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CE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

This *Sunday, June 5*, we celebrate the teachers and other volunteers who have staffed our Christian Education program this past year. A reception in their honor will be held in Gatton Hall following worship.

GRADUATION NEWS REQUEST

It's that time of year again! Please submit information about 2005 high school and college graduates. The list will appear in the next *Congregational News*, so be sure to e-mail sbwickes@comcast.net or write and drop off in the office the following about your graduate: **graduate's name, school, and plans for the coming year(s), plus any other pertinent information.** The deadline is June 7, but sooner is better.



CHILDREN OF WAR SPEAK THROUGH MUSIC, ART

This *Saturday, June 4*, at 7:30 p.m. at our church, there will be a special concert for peace by the **Oregon State University Chamber Choir**, directed by

Steven Zielke. The choir will premiere a commissioned song by Grammy Award-winning composer, Libby Larsen: "I Dream of Peace," featuring children's poetry from a book by the same name, published by UNICEF. Choral works by Aaron Copland, Rene Clausen, Eric Whitacre and Michael Coolen will also be performed starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

The compelling art exhibit, "Children Behind the Wire," continues this next week, *June 6 - 9*, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.; *June* (continued on page 3)

THIS SUNDAY

Adult Forum: Sunday morning's program will feature information about the resolutions that will be considered by the UCC General Synod in Atlanta from *July 1-5*. Complete texts of all resolutions are available at UCC.org.

Scriptures: Genesis 28:10-17

Sermon: "Surely God Is in This Place and I Did Not Know It"
Elizabeth Oettinger

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Ryan Lambert*

The end of the church year always inspires us to say “Thank You” to those who have played key roles in the success of the past year. This Sunday we will honor our Church School teachers as we celebrate the importance of educational ministries as a part of the life of our congregation. Living in a university town we are very aware of the importance of education, and I think the quality of our church school teachers speaks to the belief that quality education must also happen in our Christian Education experiences. In much the same way that public school teachers find their job descriptions broadening, our teachers end up being far more than “just” a Sunday School teacher. They are mentors, friends, disciplinarians, safety officers, biblical interpreters, art teachers and so much more. Church school teachers are often the adult that our young people have the most interaction with and as such they are extremely important in assuring that our children continue to attend and grow in faith in our congregation. In their many roles church school teachers devote a great deal of time and energy to nurturing the growing faith of the young people of our congregation. This week we say “Thank you” and celebrate your gifts.

This year our Christian Education teachers have been the following individuals: Tanya Andersson, Aleita Holcombe, Mike Huntington, Pat Johnson, Shauna Lambert, Dorothy Price, Sally Robertson, Sue and Doug Richmond, Nancy Swain, and George Mueller-Warrant. Our nursery attendants and activity hour coverage has been handled by Hans Eleveld, Amanda LaBonte, Alex Mueller-Warrant, and Annie Mueller-Warrant. Also, after Amanda, Alex, and Alex left for Germany in April, Anna Marie Swenson has stepped into the nursery and Dana Poling has led Activity Hour. We appreciate the gifts that you all bring to teaching our young people and helping us all grow in faith as we benefit from the presence and growing faith of our young people.

Finally, as we celebrate the end of the Church School year I want to plug our next big Christian Education event. After several years in dry-dock, Vacation Bible School is returning August 22-26. Vacation Bible School provides an opportunity for a short, but intense Christian education experience. Our Vacation Bible school will run during the evenings, allowing working parents to be involved and help to cut down on conflicts with summer day camps. I encourage parents to put this event on your summer calendar and for anyone interested in serving as a teacher, music resource, or craft resource to please contact me. Vacation Bible School was always an important part of my childhood summer schedule – I hope it will be for our children too.

Have a thoughtful week,

Ryan



Both the **Middle** and **High School** groups are invited to come to the Holy Sox game and root on the team beginning at 4:20. Following the game we will car-

pool to the Lambert's home for hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream dessert. This will be the last regular youth group meeting of the year so bring ideas for a few summer activities!

MISSION OFFERING FOR JUNE

Through our gifts to **Strengthen the Church**, we further our commitment to be a multiracial, multicultural church, open and affirming and accessible to all. We strengthen and renew existing congregations. We fund leadership for new congregations and we provide exciting new program for youth and young adults. The program enables the South Dakota and Northern Plains Conferences to help two new congregations, Sudan UCC in Sioux Falls, and Sudanese Christian UCC in Fargo, serve Sudanese Christian refugees and help them adjust to their new life.

Half of the offering will be used at the Conference level and half for Local Church Ministries.

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11, 8:00 - noon; and *June 12*, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. This exhibit, which serves as a backdrop for this concert, consists of

work primarily done by children, some dating back as far as World War I, gathered from areas where the American Friends Service Committee has worked, from central Europe, to Afghanistan, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and the United States. Admission to the exhibit is free.

PLAN AHEAD: Salmon Barbecue is scheduled for *Sunday, July 24*

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Emily Chi will have her senior recital, playing both piano and violin, on *Sunday, June 5*, at 2:00 p.m.

Jessica Moolenaar, soprano, who soloed with our choir for the Rutter *Requiem* on All Saints' Sunday and the Vivaldi *Gloria* at Christmas, will offer a recital at 6:00 p.m. the same day. Both performances are in our sanctuary.

ABOUT SUMMER NEWSLETTERS

The *Congregational News* goes to twice-monthly issues in July and August. Please make a note of deadlines and issue dates so that your news will make the newsletter!

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
<i>July 5</i>	<i>July 8</i>
<i>July 19</i>	<i>July 22</i>
<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 5</i>
<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 19</i>

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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, June 7.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, June 3

7:00 a.m. First Friday Forum,
 Burton's

Sunday, June 5- C E Recognition Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
 9:30 a.m. C E classes
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 (following) Reception, Gatton Hall
 12:15 p.m. Mission trip meeting,
 Fireplace Room
 Middle School youth
 High School youth
 2:00 p.m. Emily Chi recital (p. 3)
 4:30 p.m. Holy Sox,
 N. Chintimini
 (youth groups attend)
 6:00 p.m. Jessica Moolinaar
 recital (see p. 3)

Monday, June 6

5:30 p.m. Basketball
 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Tuesday, June 7

10:15 a.m. Staff

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 6:15 p.m. Worship Committee
 7:00 p.m. Planned Giving Com-
 mittee, Cancer Center

7:30 p.m. Diaconate
 7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, June 8

7:15 p.m. Breakfast Group
 6:30 p.m. Troop 1 leaders
 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (last)

Thursday, June 9

6:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice
 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142

SHIRTS SUPPORT MISSION TRIP

June 5 is the last Sunday to order a T-shirt in support of the Mission Trip this Sunday. These shirts provide a visible sign of the mission work of our congregation and celebrate our youth in wearable form. Shirt colors are: Teal Blue, Yellow, and Lime Green and cost only \$17. Order in Gatton Hall after worship.