



# United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW



Celebrating 158 years of faithful  
service for Christ and the Church

## November 2017

### 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

Maybe you saw the article in the paper recently about what leads to health and happiness? It will sound familiar. Step one: count your blessings. Really, make a gratitude list of all the good things, blessings, people, beauty, safety, joy in your life. Step two: every day, spend some time in quiet meditation. Be still and breathe. When we are not busy directing the conversation, some amazing things can happen. Step three: help another person. Looking beyond our own lives helps us recharge, renew and uplift our lives. Is there a better definition of faith practices? Are we surprised that faith disciplines lead to health and wholeness in our lives? We are made in the image of God, so taking time everyday to commune and listen to God enables us to function better and lead happier lives. Jesus said to look first to the kingdom of God. And, it just so happens, that we have a national holiday devoted to step one.

We celebrate Thanksgiving as a day of gratitude, and appreciation. The whole nation of us gather with family and friends to give thanks for all that we have received. Is it any surprise that we choose to be with those who know us best? The fact that we can stop mid-week in our

ordinary days to be mindful of the blessings poured upon us, rejoices in the fact that there is Someone to thank. And, that all that we have is not the work of our hands, but gifts of grace. Being truly thankful is a happiness that exceeds all others.

There are so many reasons to delight in Thanksgiving. Our traditions do not include sending out Thanksgiving cards, decorating is minimal (if you have a themed set of salt and pepper shakers and some autumn colors around, you're good). You don't have to purchase gifts for people who already have plenty of everything and it is one day, not many weeks. Best of all, the Thanksgiving season is blessedly silent in the world of TV ads. Most importantly, it is a day to renew the habits of our faith. We start at the table, going around and naming those things for which we are truly grateful. Then, in the quiet of our rooms, we pause in silence before God and practice our faithful listening. Finally, refreshed, we go out into the world and shine our lights through service to one another. Happy and faithful Thanksgiving.

Grace and peace to you. **Deb**



**November in the month to collect: ADULT TOILETRIES. Please put the donated items in the shopping cart.**



**SERVERS FOR November**

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
11/5	Service	At St. Paul's	
11/12	Tama	Rosemary	Potluck
11/19	Bruce Lavier	Sue Wilson	Randy & Susan
11/26	Susan Herring	Gene Parker	
12/3	Paula	Lynn Wilcox	

**Celebrate With Floyd... Salvation does not wait until we have erected our house of faith. It begins when we start to dig to make room for the foundation.**

**November Birthdays**  
**Mark Poppoff 8**  
**Jada Gay 13**  
**Hew Hillis 21**  
**Barbara Bailey 25**  
**Annadale Rooper 28**  
**Jim Wilcox 29**  
**Bob Krein 29**  
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**November Anniversaries**  
**Dave & Bonnie Long 16**  
**Floyd & Jean Emerson 28**



1—4pm Diaconate mtg at St. Paul's  
 5—Worship at St. Paul's  
 Set clocks back one hour on Saturday night  
 9—BSA Roundtable  
 12—8am Men's breakfast, Potluck follows Worship  
 13—1pm Women's Fellowship  
 23—Thanksgiving- office closed  
 26—No Sunday school today

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

## Women's Fellowship News

Our October meeting's program was provided by Rev. Deb Allen. She explained more thoroughly about the Sacraments. Her topic followed the theme for our year, "Confirmation for Grown Ups". Rev. Deb provided a handout that explained what happened before and after the Reformation. "Before the Reformation seven sacraments were observed. After the Reformation the Reformed churches (which includes the United Church of Christ) have observed only Baptism and Communion. These have been instituted by Christ and available to all. Baptism is about promises made. Communion is about receiving grace to keep those promises."

At our business meeting, a letter from The Tibetan SOS Children's Village School in District Kangra (H.P.), India, was shared thanking us for our continued sponsorship of Sonam Dolma who has one more year at the school. The last paragraph of the letter kindly states: "We sincerely thank you so much for your loving letter, nice photos and wonderful presents which brought much joy to Sonam Dolma. And also, sincere thanks for your generous sponsorship contribution and we will remain ever grateful to you for your kind continue support extended towards Sonam Dolma's well-being and good education." Enclosed here and in the letter, is a photo of Sonam with the gifts she received. Our November meeting will be Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Isabella Gray Room. Our Hostess is Dottie Layer. The Devotion will be given by Jan Leonard. The Program will be provided by Jean Vercooterren. Jean will be sharing information regarding the origins of the different denominations. A short business meeting will follow. We will be discussing the December Bazaar to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Roberts Room following church. Members of Women's Fellowship and actually anyone from the congregation are needed to provide saleable crafts and food items. November is the month we plan what will be sold. So, we are cranking up interest now!

