



# United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW



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## September 2018

### Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

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

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### Pastor's Pen...

I was standing outside before dawn this morning, listening to a huge V of geese wheeling toward sunrise, giving this year's goslings some needed practice and conditioning. Aldo Leopold called the sound of passing Vs "goose music." I never tire of watching them move in ancient formations or listening to the constant honking among the family flock. Isn't lovely having regular reminders of the seasonal movements that bracket our years? I have lived my entire life in northern climes, so these rhythms are as natural as breathing.

Most of us have played this summer and enjoyed ourselves. Goose music calls us back to our more regular routines and lifts our gaze to other signs of autumn moving in; turning leaves, lusciously cool mornings, that ineffable crispness that we suddenly notice. After our triple digit summer days, I for one am cartwheeling (in my imagination, that is) at the turn of the seasons.

As we return to our regular commitments and events, does it change our faith life, prayer life? Do we get into a new practice of thanksgiving to God? As of pastor of

some years, I would like to believe that encouraging everyone to notice God more closely in the swirl of autumn leaves would actually lead you to do so. I would like to believe that reminding you of the practice of sabbath and regular worship in community would lead to renewed dedication and desire to fulfill baptismal promises. But, as a pastor of some years, I know that such cajoling can be like spitting in the wind. Let me try another way.

Maybe, with sweet summer's bright light, long days and star light nights, we are constantly in the presence of the wonder and mystery of God so that ordinary days seem like sabbath rest. But as days grow shorter and we spend more time indoors, seeking the wonder and mystery of God in worship is led by the seasonal rhythm that pulls us back to community. I hope everyone enjoyed the enchantments of summer. God provides a lot of grace and space around the command to honor the sabbath day, but it sets the rhythm of our weeks and years that God established, for our peace and wholeness.

Let us keep the sabbath day holy and let us keep it faithfully together. Welcome back.

*Grace and Peace to you all, Deb*

**SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER**



Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
9/2			Lavier
9/9	Yvonne	Rymmel	
9/16		Caroline	
9/23			Lovell
9/30			

**Calendar of Events**

- Sept 3—Office closed (Labor Day)
- Sept 9— Celebration for Caroline during Worship
- Sept 10—Noon Women’s Fellowship at Rymmel Lovell’s
- Sept 16—Annika gives presentation During worship
- Sept 18—3pm Church Council
- Sept 19—5:15pm Trustee’s
- Sept 26—3:15pm Diaconate
- Sept 28-29—Church Conference in Pendleton

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

**Celebrate With Floyd...**

It is a real tragedy to lose a loved one, but it would be a much greater tragedy to never have had a loved one to lose. In the midst of sorrow, we can truly celebrate God’s gift of people and things to hold precious.



**September Birthdays**

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

**September Anniversary**

- Bob Pratt & Dottie Layer** 5



September’s pantry items are **Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam**. Please bring your contribution to the shopping cart in the Roberts room.

**If You Are Late, Wait**

Recently, in worship, someone came in during the sermon and walked to the front of the church to be seated, got up, walked to the back, then walked up to the front again. This was highly disruptive to the congregation, and the pastor, who does not use notes, lost her place. Both the Church Council and Diaconate have discussed what to do about this. We have decided that if anyone, member or not, comes in during the sermon or the pastoral prayer, they will be seated in the Roberts Room (where we have coffee hour) until there is a natural break in the service. We understand that sometimes, things detain us and we cannot arrive on time. However, late arrival, such as what happened a few weeks ago, is disrespectful of those who are there. This is a new policy that we will employ as gently as possible. Please be mindful of others in your arriving...

## Neighbors in Need Collection October 7, 2018

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 a dozen of other tribes and nations who are members of UCC congregations.



## Community Backpack Program

The Mission committee has committed \$500.00 to the backpack program to purchase cloth bags. They need about 2000 bags to get through the year. The Preferred food list is printed below:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Soda crackers
- Soup
- Corn and green beans
- Individual instant oatmeal
- Graham crackers
- Individual fruit cups or pudding snacks
- String cheese
- Macaroni and cheese
- Tuna
- 1 pound bags of rice and spaghetti

Donations of money can be sent to the church, just mark Community Back Pack in the memo line and send it to FUMC, 305 E. 11th Street.

