



United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW



Celebrating 158 years of faithful
service for Christ and the Church

October 2018

Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

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

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Pastor's Pen...

My brother and sister-in-law are on a multi-week cross country trip. This is part new discoveries and part sentimental journey. This morning he texted me from our hometown Ionia, Michigan. He sent photos of the house we grew up in, the toboggan hill, and my old elementary school. He stopped by the church of our youth with its hand carved sign over the door, "Enter, rest, and pray." Alas, the church was locked. He was stopping for lunch at the old family-friendly tavern that has the world's best hamburgers. I am enjoying this virtual tour with him, neither of us has been back for thirty years or more. The first places we call home have a special claim upon our affections. It defines for us, what it means to be home. Whenever I smell burning leaves, which isn't often anymore, I think of home. Autumn was spectacularly beautiful in our town

All of us have places that are knit into the fabric of our souls: Places that we loved, gave and received love, laughed with others, felt accompanied in our sorrow, felt the relief of homecoming when we returned. These places have powerful pulls on our hearts and our sense of belonging to a time, a place and a people. Some of you are here, where you started, and some have traveled widely, but the sense that we know when we are home is the same.

This church is such a place for me. Here, we have rejoiced and prayed, laughed and cried, imagined our mission to the community and brought our energy to being the church. It is a place of joy, commitment, it shows grace to those who enter and shares its blessings freely. I am very grateful that this church is the one where I end my time of active pastoral ministry. You are truly welcoming and unfailingly fun to be with. My memories of being your pastor will be highly burnished in the years to come. While I will no longer be your pastor, friendships, which are a gift from God, will remain. I treasure them, but the affairs of the church will not be topics for conversation. Your new pastor, some lucky duck, doesn't yet know the joy and delight that awaits them in this ministry. New gifts and blessings will unfold in this place, I have no doubt.

The United Church of Christ Congregational will always, for me, hold the fondness that I hold for my hometown, a place of love, a place of much laughter, and a place to give and receive gifts.

Thank you for the last seven and a half years. God's grace truly shines, here in this place.

In deepest gratitude, **Deb**

SERVERS FOR OCTOBER

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host
10/7	Carol Handke	Susan Stewart	Brenda Dottie
10/14	Dale	Rosemary	Tama Louanne
10/21		Caroline	Potluck
10/28	Pastor Deb	Olivia	



Calendar of Events

- Oct 3— Noon Book study
- Oct 7— 8am Men’s Breakfast
- Oct 8— 1pm Women’s Fellowship
- Oct 9— Noon Mission Committee meets
- Oct 16—3pm Church Council
- Oct 21—Celebration Potluck follows
Worship
- Oct 23—5:15pm Trustee’s meet
- Oct 28—Pastor Deb’s last Sunday
- AA MEETS: Mon-Fri 7-8am
Mon & Fri 6-7pm
Sat & Sun 5-6pm
Tues 5:30-6:30pm

Celebrate With Floyd...

We can’t seem to understand that God will redeem the world in the same way that he formed it in the first place: with creative love. If God can bring life out of nothingness, then he can certainly can keep it from returning to nothingness.



October Birthdays

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



In June, contributions of paper products totaled 305. In August, there was over 585 items of baby supplies were donated.

In October, we collect **THANKSGIVING Food stuffs**. Let’s fill the shopping cart !

Save the date!

Sunday, October 21st we will be celebrating and showing our deep appreciation to Rev. Deb for her 7 1/2 years with our church family at UCC Congregational. Following our Sunday service there will be a potluck luncheon in the Tenney Room, along with a special program. Members of the church are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Community members and those from out of town will be our guests. Rev. Deb’s last preaching Sunday will be October 28th. She will be greatly missed.

Ecumenical Service November 4th

We are doing it again! On Sunday, November 4, we will again join Zion Lutheran Church for All Saints Sunday. We switch back to Pacific Standard Time that day (fall back) so you have an extra hour to get ready. Let us repeat this joyous tradition.

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.

Celebration of 45 years as Organist at UCC Church

My thanks to each and everyone for support, love, appreciation and outstanding generosity of gifts you bestowed to me to make this honorable day September 9th 2018 a wonderful memory forever. This was outstanding. Also my thanks to those who planned this event and made it happen. It took a lot of work and the job was excellent. The beautiful tributes presented to me by Pastor Deborah Allen, choir director Cheryl Ortega, Joy Krein whose mother Rosalie Hattenhauer was my inspiration and the wonderful message from Rev. Karl Vercooteren, all of these brought tears of joy and laughter into my heart, so very special. I love being your organist and look forward to every Sunday hearing your dedicated singing voices soar high into heaven to bring the sacred, holy spirit of God into our church and I rejoice and say to my God "thank you so much for the talent you gifted to me, it makes my life complete".
May God Bless You All.
Love Caroline Homer

Extreme Weather Workshop

I will be co-presenting workshops on extreme weather and agriculture in The Dalles (CGCC library; Oct. 16 – refreshments start at 6; workshop 6:45-8:30) and Condon (downstairs in the UCC in Condon; Oct. 18 – refreshments start at 4:45; workshop 5:15-7). These are nonpartisan events – all are welcome. Please attend and invite anyone you know who might be interested!

More at CO2Foundation.org. **Can you donate refreshments, which will be recognized as offered by members of the United Church of Christ?** People in the community may benefit from knowing our church supports learning about such pressing issues. I will have a sign-up sheet at church, plus flyers.

Thank you much!
Raz Mason, MDiv, MAPS

Women's Fellowship News

At our September salad luncheon and meeting held at Rymmel Lovell's home 16 ladies gathered. Carol Handke joined us for the first time. Welcome, Carol!!! Jan Leonard provided the Devotional and Rymmel shared the year's calendar. This year we have guest speakers for many of our programs!! Corliss Marsh and Jean Vercooteren shared what Women's Fellowship is all about and its history over the years. We thank all these ladies for their participation. To learn more about what the group did over the summer, a game was played called "Whatcha' been doing over the Summer?" Choices were: swam,

read at least one book, went on a boat ride on the Columbia, flew in a jet, took a road trip, painted something, planted and/or tended a garden, camped by a lake, stayed in Oregon, volunteered, traveled in more than one state, visited Timberline lodge, hugged a grandchild, went on a cruise, picked blackberries, and finally celebrated a birthday. After mingling and visiting, it was discovered that only one wasn't accomplished...no one had visited Timberline lodge!! Maybe that is something each of us can do before the snow flies.

*Our next meeting on Monday, October 8th will be at 1:00 pm in the Isabella Gray Room. Brenda Ragar will be the Hostess and Dottie Layer will provide the Devotional. The program will be given by our guest speaker, John Hickox. John traveled to the Middle East over a year ago and stayed a few weeks. This is our chance to learn about his experience there. He has titled his talk "Number One – Palestine is Still the Issue." We look forward to John's presentation and invite all women of the church to attend.
Joy Krein

Annika is playing on the Frosh/Soph volleyball team this fall. Here is a schedule of her home games. I hope you will come out and support her.

--Deidre

10/4 5:15pm

10/9 5:15pm

10/16 5:15pm

All games are played at Chenoweth Elementary school.

CPC Women's Camp at Camp Adams, October 12-14

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@cpccucc.org

Thank You!

Dear UCC Church,

We received your generous donation of \$1500.00 toward our 5th grade SECRETS Science program. Your donation will be used toward funding this valuable program for all three of our 5th grade classes.

SECRETS program is a highly engaging science curriculum that focuses on our local environment in the Columbia River Gorge.

Signed- Colonel Wright Elementary
Principal. Sharon Bonderud