Come with ideas that will generate a sale. Also in discussion will be the Foster Children's Christmas Party held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Women's Fellowship members and all congregants of the church support this party with their time and donations. All women of the church are welcome to attend our meetings.



**Sonam Dolma with gifts from the UCC Women's Fellowship**



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!

## Foster Children's Christmas Party

The Foster Children's Christmas Party sponsored by our church will be held Wednesday **December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 2 to 4 in Tenney Fellowship Hall. At this party a "make-believe" gift shop will be created in the Fireside Room for the children to enter with a church volunteer to go shopping for a Christmas gift to be given to their parents. The parent(s) remains in Tenney Fellowship Hall while the child is escorted by a church volunteer to go shopping in the "Fireside Gift Shop". The child shops and then selects the gift and other volunteers are available in the gift shop to wrap the gift while the child fills out a gift tag. Once done, the child with the volunteer, return to Tenney Fellowship Hall and give their gift to their parent(s) who then opens it.

You might wonder, what is in the gift shop? All kinds of gifts donated by YOU appropriate for a parent to receive from a child. They can be nicely used gifts for a male or female adult that you have donated or they can be brand new, something you have found while shopping. All donations, can be dropped off at the church office from now until Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for your donations in advance!

## Time to Gather for a Potluck

On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a fall potluck following worship downstairs in Tenney Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy our rousing fellowship. We do know how to break bread together.



## 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.

## ANNUAL The Dalles AFS FRUIT & PECAN SALE - 2017



AFS is happy to offer a choice of River Royal Texas grapefruit (18-21 per box); River Royal Texas oranges (approx 40 per box) or a

mixed box of grapefruit and oranges for \$20.00 per box.

We also have fresh Shelled Texas Pecan Halves at \$14.00 for a one pound bag.

For more than 10 years, the proceeds from this sale have funded fees and activities for our AFS foreign exchange students and scholarships for Gorge area students going abroad.

Please **email** your order to

**[afs.usa.td@gmail.com](mailto:afs.usa.td@gmail.com)** OR send **your order and check payable to AFS** to:

AFS - Deidre Baumgarten  
1624 E 11th St  
The Dalles, OR 97058

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: Monday, November 13, 2017**

**PICK-UP DATE: Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 9:00am - 1:00pm**

**PICK-UP LOCATION: Polehn Farms Packinghouse, 2121 Dry Hollow Rd, The Dalles**

You can also contact Rymmel Lovell at 541-296-6546 or [tlovell@netcnct.net](mailto:tlovell@netcnct.net)

**Where to go for food, meals, or shelter**

There are 8 sites in Wasco county that receives supplies from the Oregon Food Bank:

- 1. Salvation Army- 623 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
1-3p.m. Mon, Wed, Fri  
541-296-6417
- 2. St. Vincent DePaul- 505 West 9<sup>th</sup>  
1-3pm Tues, 3-5pm Thurs  
541-296-9566
- 3. 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church-  
3339 East 13<sup>th</sup>  
11am-3pm Tues  
541-298-8373
- 4. Meals on Wheels- 1112 West 9<sup>th</sup>  
Call for times  
541-298-8333
- 5. Windy River Gleaners-  
2937 East 2nd  
Call for times  
541-296-2499
- 6. Pioneer Potlatch in Dufur-  
320 NE 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Noon-1pm Wed  
541-298-4354
- 7. Pioneer Potlatch in Mosier-  
501 East 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Noon- 1pm Mon & Wed  
541-298-4354
- 8. Pioneer Potlatch in Tygh Valley-  
Community Center  
57594 Tygh valley Rd  
Noon-1pm Thurs  
541-298-4354

Meals are served daily at 315 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
9:00-11:00am Mon-Fri  
4:30-5:00pm Fri, Sat, Sun

Overnight shelter is provided at the same location on nights when the temperature is below 28 degrees.



**Mitten Collection**

**The Mission Committee is asking for donations of mittens that will be given out at the annual Christmas party for foster children on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please bring new mittens (Store bought or hand-made; all sizes) to the donation box in the Narthex no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Upcoming for the Holidays**

The Church will again adopt three families for the Christmas season. Corliss will be charge of gathering the list and in helping prepare the boxes for distribution. Be on the lookout for tags in the Narthex and more details in the next Lighted Window.

**Good Stewards**

Please fill out your pledge cards prayerfully when you receive them. We've been here 158 years of vibrant ministry, let's keep the faith & mission growing.

