess.

Our program will be provided by Jean Vercoouteren. She will be sharing about Native Religious Practices. Because of previous cancellations due to the winter blast of snow and ice, we are behind in our presentations. We hope to squeeze in Sher Schwartz's Walking Meditation which will be held in the sanctuary. All women of the church are invited to attend our meeting. Hope to see YOU there!

Submitted by Joy Krein

Celebrate With Floyd...

Only the absolutely most righteous can enter heaven through the pearly gates, but anyone and everyone can enter around back through the servants' entrance.

Want to Be a Member?

If you have been traveling with us for a while and are curious about being a member of the church, you are in luck. Pastor Deb will be conducting two new members classes on Sunday afternoons in February. The first meeting is Sunday, Feb 5 at 2:30 pm in the Isabella Gray Room (turn right when you come through the front door). The second meeting will be the following Sunday, Feb 12, same time, same place. Each meeting will be about an hour and cover background of this particular church and a little United Church of Christ history. We will be receiving members into fellowship on Sunday, Feb 19 in worship.

Attending these classes does not mean you are required to join the church. It is an opportunity to learn a little more about us. Curious? Call Pastor Deb if you have any questions.

February

5—2:30pm New Member class
 7—5:15pm Diaconate
 9—BSA Roundtable
 12—2:30pm New Member class
 13—1pm Women's Fellowship
 14—5:15pm Trustees'
 6-8pm Dist 14 A.A.
 20—Office closed President's Day
 Pastor on vacation until 27th
 28—3pm Church Council

A.A. meets:

Mon-Fri 7-8am

Mon & Fri 6-7pm

Sat & Sun 5-6pm

Tues 5:30-6:30pm

Summer Camp 2017 @ Camp Adams

*Connecting kids with themselves, their
 faith community, and their world.*

Taller & Smaller (K-3rd w/ Adult):

July 5-July 8

Exodus (9th-12th):

July 9- July 15

Sojourners (6th- 8th):

July 16 -July 22

Discoverers (4th-5th):

July 23- July 29

Genesis/Seekers (2nd-3rd):

July 30- August 5

Online registration is open

January 15th- June 1st.

Register now at campadams.org