## CPC Women's Camp at Camp Adams, October 12-14 Calling All Women of the Central Pacific Conference

**If you are like us, you need a break.** Life is busy, there are a million demands on your time, and catching up on laundry sounds more important than a weekend in the woods. But you know what you really need. Community. Rest. Healing. God. Good food. Nature. Just resting in your spirit.

**Women's Camp at Camp Adams, October 12-14 is designed just for you.** With variety of options to meet a variety of needs - choose what fits you best. Bring a friend and come to camp!

If you have never attended camp- registration is free!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the retreat schedule.

[CLICK HERE to Register Online for Women's Camp](#)

**Questions,** contact the Conference Office at 503-228-3178, [centralpacific@cpcucc.org](mailto:centralpacific@cpcucc.org)

## Book Study Revamp!

We are changing the way we do book studies. We will no longer have multi-week meetings to discuss the books.

Our second book group meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will discuss **Nomadland**. Let the office know if you would like us to order you a copy by September 4.

## Celebrate Caroline Homer's 45 years as Organist

Caroline Homer has been our organist for 45 years. She is not stepping down, but we could not let this dedication of service and loyalty slip by. We will honor Caroline in worship on September 9 and host a special coffee hour. Plans are still in the making. If you would like to donate to a monetary gift for Caroline, please drop your gift by the office or drop it in the collection plate. Let's show her how much we appreciate her gifts. Mark your calendars.

### Women's Fellowship News

September brings the beginning of the new year (2018-2019) for Women's Fellowship!! Over the summer the program committee met twice with a goal of developing a full year's plan. A huge thank you goes to the program committee comprised of Caroline Homer, Rymmel Lovell, Rosemary Ross, Jan Leonard and Joy Krein for their input, time and commitment. We are excited to announce that we have presentations by the following presenters throughout the year: Corliss Marsh, Rymmel Lovell, John Hickox, Genis Schreffler, Tyler Beane, Jenny Loughmiller, Joy Krein, and Lucile Torgerson. We also have an exciting field trip planned, in April, to Mary Hill Museum!

Our first meeting is on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at NOON. This year our traditional salad luncheon will be held at Rymmel Lovell's home, our Hostess. Rymmel lives at 2522 Old Dufur Road. **All women of the church are cordially invited to attend.** All members will bring a salad. Caroline Homer will furnish the dessert. Jan Leonard will provide the Devotional, Corliss Marsh will share the history of Women's Fellowship and Rymmel Lovell will share the year's programs.

Our meetings are on held on the second Monday's of the month. An open invitation to all women of the church is given prior to each meeting. One can become a member with a small dues donation of five dollars. If not otherwise stated, the meetings are in the Isabella Gray Room at 1 pm! The schedule and programs for the year are listed below. We want to see YOU there!

**September 10**-Salad Luncheon-NOON at Rymmel Lovell's home-Program-Corliss Marsh- Program Topic-"History of Women's Fellowship" and Rymmel Lovell-Program Topic-"Our year's Programs"

**October 8**-Program-John Hickox-Program topic- "Number One - Palestine Is Still the Issue"

**November 12**-Program-Glenis Schreffler and Tyler Beane-Program topic-"The Backpack Program"

**December 10**-Soup and Bread Luncheon-NOON in Tenney Fellowship Hall-Card signing for Shut-ins-Program-Jenny Loughmiller-Program topic-"Heart of Gratitude"

**January 14, 2019**-Program-Joy Krein-Program Topic-"Nature's Treasure"

**February 11**-Program "UCC's Great Loves", a review, and Member presentations of their Favorite Scripture/Song and Why

**March 11**-Program-Lucile Torgerson-Program topic-"Time in Belize"

**April 8**-Field Trip to Mary Hill Museum and Lunch at the Café--Leave at 10:00 am

**May 13**-Salad Luncheon-NOON in Tenney Fellowship Hall-Program-"Plans for the 2019-2020 year".