



United Church of Christ-Congregational THE LIGHTED WINDOW



Celebrating 158 years of faithful
service for Christ and the Church

December 2018

Sunday Worship Time

10:00am

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**Welcome Rev. Bill and Shari
Comfort on Sunday December
2nd . Church council is hosting
coffee hour.**

5 girl: clothing size 5/6 shoe 11
Playdoh sets
Baby Alive
LOL Surprise confetti pop

Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays

Each year, the UCCC Church generously
provides for three families from the
Salvation Army's list. Boxes will be in the
Narthex along with tags for the gifts.
Please do not wrap the present.

Family #673 1 Adult 1 boy 1 girl

13yr boy: clothing size XL or Husky
shoe 10 AXE Cologne gift set
Ear buds, bike

4yr girl: clothing size 6/7 shoe 10
LOL Surprise, Barbies
Disney Princesses

Family #721 1 Adult 2 boys

5yr boy: clothing size 10/12, shoe 5
Cars, Airplanes, Superheroes

8yr boy: clothing size 14, shoe 6
Mindcraft games, Superheroes
Science kits

Household items/ideas

Cleaning supplies, paper supplies,
cooking utensils, towels, blankets, rugs,
shampoo, soap, body wash/spray.
Holiday decorations.

**All items need to be at the church on
Sunday, December 16th.**

Family #743 1 Adult 1 boy 1 girl

12 yr boy: clothing size 30x30 men's
pants Men's size small
shoes 5 Seahawk stuff,
Seahawk blanket,
Soccer stuff

Annual Holiday party at
Donna and Lyle Miller's
2236 West 14th
December 8th at 7:00p.m.
Please bring an appetizer
to share and a white
elephant gift to exchange.



SERVERS FOR DECEMBER

Date	Greeter	Reader	Coffee Host	Child Care
12/2	Nikki	Rymmel	Council	
12/9	Adele	Dale	Wilcox	Nikki
12/16	Nikki	Susan S.	Miller	
12/23	Nikki	Cheryl		
12/30	Nikki	Caroline		



December Birthdays

Sue Wilson	5
Lindsay Miles	9
Rosemary Ross	10
Bruce Lavier	16
Bob Wilson	17
Betty Dahlberg	20
Shirley Miller	21
Dave Long	23

December Anniversaries

R. J. and Denise Miles	3
Bruce & Annabelle Lavier	20
Bob and Joy Krein	27



The December collection for the pantry will be Adopt a Family. Tags will be available soon.

Calendar of Events

Dec 8— 10am Habitat Bazaar
Soup luncheon
Dec 9—Women's Fellowship Bazaar
Dec 10—Noon Women's Fellowship
Dec 11—10am Decorating in Tenney Hall
2pm Church Council
Dec 12—2pm Foster Children party
Dec 24—Worship (time to be announced)
Dec 25 & 26—office closed
Jan 1 2019—Office closed
AA MEETS: Mon-Fri 7-8am
Mon & Fri 6-7pm
Sat & Sun 5-6pm
Tues 5:30-6:30pm

Noon Book Study

Wednesday, January 2, 2019
Isabella Gray room.

The book is THE PLAIN TRUTH by the very prolific American author, Jodi Picoult. Readers who are interested in the Amish culture of Pennsylvania's Lancaster County will learn much from this mystery novel. Spirituality blends with an unexpected death in this fast-moving paperback. The Amish, whose lives are dictated by a strict Ordnung, must deal with an unnatural death at one of their farms. Klindt's has the book in stock and it is marked "UCC Book Club." Also in stock is the book for both January and February: THE FAITH CLUB, which is also a paperback.

Books are available at Klindt's.

Save the Dates!!!

UCCC will serve community meals:

February 10th

May 5th

September 15

These are Sunday afternoons.

Women's Fellowship News

Our November meeting had guest speaker Glenis Schreffler sharing about the Backpack Program sponsored by the First United Methodist Church with eight churches from the area assisting. Glenis chairs this tremendous outreach to children from all schools in The Dalles that are in need of food during their weekends while away from their school breakfast and lunch programs. Over 150 food bags are given out weekly to these children and their families in need. The food chosen is mostly non-perishable and that which can be consumed with little preparation. It is an amazing outreach. Donations area always welcomed and needed. A list of preferred food is available in our church office. Monetary funds can be given by writing a check to the payee: First United Methodist Church and the FOR indicating "The Backpack program". We thank Glenis for her amazing outreach and perpetual commitment to this program. She says that it is spiritually driven and a generous God that provides the power behind the program which is amazing, including the prayers and volunteers and all that is donated.

At our business meeting, it was voted on that eight \$25 gift cards will be given to the Backpack program to help where needed. We also designated a \$100 check to the Department of Human Services. This money is used towards children in need of Christmas cheer.

