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Our traditional service in remembrance of the saints in our lives will include a special music program. The **Sanctuary Choir**, under the direction of **Steve Zielke**, will sing Mozart's *Requiem*. (The choir appreciates our appreciation of their performance, but asks that there be no applause after the *Requiem*.)

Sunday's worship bulletin includes a form to fill in the names of the saints you would like read during the service. Also, if you wish, you may bring a candle (with holder) to carry forward and light before or during the prelude, or during the first hymn. (Extra candles will be available in the foyer).

## CAMP LUNCH INTRODUCES "WIDENING OUR WELCOME"

Come, enjoy great food and fellowship, and a chance to learn more about the Central Pacific Conference's **Widening our Welcome!** campaign! On *Sunday, October 30* after worship, the Stewardship Committee has put together a fun and informative program to acquaint you

with the Conference WOW! campaign. **Ryan** and **Shauna Lambert** will be heading the cooking crew making the best camp lunch ever!

The Rev. **Susan Leo**, Pastor of Bridgeport United Church of Christ in Portland, will be our guest speaker. She is an exciting and charismatic leader, and pastor of one of our Conference's flourishing new church starts. You will also have a chance to sing camp songs, and hear members of our congregation share some thoughts on the ministry of Camp Adams, another major recipient of WOW! funds.

## THIS SUNDAY

**Adult Forum:** A panel discussion by Hospice staff and church members who have had the services of hospice: **Marsha Gulick, Caroline Zaworski, Ann Hawkins** and **Dale Kirk**.

**Scriptures:** Matthew 5:1-12  
Revelation 7:9-17

**Sermon:** "Saints I Have Known"  
Ryan Lambert

Greetings Friends,

During Sunday's worship we will celebrate All Saints Day, a day when we remember and celebrate the saints of our lives. This service stands out as an emotional and spiritual highlight of the year for me because in the simple process of reading the names of the saints of our lives we are both celebrating our history and looking to the future. We are looking back as we read the names of the saints and we are reminded of the lasting impact that our loved ones have upon our lives, a reality that their death has not taken away. This is a day of remembrance, when the memory of loved ones looms large. But this is not simply another day to mark our losses; as we read the names of the saints we celebrate the impact that they have had upon our lives and remember the promises of God that comfort us in our times of loss. Thus, tears are appropriate on All Saints Day because we are undoubtedly aware of the earthly absence of our loved ones and our own sense of loss.

However, laughter and joy are also an important part of this day. All Saints Day is about the simple reminders of life. It is about our smiling when we remember our loved one's favorite saying, their smiling face, or the family legend that everyone tells. Amid the somber reflections of All Saints Day this is also time for joyful reflection about lessons taught by the saints of our lives; lessons about how to bait a hook, how to flip an omelet just right, how to find courage in moments of fear and doubt, or how to express words of love even when anger is boiling to the surface. All Saints Day is not simply about marking our losses; it is about celebrating the ways of life that we have been taught and remembering those who were our teachers – as husbands and wives, parents, siblings, and friends.

Finally, All Saints Day is about our future. As we read our list of saints each one of them has taught us things that bubble to the surface and become those things that we simply must pass on to our children and grandchildren, and to our friends and neighbors. All Saints Day provides us with an opportunity to remember the special gifts that have been handed down to us by our beloved family and friends; and we then are charged with keeping the memory of the saints alive by telling their stories and sharing their lessons. And then the saints live for those who are 3 years old, those who are 23, and those who are 93.

I look forward to our day of remembrance, celebration, and storytelling!

See you in church.

**Ryan**

**Remember to set your clocks back one hour this *Saturday night, October 29.***



**Middle School and High School youth:** All we need to show is the regular meeting times in the calendar.

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING**

Our Fifth Sunday Mission Offering is for **Benton Hospice Service**. Hospice makes it possible for the dying to remain at home, cared for by their family and friends. Your donation will help patients live as fully as possible, manage pain and alleviate other discomforts, and live at home among their loved ones. It will help the patients' families remain together through a difficult time, receive professional counsel and care, and reduce the enormous costs of illness by caring for the patient at home. And it will help Benton Hospice Service reach out to more patients and families and continue to inform and educate professional and lay people in our community about hospice care. Please give generously – and join us on Sunday at 9:30 in the Meeting Hall for the Adult Forum program on hospice.

Our kitchen towels and dish cloths are all missing! Before I purchase more, I'd like folks to check their linen closets to see if the church towels got put away accidentally with their own. They are marked "FCC" and are all white.

**Pat Johnson**

### **STEWARDSHEEP REVIEW**

**How many sheep do you need to be part of the annual Stewardship Campaign?**

Every Sheep Counts!

**What is a "sheep friend"?**

Your sheep friend is the individual or family unit with whom you are paired for have a stewardship visit.

