



United Church of Christ-Congregational  
**THE LIGHTED WINDOW**  
 Celebrating 159 years of faithful service for  
 Christ and the Church  
**September 2017**



**Sunday Worship Time**

10:00am

**Church School**

10:15am

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**Pastor's Pen**

Have you ever had to flee for your life? Have you escaped with just the clothes on your back and left everything behind? The pictures from Texas and Hurricane Harvey have been traumatic and heart-stopping, evoking prayers to our lips and horror at the power unleashed. The tragedy is not just for this week or the next, nor until the flood waters stop rising, it is going to be years.

How would it be to have everything you own covered in mud, slime, and soaked by the toxic stew that permeates the floodwaters?

Grandma's picture, cherished mementos, your history, the record of your life. We, who are safe and dry, cannot know the full impact of this record disaster. We can offer our prayers without ceasing and our cash.

Yes, our cash, will be an answer to the urgent need. We will receive our **Neighbors in Need** offering at our World Communion Sunday service on October 1. These funds have always gone to the regions of the world hard hit by disasters, including our own shores. The need is gargantuan and will last for five? Six? Ten years more? We have always given generously to this fund, but this year, let us outdo ourselves. Every time you give to a church fund, every dime, every cent goes to helping. Not a single cent is spent on administration, office supplies, or other fees that cut into the

aid. All of it, 100% goes to alleviate dire circumstances. The church is a singular charity, in that regard. Let us all rise up and shower our near neighbors with our love and money.

That being said, as spectators to this calamity, we watch these roiling images and thank God that it is not happening to us. We are sure we won't be flooded (Really? Have you seen the dam at the eastern edge of town?) We are secure in the knowledge that we don't have tornadoes or hurricanes, all the while ignoring the volcanoes among us, the shifting of continental plates, the tinder dry forests, or raging snowstorms that can cut us off. What is a person to do? We are offering, free to church members, a two-hour emergency preparedness workshop on September 6, 3-5 pm in Tenney Hall. In senior residence? Do you think the employees will offer all services while their families are in trouble? Everyone should attend, and it is free! The program will be led by Lauren Kramer of the OSU Extension Office. She is excellent. You will not be bored. We are lucky to be able to offer this.

Pray without ceasing for our brothers and sisters, young and old, who have suffered greatly. Empty your wallets to assist the rebuilding of lives, homes and neighborhoods. Rejoice in the Lord always, for God is good, all the time. **Deb**

**Disaster Preparedness- Are you Ready??**

On Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a free disaster preparedness workshop in Tenney Hall from 3-5pm. The instructor will be Lauren Kraemer, who is the Assistant Professor of Practice from OSU’s extension service. She is an thought-provoking instructor and she will be providing tips and giving handouts to help you be ready for the big one. A sign-up sheet is in the Roberts Room or you can call the church office at 541-296-2909



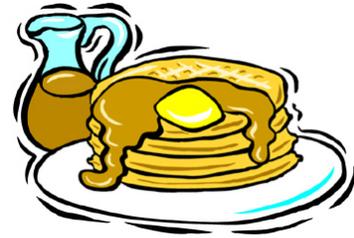
**September is the month to collect PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. Please put the donated items in the shopping cart.**

**SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
9/3		Rosemary	Sue Wilson
9/10		Raz	Randy & Susan
9/17		Rosemary	
9/24			

**Celebrate With Floyd...**

**To fall in love is to experience our own self worth as well as the worth of the beloved, and it is verified when the love is returned.**



Men’s Breakfast will resume on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00a.m. Breakfast for everyone else will begin at 8:30 a.m.



**September Birthdays**

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

**September Anniversary**

Dottie Layer & Bob Pratt 5

Hurricane Harvey Help

If you would like to donate to Hurricane Harvey long term relief—you can write a check to UCC The Dalles with “Emergency USA Fund on the memo line.



## About the 3 Great Loves Initiative

The United Church of Christ has a vision of a just world for all. In this world all are welcomed, everyone is loved and justice is inherent. The 3 Great Loves is the denomination's opportunity to express how our Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation work together to address the inequities in our current world.