Lots of activities abound in December. We have the Church Bazaar, our annual Soup and Bread Luncheon and the Foster Children's Christmas Party as our events which need active participation. The Church Bazaar is on December 9th right after church. All of us attending church participate in the Bazaar. Bring your food goods, your home-made crafts, and other appropriate items the morning of the Bazaar, right before church. As soon as church is over the Bazaar will begin. Your contributions strengthen Women's Fellowship outreach to others. Monday, December 10th, is the date for our annual December Soup and Bread Luncheon that begins at NOON. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Soup is being brought by Caroline Homer, Jean Vercooteren, and Rymmel Lovell. Yvonne Hartung and Joy Krein are the Hostesses. They will set up the event and provide the dessert. Rosemary Ross will provide the Devotional. Sue Wilson will organize our annual card signing sent to members and friends no longer able to attend church. We also will have guest speaker Jenny Loughmiller sharing her Hundred Hearts Project and her focus on Gratitude.

On Wednesday, December 12th, many members help with the Foster Children's Christmas Party which is from 2 to 4. This is a church sponsored event. Gifts, for the Gift Shoppe, are supplied by all of us attending church. The gifts are for the parents attending the party and given to them by their children who have shopped in the Gift Shoppe during the party. If you have a gift to give, please drop it off the at the office by Monday, December 10th. We are still in need of Gifts for men; jewelry and scarves for women and socks, hats and gloves for men and women.

The Christmas Bazaar Coupon

On the Bazaar tables you might see "Christmas Bazaar Coupons." These coupons are offering you an item to buy. Something you don't want right away...maybe a month or two from now. Many items could be offered, like pies, cinnamon rolls, cobblers, even a dinner for 4... who knows! Look for them! The seller will list what they are selling; the price of the item and their name. The potential buyer sees the coupon, what is being sold and by whom and the price. The potential buyer decides to buy the coupon...how...by picking it up and taking it to the cashier with the money it takes to buy it. The cashier cuts the coupon and gives the buyer the bottom half. The top half goes to the seller. The seller either calls or meets with the buyer. Arrangements are made as to when the buyer will receive the purchased item!! For example: The seller has a coupon for an apple pie for \$8.

The potential buyer sees that coupon and wants the Apple Pie but not now...maybe in January. The buyer picks up the coupon and takes it to the cashier with the \$8 owed. The cashier takes the money, cuts the coupon and saves the top half for the seller and gives the bottom half to the buyer. Soon after the seller meets with the buyer at the Bazaar...or goes home and calls the buyer to make arrangements for the Apple Pie to be delivered. The buyer says to the seller, "I would like the Apple Pie delivered on January 20th." So, on January 20th the buyer receives an Apple Pie from the seller!! Yum!! (P.S. Any one of us can be the seller or buyer...have fun participating!!)

Wiley Memorial Crèche

The Irving Nathaniel Wiley Memorial Crèche will be on display the first Sunday in December through Epiphany. The seventy-year old Crèche was given in memory of Mr. Wiley by his family during the Christmas season after his passing from a sudden heart attack on April 4, 1948. Christmas was a special time for him and his family as he was born on Christmas Day 1892. He was a member of this church from 1924-1948; but at that time, it was known as the First Congregational Church.

While living in The Dalles, he had been a teacher, principal and assistant coach at The Dalles High School as well as serving as a Sunday School teacher at our church. He and his wife Margie had six children, now all deceased. His living family members from this church are his daughter-in-law Dorothy Wiley, and his grandchildren, Joy Krein and Doug Hattenhauer and their spouses. Plus, many other grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren from The Dalles, other towns in Oregon and throughout the Northwest, Iowa and Washington, D.C.

Foster Children's Christmas Party

Plans are underway for The Foster Children's Christmas Party that will be held Wednesday, December 12th from 2 to 4 pm.

Corliss Marsh and Joy Krein are co-chairing the event. Committees are being set up and arranged. Gifts for the Gift Shoppe are being purchased by you and dropped off at the church office by December 10th. If you are on a committee, your arrival time to the party is 1:30 pm as we will have a short directional meeting and prayer before the guests arrive. You are welcome to wear Christmas cheer! This is a function of the church sponsored by the Mission Committee. We appreciate and are grateful for everyone's involvement and fellowship in this meaningful event. Thank you for your participation.

December Events:

December 2 New Interim Pastor, Rev. Bill Comfort and his wife Shari are with us

Tags to buy gifts for the three Salvation Army Families are available

December 8 Habitat for Humanity Bazaar—Tenney Fellowship Hall

December 9 Our Church Bazaar held right after church in the Robert's Room

Gifts for the Three Salvation Army Families can be brought to church

December 10 Women's Fellowship Soup and Bread Luncheon...all women of the church are welcome **Time: NOON**

December 11 Decorating for the Foster Children's Christmas Party 10:00

December 12 Foster Children's Christmas Party 2:00 to 4:00

All workers arrive by 1:30

December 16 Last Sunday for the Salvation Army Family Gifts to be brought to church

The Christmas Fund

One of our Christmas mission projects is the UCC's Christmas Fund. These monies go to the denomination's emergency fund and help for retired pastors, their spouses and church workers. Please consider giving generously to the servants of God who are in tough circumstances. Thank You.