**Why do sheep need shepherds?**

Sheep, though intelligent and resourceful, sometimes need guidance to make it safely from one place to another. Your shepherd is your resource and guide through the stewardship process. He or she will answer questions, make sure the process works for you, and safely guide you and the other sheep in your flock to have a significant visit about the church and bring your pledge cards to our Thanksgiving worship celebration on Sunday, November 20.

**When do I get to meet my sheep friend?**

Packets will be mailed out the first week in November containing your pledge cards, a card for you to keep at home to help you remember your pledge, a visit report form, more WOW campaign information, and a letter revealing the identity of your sheep friend. We ask that you and your sheep friend meet to visit between Sunday November 6 and Saturday, November 19.

**What is a visit report form?**

Your visit report form is the place where you tell us about your visit with your sheep friend. It can be brief, if all is

going well with your sheep friend and their life in the church, or it might be more lengthy if you wish to report a particular concern, suggestion, or celebration of church life offered by your sheep friend.

### **Why visit? Why not just fill out our pledge cards by ourselves?**

Sheep are social animals, and enjoy being with other members of their flock. It a way for all us sheep to make new friends, strengthen old friend ships, and celebrate the life of the church together. And it should be fun!

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of each month from October to May for a luncheon. This is a great way to get to know the wonderful women of all ages that are part of our church family. We would love to have you join us this month, for a fun look at what goes on at Synod, our national meeting of the United Church of Christ. **Nancy Klingeman** will share information about the Synod meeting in Atlanta last July. Lunch (\$4) will begin promptly at noon in Gatton Hall on *November 2*. The program is in the Meeting Hall at 1:00. Child care or transportation can be arranged if you let us know in advance. Any questions—contact **Pat Johnson** (619-4943) or **Monine Stebins** (754-8039). Sign up at church on Sunday or call the church office.

We know that some of you can't attend a noon luncheon meeting, so put the

two evening events on your calendar now: *January 19* will be a Reader's Theater with **Jean Heath** and friends, and *April 20* will be **Alice Mills Morrow** talking about the Guide Dog program. Both meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. *December 7* will be a special Christmas Brunch at 10:00 a.m.

### **TRY-OUT FOR "MARY'S HEART"**

Try-outs for our Christmas play, "Mary's Heart," will be held in the sanctuary from 5:00-8:00 on *Wednesday, November 2*. There are roles for adults and children. Performances will be *December 22, 23 and 24*.

### **LARGE PRINT, ANYONE?**

We are re-calculating the number of large-print worship bulletins to be prepared for Sunday mornings. These bulletins also contain enlarged versions of the hymns for that day. If you would like to regularly use a large-print bulletin, please let the church office know so we can have enough.

### **E-MAIL ALERT**

**Liz Oettinger** has been experiencing difficulties receiving some e-mail messages. If you don't get a reply to a message sent to her, please phone and make sure it got through. Also, the church is in the process of changing e-mail addresses for **Liz, Ryan** and the **church office/Ann**, so watch for notice that this has been completed and make a note of the new addresses.



## OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Last Sunday we welcomed new members, pictured left. (L to R) **Rose Hart, Sally McBride, Steve Zielke (holding Rachel), Nicki Zielke, Marilee Sherwood, and Kent Sherwood.**

[Call the church office for contact information for new members.]

### **Rose Hart**

Rose has two grown sons, **Isaac**, in Seattle, and **Zander**, a freshman at Portland State University. Many of us have enjoyed Zander's trumpet music during worship. Rose is an author and writes math books for curricula development, educating teachers and students Kindergarten - through adult learners. Her hobbies include gardening and cooking. For exercise she regularly "power walks," bicycles, swims, and practices yoga. She is also very interested in origami. Rose was first invited to attend worship here by Rhonda Mueller-Warrant. Rose was attracted to our church because of the spiritual depth and practice of the leaders of our congregation. She says, our church "is the best thing that has happened to me in many years."

### **Sally McBride**

Sally is known to many of us in our congregation and throughout Corvallis for her work as a public school music educator. Although now officially "retired" (musicians never REALLY retire), she continues to do volunteer work in the schools, most recently in Grades K - 5 at Adams School. Sally enjoys games (especially word games), visiting the Oregon coast, and hymns. She was attracted to our congregation by its "alive-ness"; the fact that our members are doers and leaders in the community; and our congregation's devotion to peace, justice, and inclusiveness—a model for the Corvallis community. She says, "Of course, the music is fine!"

### **Kent and Marilee Sherwood**

Kent and Marilee have two grown children, **Kyle** and **Meagan**. They moved to Philomath two years ago from Bellingham, WA, when Kent became Vice-Principal at Philomath High School. He enjoys music, theater, sports, writing, and travel. He is a life-long Congregationalist.

