



United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW



Celebrating 158 years of faithful
service for Christ and the Church

May 2018

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....

Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is May 20th this year. This was a holy idea, it was God who called the church into being. It was not our idea. Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name, things get tricky. Where two or three are gathered there are differences of opinion and a variety of measures of grace. What was God thinking? Without the church, we could say our individual prayers have no responsibility for common ministry and never be challenged to mature in our faith. We human beings understand little of what we truly need.

The world needs the church, even if it doesn't know it. The fact that the church still exists around the globe is a powerful counterpoint to the grubby, power seeking, self-promoting interests in the world. The mere presence of a church building with a worshipping community is a commanding counterpoint to the grasping business-as-usual of the marketplace. We, and the world, need this witness, not good life for some, but good life for all. Less than that is just indulgent.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, the believing community enacts the work of faith, hope and love. Without the church, and left to our own devices, we require less and less of ourselves. We practice forgiveness and compassion for ourselves but look on our fellow travellers with a more critical eye. Being in community moves us to extend forgiveness and mercy to all those whom God loves, everyone whom God loves, without editing the list. By serving those whom God loves, we are changed into witnesses to Christ.

The same Spirit that blew through the gathered disciples, empowering, forming, and changing them forever on Pentecost, blows through us too. By the Holy Spirit, we are called to proclaim the Gospel and serve the uncommitted. Sometimes compelling, sometime frustrating, this is the work and mission of those who have heard and responded to God's call. Let us all renew our spirits on Pentecost. Wear red, come to the celebration and prepare to be changed. God's touch leaves us awed and inspired. Fasten your seatbelts for the coming of the Spirit among us. Church, it is a good idea. **Deb**

SERVERS FOR MAY

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
5/6	Brenda	Yvonne	Sally
5/13		Rosemary	
5/20		Dale	
5/27		Cheryl	
June 3		Caroline	Lovell's



- 10—BSA Roundtable
- 14—Noon Women’s Fellowship Senior Center
- 19—Women’s Annual Meeting Beavercreek UCC
- 23—3pm Diaconate
- 27—10 Special guest Conference Minister Molly Carlson Preaching
- 28—Office closed
- 30—Spring church sale drop off
- June 2—10am until 2pm Church sale

Celebrate With Floyd...

The person who spends a lifetime brushing back the sands of doubt but who never finds the bedrock is a child of God just as surely as the person who finds the rock and builds a mighty house of faith.

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



May Birthdays

- Marolyn Wilks 5**
- Deb Allen 6**
- Dottie Layer 13**
- Jan Leonard 21**
- Kris Vercouteren 26**
- Patti Thompson 27**
- Caroline Homer 29**



May’s pantry item is BEANS!! Bring your donations to the shopping cart in the Roberts room.

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**May Anniversary
Tedd & Rymmel Lovell 21**

May 20th is Pentecost!!

Remember to wear red to church. We are celebrating the choir with special music and this will be the last day of Sunday school for the year. Also, the Strengthen the Church offering will be collected that day. This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations.



Spring Church Sale! June 2 10am-2pm

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a spring sale to benefit our new kitchen. We will be happy to receive donations at church, starting May 30. Please place donations on the stage in Tenney Hall. Because these sales are so much work, we are requesting the following. All items must be clean.

CLEAN:

- Household items
- Holiday décor
- Sports equipment
- Yard items
- Toys and games
- Tools
- Luggage
- Furniture
- Kitchen items
- Lamps
- Pictures



- No** clothes
- No** shoes
- No** purses
- No** appliances older than 2010
- No** craft supplies

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN, no trash, just serviceable items.

Women's Fellowship News

It is amazing that May is here!! May brings closure to Women's Fellowship year as it began in September of 2017 and ends this month of 2018. We have 3 months of rest and then the new year begins again...September of 2018 through May of 2019.

Because of our church's kitchen remodel, we will have our May Luncheon visiting the Mid-Columbia Senior Center and having our lunch there on Monday, May 14th at NOON. Cost will be \$3.75. We will gather in the lobby at 11:45 am. After our meal, we will enjoy playing Bingo with other guests present, then have a short business meeting.

We will sit towards the south end of the dining room and have our meeting there too. Joy Krein, will be your Hostess, and Rymmel Lovell will provide the Devotional. At our business meeting, we hope to generate program ideas for our meetings held from September 2018 through May 2019. Please be thinking about new ideas for next year. All women of the church are welcome to attend our May luncheon.

