



United Church of Christ-Congregational
THE LIGHTED WINDOW
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 Christ and the Church



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Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

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Pastor's Pen

I've been contemplating the care of the sick since my return from Wisconsin to visit a dear friend with a terminal diagnosis. She and her husband are the kind of friends where, even if it has been a few years since we've seen each other, we just pick up where we left off. We laughed a lot, shared stories of our children and grandchildren, watched the fireflies come out in the evenings. It was delightful, except for this cancer, this hovering heartache that never left. My friend feels fine, absolutely ordinary, so this impending doom, seems unreal, but it is always lurking in the corners.

While I was there, we went to the grocery store for provisions, where we witnessed first hand people's evasive reaction to a death sentence; something that happens all too frequently for people with serious illness. Two, count them, two people my friend knew, did an about face in the store and headed down an aisle at great speed, rather than bump into her. I was shocked, my friend says it happens at least once a week. I do not think that these folk are unkind people, nor do I think that they think she is contagious, they are caught up in their own fear. They feel awkward. Their own terror gets in their way and they **don't know what to say**, so they avoid the encounter. How often has that happened to us? We just

don't know what to say when grievous things happen, so we avoid it.

The ill or grief-stricken person, is still a person, still a friend, a neighbor, a community member, member of the church. They are still themselves, only bearing a hardship as best they can. And, most of them do not want to talk about their disease in every conversation, it is pervasive enough on its own. So, what to say? Here are some ideas. "How nice to see you, I've been thinking about you", then ask a question about their family, their dog, their yoyo hobby, their garden, anything other than the details of their misery. Chat as you normally would, then when you leave, say, "You are in my prayers" or "It was nice bumping into you." Pray for them, often. Drop a short note. Tell them a joke.

The dearest condolence note I ever read was written by an elderly gentleman who wrote, "I press your hand in deepest sympathy." Enough said. We are all God's children, in sickness and in health. When we are hurting there is a crying need for gentle kindness. Let us act in love and not fear for we are bearers of the light of Christ.

Grace and peace to you. **Deb**



August in the month to collect **BABY SUPPLIES. Please put the donated items in the shopping cart.**

SERVERS FOR AUGUST

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
8/6		Rymmel	Lovell's
8/13		Caroline	
8/20			Ice Cream Social
8/27			

Sunday School for children will begin September 10th Mark your calendar and plan for an exciting and educational time each Sunday morning. Sally Forster will be the teacher for the youth (5th grader and older) with the great assistance of Mavi Bonfil. Susan Stewart and Rymmel Lovell have agreed to teach the younger children. Both classes have an excellent curriculum and great activities planned for year.

**Celebrate With Floyd...
The faith that we share with Jesus centers on the fatherhood (and Motherhood) of God. The parenthood of God is the faith we share with Jesus and the one we proclaim.**



SAVE THE DATE: September is just around the corner...and that means that Women's Fellowship will be starting their new year...a year that begins in September of 2017 and goes through May of 2018. We are planning on a salad luncheon at Rosemary Ross's home on September 11th at NOON! All members supply a salad! All women of the church are invited with hopes you will join us as a new member. After lunch, plans for the year will be announced and a brief business meeting will follow.

August Birthdays

- Annabelle Lavier 6
- Louanne Starr 6
- Marjory Foley 12
- Nikki Lesich 14
- James Beckwith 19
- Denise Miles 26
- Pat Cox 30
- Brenda Ragar 30
- Dale Thompson 31

August Anniversaries

Randy and Susan Stewart	7
Dale & Patti Thompson	18
Brenda & Gary Ragar	25
Ernie & Adele Barnett	25
Corliss & Bill Marsh	29



- 8—3pm Church Council
- 9—3pm Diaconate
- 10—BSA Roundtable
- 20—Ice Cream Social in courtyard
- 27—Pet Blessing during worship
- 29—5:15pm Trustee’s

A.A. meets:

- Mon-Fri 7-8am**
- Mon & Fri 6-7pm**
- Sat & Sun 5-6pm**
- Tues 5:30-6:30pm**

**Author, Author!
Book Signing August 6**

Our very own Rev. Floyd Emerson has published his book of reflections on pastoral ministry, "Preaching from Over the Hill". Floyd will sign copies of the book after church on August 6. The book costs \$20.00, all profits from church member purchases will be donated to the church. Floyd is a true son of this church having been baptized, confirmed, and ordained in this church and returned here to enjoy retirement with his wife, Jean.

