



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



June 2017

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

For me, this June is noteworthy. I only know one graduating senior. This is an all time low for me, Usually I know a few and in my son's high school days I knew most of them. This, too, is a marker of the passing of time and age and station. Graduation is an important passage and most parents mark it with mixed emotions; misty-eyed that their chicks are launched and relationships are changing, gleeful that they will no longer return from a weekend to find wet towels piled on the bed. We happily accompany youngsters and youth as they move through the various stages of their lives, but somewhere along the line, we, ourselves, face transitions with dread rather than excitement. We mark our seasons and years, not as a series of graduations, but countdowns toward decrepitude and demise. Our stages of life unfold with grumbling. As people of faith, we are called to see the hand of God in daily life and to trust in the assurances of God's promises.

The God who leads our graduates into the unknown future, leads us also. We have not graduated from God's grace, but are continually drawn more deeply into it. Sure, our bodies don't work like they used to, or how we remember them working anyway, but we are invited to graduations of wisdom, patience, insight, perspective and relinquishment. Increase in these gifts leads us into prayer and faith. This is not just

pastor-speak. When we know the limit of our power we lean into prayer and trust in God in bold new ways.

We get very few hints about how future days will unfold in our lives. There will be rejoicing and gladness and there will be pain and sorrow, it is all part of the deal in being human and mortal. But God has promised to be with us in all things, no height nor depth, no principality nor power can separate us from the love of God. Jesus calls us to be fully alive and using the gifts we've been given as long as we have breath. Jesus compared what is in store for us as a banquet, a feast, the best party you've ever seen. Living in God's good creations means living in the anticipation that accompanies all graduations. True there are aches, pains, diminishment, but there are also warm summer days, starry nights, clear water to play in, people to love with your whole heart and ice cream. Rejoice in the days you've been given, through Jesus Christ's resurrection, we all get to "graduate." Now, that is worth our rejoicing.

Grace and peace to you all.

Deb



June panty item will be **PAPER PRODUCTS.**

Servers for June

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
6/4	Yvonne	Tom	Potluck
6/11	Tama	Rosemary	Lovell's
6/18		Paula	Adele & Jan
6/25		Caroline	Lavier's

UCC's Women's Fellowship News

Our last meeting for the year 2016-2017 was held on May 8 with a small but mighty group attending. After a summer vacation, the 2017-2018 new year will begin on Monday September 11th with our traditional salad luncheon to be held at Rosemary Ross's home at NOON. Rev. Deb, Rosemary Ross and Jean Vercooteren will meet this summer to develop our program focus around the topic of "Confirmation for Grown-ups". More information will be given in the September Lighted Window. All women of the church are welcome to attend or be a member of Women's Fellowship. We will see you in the fall!!

Celebrate With Floyd...

To follow Jesus is much more than to believe in him. It is to believe him. True Christianity is not a religion about the Christ, it is a religion that is shared with him.



June Birthdays

- Allison Miles 1
- MaryLee Hattenhauer 10
- Jean Emerson 11
- Lynn Wilcox 13
- Lyle Miller 18
- Bonnie Long 22
- Darrell Clark 23
- Cheryl Ortega 24
- Karl Vercooteren 24
- Paula Christy 24
- Traci Church 24
- Tom Peachey 26
- Bill Matthew 30

June Anniversary

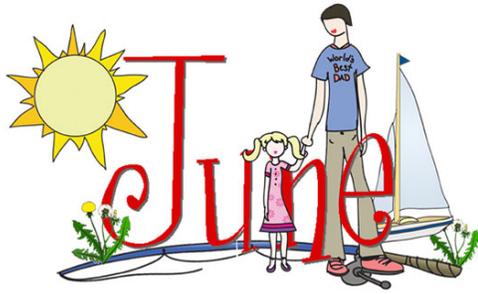
- John & Deidre Baumgarten 19

July Birthdays

- Olivia Church 4
- Sohala Church 6
- Judy Dinnell 9
- Lucile Togerson 19
- Rymmell Lovell 26
- Wilma Schaub 26
- Robert Bailey 30
- Shirley Ulrich 31

July Anniversaries

- Tom & Sue Peachey 5
- Jim & Lynn Wilcox 6



4—Pentecost & Potluck
7—Noon Book Study
14—Noon Book Study
16-18 Pastor Deb away from office
29—Office closed

A.A. meets:

Mon-Fri 7-8am

Mon & Fri 6-7pm

Sat & Sun 5-6pm

Tues 5:30-6:30pm

Strengthen the Church Special Offering will be June 4, 2017

The special mission fund is used largely to support youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. Your generosity will help plant new churches and awaken new ideas in existing churches.

Y.E.S. Youth Empowerment Shelter

Dear Friends at United Church of Christ, Thank you so much for joining our cause with the donation of \$500.00 to help give a place of hope, stability and sense of community to our youth.
From Linda Casady

Congratulations go out to Mark Ulrich for his completion of Administrative Assistant Certificate at Columbia Gorge Community College.

You are invited!

Vercouteren-Dombroski Wedding
Where: The Dalles, Oregon
When: July 1st and July 2nd
How: July 1 at Liberty Tapworks
517 East 2nd Street
4pm – 8pm
Ceremony at 7pm
Potluck, 21+

July 2nd at Sorosis Park Shelter
1pm-3pm
Blessing at 2pm
Catered picnic lunch for all ages

Summer Music, A Special Treat



It is the custom of the church for the choir members to take the summer months off, but that doesn't mean we are short of talent.

Do you have a musical gift that you would love to share? Dates available are: July 2,16,30 and August 6,13,20,27. Please contact Paula Christy at 541-296-5806 to sign up.

**Men's Breakfast Group
Thank You**

The Men's Breakfast Group would like to thank those who generously supported the Mother's Day Raffle with their donations of raffle items as well as buying raffle tickets. We raised \$478.00 that will be donated for camp scholarships for the youth of our congregation.

Randy Stewart

In addition, the church has donated \$350.00 directly to Camp Adams general fund to be used in ways that support outdoor activities.

Saturday, June 3

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**First Congregational UCC,
Portland 1126 SW Park Ave,
Portland, Oregon**

The Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ invites you an interactive, participatory workshop led by Resolutions Northwest in fulfillment of our Resolution to be an Anti-Racist Conference. We will explore issues of institutional justice: how we hold and share power, nurture presence for marginalized voices and leadership, and embody radical welcome within our churches, conference and the wider world.

Come and explore:

- What does it mean for people to feel really welcome, not just greeted or tolerated?
- Whose stories do not yet shape the history, culture, worship and identity of your church?
- How is God calling your church to live the gospel from the “inside out” by embracing the margins?
- What does life look like outside the mainline-church-industrial-complex?

Open to all members of the Central Pacific Conference, United Church of Christ. Congregations are encouraged to attend in groups of 2-3. Potluck beginning at noon: bring a lunch to share. *Participate online via Zoom if you are more than an hour's drive from Portland.*

Register now or RSVP by calling 503-946-1042 or emailing edurant@uccportland.org.

[Click HERE to Register](#)

[View this event on Facebook](#)

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Durant (Liz) at edurant@uccportland.org or call 503-946-1042.



June 4th

It's a red-letter day

Pentecost

Choir Sunday

Potluck

- **Come celebrate the birthday of the church**
- **Strengthen Our Church collection**
- **Say thank-you to our choir**
- **Feast with us. Right after church**
- **Remember to wear Red!**