Beginning at Synod 2017 and ending at Synod 2019, through the lens of the 3 Great Loves, the United Church of Christ in its many settings of ministry will discern and lift up how we act upon these 3 Great Loves. As we do so, we will tell the story of how we are impacting and transforming the world, as covenantal partners united in common purpose and mission.

During these upcoming two years, there will be moments of special invitation to participate in this

denomination-wide undertaking. One by one we will focus on each of the 3 Great Loves in service to our communities.

Be thinking of ways our church can participate. Stay tuned in.



- 4—Office closed (Labor Day)
- 4-17 Pastor Deb vacation
- 6—3-5pm Disaster Preparedness Workshop
- 10—Rev. Lea Mathieu preaching
- 11-12—Office closed
- 14—BSA Roundtable
- 20—5pm Diaconate
- 22-24 Annual Meeting in Pendleton
- 27—3pm Church Council

### **A.A. meets:**

**Mon-Fri 7-8am**

**Mon & Fri 6-7pm**

**Sat & Sun 5-6pm**

**Tues 5:30-6:30pm**

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

So many thanks to those who came forward with gifts of music during the summer months. It was a wonderful variety of forms and styles were shared depending on the talents of the members. It was treat to anticipate each week how we would celebrate in song. I appreciate everyone who signed up when the call was made for volunteers. We are a gifted and generous congregation, indeed.

Paula Christy



### **A New title for This Year's CPC Women's Retreat** ***Rise Up! A Woman's Guide to Shining Your Light in Dark Times*** **October 6-8, 2017—Camp Adams in Molalla, OR**

This October, women from around the Central Pacific Conference will gather at Camp Adams in Molalla for a 2 night camp experience exploring the intersection between spiritually and shining light into the dark times in which we live. We will focus on the courageous women of Palestine as a model for using our gifts to Rise Up with beauty and truth in the midst of oppressive realities. The women of the YWCA of Palestine are using their traditional craft of intricate embroidery in creative new ways to raise money for programs supporting their struggle for full human rights as they live under military occupation. In this country, we face the reality that racism, homophobia, sexism, and anti-immigrant bias have resurfaced in our nation and are condoned even in the

highest levels of our government. How are as women of faith responding? What can we learn from the women of Palestine and how can we be in solidarity with them? Our resource leaders are Rev. Jean Doane and Marcia Gilliland. Jean and Marcia both serve on the CPC Wider Church Ministries Team and the Central Pacific Conference Palestine-Israel Network (CPC-PIN). Jean has recently been reappointed to the Common Global Ministries Board of Directors. Marcia has made several trips to Palestine where she works directly with the YWCA of Palestine on creating and marketing new products incorporating traditional crafts. Jean brings skills in worship, prayer, and meditation leadership to help deepen our faith as we consider our roles as justice seekers and light bearers.

The week-end begins with dinner on Friday and concludes after brunch on Sunday. Camp registration is due October 1, 2017. The fee for the entire week-end is \$105.00. There is a nonrefundable registration fee of \$65.00. The balance of \$40.00 is to be paid upon arrival at camp. Checks are to be made payable to United Church of Christ Woman and mailed to Nancy Klingeman, registrar at 3225 N.W. Elmwood Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330. Please include your name, complete address, phone number, e-mail, and the name of your home church. Those wishing financial aid may request an application for a Rev. Anne Smith Educational Fund Grant. Your church office should have the application form. If not, please contact Deanna Mason at [deemason@aol.com](mailto:deemason@aol.com) or 503-806-5711. Completed forms should be sent to Deana at 9020 S.E. Market St, Portland, OR 97216 by September 15. We hope to see you at Camp Adams Oct. 6-8 as we refresh our souls and renew our commitment to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." Micha 6:8

## Letter to Women's Fellowship

Below you will find a letter from Sonam Dolma, the young woman Women's Fellowship has sponsored through Global Ministries since 2007 at a rate of \$360 a year. She is now 18. In the spring, we sent her a birthday/graduation gift and included a photo of members present at the April meeting in the Isabella Gray Room. Our names were listed on the back of the photo. The photo is currently on the bulletin board near the entrance of the Isabella Gray Room along with this letter! We learned from this letter Sonam is in grade 11. Our sponsorship will continue until she graduates.

