



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



**Sunday Worship Time**

10:00am

10:15am Youth Education

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

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**Pastor's Pen**

As people of faith, what shall we say in response to the most recent savage shooting? While I believe it is great wisdom to separate church and state matters in governance, as individuals, I think we err if we don't bring our faith into our decisions on things big and small. How can we not? If we divorce our faith from important matters, we are pretty lukewarm Christians. If we asked Jesus, "how can we deal with this plague upon our lives?" what do you think the man who said, "turn the other cheek," "give also your coat," and "walk the extra mile," would say?

We are a violent nation. We wish we were not, but we are. The United States has 5% of the earth's population and 30% of non-war shootings. It is time for us to consider how we can faithfully address this. We are in danger of becoming used to the ruthless, merciless random killing. Our nation was founded so that we could be free from tyranny, not so we could carry guns. Guns have become a tyranny. People (even children) are shot at school, in church, while shopping, going out to a club, on college campuses, at the

movies, attending a concert, driving down the highway. People in our country are shot every single day. A state governor responded to this event by heading off gun-control debates, "You can't legislate against evil." He is right, but you can make things more difficult for evil to flourish. And more significantly, what we are doing is not working.

Did you know that Congress has prevented gun registrations from being computerized? The data base for registrations is paper. That's right, paper. A paper database? They went out with the rotary phone. It is illegal to own or store live bombs in your garage. It is illegal to have a working cannon on your front yard. Why? Because these are lethal weapons of mass destruction. We have seen what one man can do with an arsenal of "legal" weapons. The founders of our nation would be aghast. As long as some solutions are automatically rejected from the discussion, we will not improve the safety of all our citizens. What would Jesus say?

The Apostle Paul emphatically tells the Corinthians, "Take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak." (I Cor 8:9) Just because we can does not mean we should. If we are not willing to give up a right that we can claim, then how does that fulfill the command to love our neighbor as ourselves? What we are doing is not working. It is getting worse. In your prayers and meditations, ask God for guidance and light on this very important issue. What would you be willing to give so that no more children are shot?

Let's pray together and hold this question before our God. We cannot wait. **Deb**

**SERVERS FOR October**

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
10/1	Nikki	Rymmel	Shirley M Patti
10/8	Bruce Annabelle	Caroline	Laviers
10/15	Patti	Gene	
10/22	Joy	Rosemary	Joy
10/29	Adele	Louanne	Nikki Annika & Logan



**October in the month to collect THANKSGIVING ITEMS. Please put the**



**donated items in the shopping cart. The September collection netted over \$273.00 in Peanut butter and Jam.**

**Youth Education**

Sunday school for grades 5 and up began on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Both Logan and Annika Baumgarten joined with teacher Sally Forster and assistant Mavi Bonfil as we looked over the new curriculum and discussed the idea of radical hospitality. At the end of the month, we decorated white tiles to become coasters to be given as gifts.

In October, we began talking about "Truth, Honesty, and Faith". We have a Halloween food craft planned and a big "Star Wars" faith Sunday in the works. We thank you for all your prayers and support of this program.

**Celebrate With Floyd...**

**A house without a solid foundation will soon fall down. A solid foundation without a house would be a pretty bleak place to live.**



**October Birthdays**

- Mark Ulrich 7
- Jill Minnick 10
- Donnie Bergstrom 22



9—1pm Women's Fellowship  
 12—BSA Roundtable  
 15—3pm UCC serves Community meal  
 23—Noon Mission Meeting  
 24—5:15pm Trustee's  
 25—3pm Church Council  
 5:15pm Diaconate

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

**Mon-Fri 7-8am**

**Mon & Fri 6-7pm**

**Sat & Sun 5-6pm**

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

#### **Warming Place News**

The Warming Place will host an open house on Saturday, October 7, from 11 am to 1 pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Office (the Community Meals / Warming Place site). I recognize that on a per-number-of-members basis the UCC congregation probably does more community volunteer work than most other church communities, but that does not stop me from asking for potential volunteers for the Warming Place. I will coordinate Wednesday night volunteers and if we can recruit enough volunteers I would like to do the half-shifts that are so successful on Tuesday nights. Other changes may make volunteering a little easier this year. Volunteers are needed for other nights too, especially Friday. Please encourage anyone you know who might be willing to stop by the open house to discuss the conditions under which they might be able to volunteer.

Or leave your name with Pastor Deb or Sally or contact me directly at [saarguelles@yahoo.com](mailto:saarguelles@yahoo.com) or by phone at 541 965-2471 (leave a message). Thank you.

Sue Ann Arguelles

#### **Women's Fellowship News**

Thirteen of us gathered at our September meeting and heartily welcomed new members Nikki Lesich, Patti Thompson, Shirley Miller, and Jan Leonard. We enjoyed refreshments from Hostess Rosemary Ross. We played a game titled "Getting to Know You" and found out that not one of us in attendance witnessed the Totality of the Eclipse, three of us were growers of zucchini and many of us left the area over the summer for a vacation and only Joy Krein was born in The Dalles. Joy read a devotional in remembrance of September 11, 2001, shared the fundamentals of Women's Fellowship, gave a summary of Columbia Gorge Peace Village Day Camp held in August, and provided information relating to our sponsored child, Sonam Dolma, who is now in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and attending school at the Tibetan SOS Children's Village School in Kangra, India. Rosemary presented details to the year's theme, "Confirmation for Adults" which our monthly programs will revolve around. Presenters will be Rev. Deb Allen, Jean Vercooteren and Rosemary. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 9 at 1:00 pm in the Isabella Gray Room. At this meeting Brenda Ragar will be our Hostess and Rosemary will provide the Devotional. The program will be given by Rev. Deb relating to the Sacraments. A short business meeting will follow. All women of the church are welcome to attend. We hope to see YOU there!

**Joy Krein**

**Community Meal  
October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Need servers, Cleaner-uppers,  
Dishwashers and People of  
Good Cheer!  
Please contact Annabelle if you  
can help out. 541-296-9567**

***Merci, Gracias, Danke Schoen...***

Mission Committee received 4 notes of thanks and gratitude on behalf of these organizations:

The Dalles-Wasco Co Library – provided the wood and materials to build 3 little libraries to be placed in the community.

The Backpack Program—was given \$250.00 to purchase more bags used in distributing food.

Mission Brasil—Local teacher will be spending a year in Brazil at an orphanage that is installing a school. She was given a one-time donation of \$500.00.

Columbia Gorge Peace Village—donation of two full scholarships for day camp.

The Mission Committee is always looking for ways to help the local community and the real world. If you want to suggest an organization or cause, please contact a mission member or the church office. The Committee is in the planning stages of our 5<sup>th</sup> annual foster child Christmas party. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.



Time to FALL back.  
Daylight savings time ends November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to set your clock back one hour on Saturday night!

**Ecumenical Service Nov. 5**

Our fourth annual All Saints Day worship with fellow Christian will be Sunday November 5 at 10 am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. First United Methodist Church, Zion Lutheran, St. Paul's and our own UCCC will celebrate a communion worship service together. This year, St. Paul's Rector, Rev. Red Stevens will be our preacher. Communion will be UCC style this year. It is always a joyous celebration. Please join us.