PEACE VILLIAGE CAMP NEWS

Columbia Gorge Peace Village, a day camp held at Mosier Community School but not associated with the school, will begin August 7 and continue through the 12th. It is the camp's 10th year. Over 150 campers will attend. We have two going from our church. If you are interested in volunteering, there is still time to do so. Just let Joy Krein know by calling her at 541-296-2869 and she will help you sign up.

Last April UCCC Women's Fellowship provided a donation towards the function of camp and the church has been generous in their outreach to sponsor two campers. Joy Krein volunteers her week assisting in supervising the "Turtles", campers 3 to 5 years of age belonging to staff and/or volunteers but not old enough to actually attend camp. The camp has a full week of Core and Village Fair activities relating to PEACE. Friday afternoon at 2 pm there is a program highlighting the week's focus. You are welcome to attend the program.



The Mission Committee collected 83 pounds of crayons from the local elementary schools at the end of the year to keep them out of our landfill. The crayons were sent to the non-profit organization known as the Crayon Initiative in Danville, California. The crayons will be recycled and distributed to children in hospitals and other health facilities.

The Archive Room

Right above the Robert's Room is the Archive Room...a place where you can go to learn of our church's history. How do you get to it? Once you have entered the church, just journey up the stairs off to the right of the front door. At the top of the stairway enter the door on your right.

The Archive Room was created and organized by Rymmel Lovell and Joy Krein. Materials were gathered from around the church and readied for display. Lyle Miller helped with some extra lighting.

You will find an assortment of memorabilia that covers our church's history from 1859 to present day. Photos of some of the pastors, and a list of all pastors that have served at our church are along the east wall with Rev. William Tenney being our first pastor and Rev. Deb Allen our current pastor. How many do you suppose there are? The list will inform you. Even a framed painting of member Samuel Brooks is located on that wall. Go up those stairs and find out more about him.

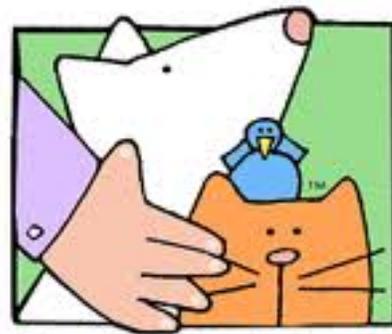
Photos or drawings of our past three churches are hanging on the south wall. All were destroyed by fire. A pew that survived the fire of the third church is against the east wall with the date of 1892-1935 labeled on it. In the glass case on the north wall, there is an old church flag folded and an 1800's communion service among other treasures.

Scrapbooks from 1859 to present day are conveniently placed on double shelves under the windows of the north wall for your perusal. Even a table with chairs is in the center of the room that allows you a place to carefully go through materials. Information found in notebooks and photo albums are shelved in a bookcase near the west wall regarding past groups relating to Clipper Club, Women's Fellowship, Heifer Projects and significant events like our 150th year in 2009. Curious...journey up those steps and enjoy our rich history, respectfully, of course!!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Summer around the church has been a busy time—really I'm not kidding. The front doors to the sanctuary have been refurbished and repaired by **Mark Poppoff** and **Bruce Lumper**. There is water to all the plant material in the courtyard thanks to **Bruce Lavier** and **Tedd Lovell**. **Lyle Miller** assembled the new courtyard benches and they are beautiful (**Sue Peachey** has really good taste in patio furniture.) Carpets were cleaned and the new stairglide for the stairs in the education wing has been ordered. The kitchen committee toured 3 different churches and came back with great ideas for a remodel project. The ice cream social on Sunday August 20th will be an eclipse party in the courtyard. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for food and fellowship!

Pet Blessing August 27th



Blessing Art Animals™
celebrate furry blessings!

Our yearly blessing of the animals will be Sunday, August 27th. Look for our new banner outside! Pets need to be leashed or in carriers to attend. No snakes- and hooved animals will be outside. You may bring a photo of your pet to be blessed if you want. Every pet will receive a treat too.

Yvonne Hartung is asking for 2-3 care partners while she recovers from knee surgery. If you can help out- please call her at 541-965-9208