Beloved Sponsor's

I wanted to start this letter by wishing you a very warm Tashi Delek\* all of my dearest supporters, like Rymmel Lovell, Yvonne, Hartung, Jean Vercouteren, Louanne Starr, Corliss Marsh, Rev. Deb Allen, Rosemary Ross, Jada Gay, Shirley Ulrich, Wynne Cheadle, Joy Krein. Thank you all of you for great support for me. I am very lucky to got sponsor's like you all. How are you doing?? I hope for the best and here I'm safe and sound and I am really happy. This year I'm in grade (11). So it means I did choose my stream Arts. I chose humanity and I met many new students and it's [quite] interesting too. How is the weather over [at] your place? Here it is warm and wonderful and everyday a perfect day to live fully. I'm doing best in my studies and I've good intension too. I'm a lot healthy here and I hope you may be fine too. Thank you a lot all of your support for me.

Dear United Church of Christ

Congregational Women's Fellowship

Thank you for wonderful birthday wish. I love the greeting which you all had send me nice gift like necklace, wood made think also shawl and also nice card and

letter. I feel really glad to got all of them. Specially nice to see beautiful photo. You all are nice looking. Thank for support.

After graduation I want to go [to] college and my [give...gift] to become great nurse. And I want to stay there in the United. I want to come there for study. So that [is] my planning for after graduation.

At lastly thank you all for support and wonderful birthday gift and school [fees]. I am really grat[e]ful [for] you all. Love you guys and take care all of you. Rymmel Lovell, Yvonne Hartung, Jean Vercouteren, Louanne Starr, Corliss Marsh, Rev. Deb Allen, Rosemary Ross, Jada Gay, Shirley Ulrich, Wynne Cheadle, Joy Krein.

Thank you all of you. Love you guys. May God Bless You All. With love, Sonam Dolma

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**Key** for markings in Sonam's letter-- [changed the spelling of word or added a word]     underline \_ changed the vowel "Origin and meaning: Tashi means auspicious and Delek means fine or well. It is difficult and perhaps impossible to translate properly into English. Different authors render it as 'Blessings and good luck' or 'May all auspicious signs come to this environment'."

**Submitted by Joy Krein**



The annual pet blessing was a joyful celebration! 11 dogs, one cat, one bee hive and one chicken joined us in worship. Several other pets were blessed 'remotely' and it was happy time.

### **Peace Village News**

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Columbia Gorge Peace Village's week-long day camp held at Mosier Community School was very successful with over 160 campers and 40 or so junior counselors and counselors and volunteers participating. However, that doesn't even count the teachers and presenters during Core and Village Fair! The camp is immersed in activity with a vociferous All Camp at the beginning and end of each day. At noon, a daily lunch is provided. To be good stewards of our earth, the camp stresses recycle, reduce and reuse. The camp's mantra is always about "Peace Within, Peace Among, and Peace Around." A Peace Hero is identified and exemplified throughout the week. The week's Peace Hero was Hood River/Parkdale native Minoru Yasui who was born October 19, 1916 and died November 12 1986. Minoru Yasui, and his family were interned during World War II. The following information about him has been taken from a CGPV release that was obtained from [wikipedi.org](http://wikipedi.org). "He earned both an

undergraduate degree and his law degree at the University of Oregon. He was one of the few Japanese Americans after the bombing of Pearl Harbor who fought laws that directly targeted Japanese Americans or Japanese immigrants. His case was the first case to test the constitutionality of the curfews targeted at minority groups.

His case would make its way to the United States Supreme Court, where his conviction for breaking curfew was affirmed. After internment during most of World War II, he moved to Denver, Colorado in 1944. In Denver, Yasui married and became a local leader in civic affairs, including leadership positions in the Japanese American Citizens League. In 1986, his criminal conviction was overturned by the federal court. In 2015, Senator Mazie Hirono nominated Yasui for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award of the United States. On November 16, 2015, President Barack Obama announced that Yasui would receive a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Medal was presented to Lori Yasui in a White House ceremony November 24, 2015." Minoru Yasui is the only Oregonian to receive such an honor. Many activities at camp focused on getting to know and respect Mr. Yasui and his causes. Our UCCC Robert Deckard attended camp for his second year. At Village Fair, he enjoyed building a cardboard maze with other campers. I assisted with the youngest group, the Turtles, ages 3 to 5, who are too young to participate in some of the camp activities so we create relatable lessons. We learned about our Peace mantra: "Peace Within, Peace Among, Peace Around" and the word "Connections." We created connections of all kinds and definitely learned about Mr. Yasui. We thought of ways to be PEACEFUL. One way is to share our smile wherever we go. Some of our activities included creating butterflies using food coloring, a turtle's habitat from nature, and enjoying the garden with very tall towering sunflowers. Plus, each Turtle painted a sunflower fashioned from paper plates. We played games and acted out the