At our April meeting, Rosemary Ross gave an informative presentation about the various sections of the Bible. Thank you, Rosemary! During the business meeting, \$100 was designated towards Annika's trip to Hawaii to attend the UCC Youth Conference. It was also decided that Women's Fellowship will sponsor an all church Kitchen Sale on June 2nd in the Tenney Fellowship Hall.(See related article.) Stay tuned as a work party will be organized the week prior to the sale. We need all Women Fellowship members to participate in this sale!!

COMMUNITY BACKPACK UPDATE

We continue to pack 114 bags each week with some extra now and then. In March we sent 481 food bags into the community, for a total of 2886 meals. We



know the amount of food we are able to send out actually will feed more than just the little person dragging the 13 pound bag so we don't know how many we are actually feeding, but know this. . . . it couldn't happen without you. You donate food, bags, money, time, pray for us, and always give words of encouragement when we see you. You keep this program alive and moving, touching lives and making a difference. I have a request. Please pretend to be surprised. If we are lucky this will be the last one until fall, when I will again be at your mercy. I have enough oatmeal for next week. I need 250 packets each week. There are 7 weeks of school remaining. So for the last 6 weeks I need 1500 packets. That's a lot of oatmeal. That will be 1500 breakfasts for times when 120 kids don't have enough. Please make this request to your congregation, organization and other groups you meet with. I'll keep you posted on the great oatmeal quest as we collect pouch after pouch. The Lions are serving this month. They are efficient, fun loving and talky. Where would we be without all of our great volunteers? No-where, that's where. Thank you so much and may God bless you as She has so richly blessed the program of feeding God's children.

Glenis, Silvia and Linda

Please take Note...

Celebrating 100th Birthday for
Mildred Craber
 Sunday May 20th 11:30-1pm
 First Christian Church
 909 Court St
 RVSP to Donnamae at 541-980-9666
(see notice on bulletin board)

Mavi Bonfil our Church School Assistant for the past two years is graduating from The Dalles High on June 9th at 10:30am. Monetary donations are being collected and will presented to her on May 20th. You can put your donation in the collection plate or drop it by the church office.

(see announcement on bulletin board)

Also graduating is **Lindsey Miles**, daughter of Denise and RJ Miles, and granddaughter of Donna and Lyle Miller, plans on attending the University of Portland. Lindsey received a \$500.00 scholarship from the church.

Sorry for the omission--
 Easter flowers given by
 Jim and Lynn Wilcox
 In memory of Lewis & Bonnie Wilcox
 And Bill & Hazel Hube

Annika will be performing in the middle school play, Xanadu, on May 11th & 12th at TDMS.

Fri, May 11th 7:00pm
 Sat, May 12th, 1:00pm & 6:00pm

Annika also has her only home track meet on Monday, May 14th at Wahtonka High School starting at 4:00pm

Hope you can come out and support her!
 Deidre

News From The Kitchen

Plumbing and electrical are complete. Now we are working to cover all that up with dry wall. Then, we'll do some painting. Our cabinets are ordered, and they should be installed the first week in June. Flooring installation will happen the week after. The dishwasher has been purchased and delivered. You are welcome to come downstairs and take a look.

The Kitchen Remodel Committee:
Annabelle Lavier
Tedd Lovell
Corliss Marsh
Lyle Miller
Randy Stewart

CENTRAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE WOMEN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
Beavercreek United Church of
Christ



23345 S. Beavercreek Road
Beavercreek, OR 97004

Featuring:
Rev. Molly Carlson, CPC Conference
Minister

She will discuss "Ministry: By, With and
for Women"

11:30 a.m. Registration \$10.00 (includes
luncheon)

12 noon Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Opening Worship: Waverly
Heights Congregational UCC

Offering: Reverend Anne Smith
Educational Loan/Grant Fund

1:15 p.m. Program

2:15 p.m. Business meeting

2:45 p.m. Closing

Please make reservations by May 15 with
Barbara Droz (503-632-3042)

Or with the Beavercreek church office
(503-632-4553)

Summer Music Sign-up

Sunday special music sign-up sheet is located in the Roberts room. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, please contact Joy Krein.

Taize Event

Two Taize brothers from France will be visiting Oregon and sharing their life and faith with others while here. A highlight of their visit will be a Taize service Sunday, May 13 beginning at 5pm at Trinity Cathedral 147 NW 19th Street in Portland. This service promises to be a very special time of beautiful music and prayer, surrounded by lighted candles



and silence. The Taize community is ecumenical and welcomes all to their life in Christ. For more information, please contact Gretchen Kimsey at 541-296-5628.