story, The Hare and the Tortoise and survived the hot days of camp!! Our church is very generous with their sponsorship of Columbia Gorge Peace Village right along with our Women's Fellowship's donations. The camp is a non-profit and any support one can give to assist their endeavors is greatly appreciated. I highly recommend that you visit their web-site at [columbiagorgepeacevillage.com](http://columbiagorgepeacevillage.com) and become closely aware of all the activity generated at camp during August 7-11. Then, if you so choose, click on Make a Donation!! Praying for a peaceful world,  
Joy Krein

**Women's Fellowship Meets September 11<sup>th</sup>. All women of the church are invited to attend!!**

Women's Fellowship's new year, September 2017 to May 2018, will be kicking off with our first meeting at 1:00 pm in the Isabella Gray Room on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Rosemary Ross, our Hostess, will be providing the dessert. *We extend an open invitation to all women of the church to join us.* After our fellowship time, we will learn of the year's programs. Joy Krein will share about Peace Village and we will hear more about Sonam Dolma's plans throughout this year of our sponsorship with her. Also, we want you to save the date for the October 6-8 Women's Retreat at Camp Adams. More information about the retreat will be shared. Afterwards we will have a brief business meeting. All WOMEN at UCCC: We, the members at Women's Fellowship, will enjoy having YOU with us! So please come!!

**Pastor—On—Call**

The Rev. Dale Thompson will be the pastor—on-call while Rev. Deb is away for two weeks in September (4-17). His phone number is 541-965-1182. Rev.

Deb is out of the country and not able to respond.



**To the Well, To the Edge—2017 CPC Annual Meeting, September 22-24 at the Pendleton convention center. Similar to last year, much of the upcoming Annual Meeting will be intentional small group conversation. To bring these into the wider group, there will collecting of questions and insights that arise into a sort of visual story or our time together Please register for convention at the UCC website . <http://www.cpucc.org>**

*Neighbors in Need  
Collection is October 1, 2017*

*The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). There are 20 UCC congregations on reservations. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. It is an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozen of other tribes and nations who are members of UCC congregations in the United States.*

## News From The Food Backpack Program

Silvia and I have been working in the pantry, cleaning, organizing, stocking, and prepping for the upcoming school year. Yes, it is almost here. The Methodists will serve in September, I am hoping Zion takes October, the Lions Club has asked for April and the rest is up for grabs. We will have the school calendar available for your group to reserve their week(s) to share their time, food and prayers with the kids in this community that need care over the weekend.

We already have some needs and they are cans of tuna and crackers. Crackers in sleeves, (saltine, Ritz) are the best since we can just add a sleeve in each pack to go with the soup we pack for lunches. We are actually a little low on Ramen noodles as well but did get a couple cases of tomato soup from the Food Bank, so we're okay.

**Don't forget our meeting on Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at FUMC, 305 E. 11th.** Please make sure there will be a rep from each group to get the information and to sign up for the month that is best for them. We are looking forward to seeing you again and Silvia is looking forward to meeting most of you for the first time. Keep praying, it works.

Glenis and Silvia



Bruce Lavier helped Robert Deckard repair his bike (and Ben's too) this last week. Both boys will be ready to hit the road when school begins. Thank you Bruce!!

## Mission News

Be on the lookout for the two free little libraries assembled by the teens in one of their weekly summer gatherings. The library kits were made by Randy Stewart with funds from our church. Assisting them that day were Bob Wilson and Corliss Marsh. We decoupage pictures of book titles on the outside and inside, put on the doors, and they're ready to be posted.