Marilee is self-employed doing technical writing, costume designing, and quilting. Her interests include quilting, sewing, scrapbooking. Kent and Marilee have transferred their membership from our UCC church in Bellingham.

### **Nicki and Steve Zielke**

Nicki and Steve have two children: **David**, age 9, and **Rachel**, age 3 ½ . Nicki is a voice coach and staff pianist at Oregon State University; she also has a music studio at home from which she does freelance work. Her hobbies include gardening, organic vegetables, and flowers—Nicki also enjoys working as a florist part-time). Nicki was attracted to our church by its excellent organ and piano, the choir, our clergy, special music, and our artistic sanctuary for worship.

Steve is Director of Choral Studies at OSU and director of our church choir. His hobbies are reading and music. He was attracted to our church for its theological beliefs, our outreach in the community, and our music.

### **GET YOUR TICKETS FOR YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERTS**

There will be a **Corvallis Youth Symphony** Winter Concert on *Sunday, December 11*, at 3:00 p.m. at LaSells Stewart Center. Tickets purchased from musicians (see names below) will be \$6; tickets at the door or on-line are \$8. Students and children are free with an adult.

**Pink Martini** will be performing with **CYS** on *Saturday, February 4, 2006*, at 8:00 p.m. at LaSells Stewart Center. Tickets are \$20, \$30, and \$40 for the concert, based on seating, and \$95 for a pre-concert dinner and best seats at the concert. Ticket sales start on October 31 at [www.cysassoc.org](http://www.cysassoc.org). Please credit the sales to musicians in our church who are: **Justin Chi, David Jones, Robin Miller, and Patrick Yun.**

### **FILM EXPLORES “THE HIGH COST OF WAL-MART”**

The October-November issue of *United Church News* contains a feature

about the documentary, “WAL-MART: the High Cost of Low Price.” A campaign to promote this film, “Wal-Mart Week of Action,” begins *Sunday, November 13*. In 7,000 communities across the US, people can see this film, learning about the “high cost of Wal-Mart’s low-wage, non-organized workforce.”

In Corvallis, “WAL-MART: the High Cost of Low Price” will be shown at the First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe Ave. The screening begins at 3:00 p.m. and lasts around 90 minutes. An additional 30 minutes for discussion after the film has been scheduled.

On *Wednesday, November 17*, the film will be shown at 7:00 p.m. at Oregon State, location unknown at press time.

If your copy of the *United Church News* has disappeared, you might want to look on line at:

<http://www.ucc.org/ucnews/nov05/walmart.htm>.

## THANKS

... were received from Yale University and Pacific School of Religion for our recent donations of \$187.25 to each. This support helps the schools attract, nurture and train outstanding students for religious leadership.

## Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with **Gregg Smith** and his family. Gregg's mother, **Vivian Smith-Reilly**, died on October 20.

... are with **Mary Youmans** and her family, on the death of her sister, **Helen Prinster**, on October 24 in Colorado.

...continue to be with **Richard Koch**, **John Koch's** brother, who is gravely ill in Los Angeles.

## INTERFAITH PEACEMAKING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, POETRY

Local musicians, artists, and poets will weave their creative talents together at **Tapestry of Peace**. This second annual peace concert, sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries and the Wholistic Peace Institute, will feature such talent as violinist Aaron Meyer, vocal chamber ensemble Cappella Romana, and award-winning poet Primus St. John. A silent auction will be held before the concert and will include the work of regional artists such as acclaimed Native American artist Lillian Pitt.

Tapestry of Peace takes place on *November 14* at the Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland. The Si-

lent Auction of Peace of related artwork takes place 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available for purchase. The cost is \$25 for adults, and \$10 for students under 18. Tickets are available at:

Tickets West

[www.ticketwest.wchc.com](http://www.ticketwest.wchc.com)

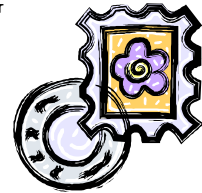
800-992-8499 or 206-632-8499

Tickets are also available at select Safeways and Music Millenniums. For a list of nearby outlets, visit the Tickets West website and click "ticket outlets."

Luce Ainsworth, Conference Office

## STAMPS STILL BEING COLLECTED

Cancelled postage stamps are still being collected by Church Women United to assist with utility bills of low-income families in Washington County. So far this year, \$75 has been received from used stamp companies for these donations. Any stamps can be cut off envelopes with ¼-inch margins and placed in the second drawer at the office end of the nametag cupboard.





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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*All Saints Sunday, October 30*

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 9:30 a.m. C E classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- (following) WOW Camp Lunch**
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School youth
- 6:45 p.m. High School youth

*Monday, October 31*

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

*Tuesday, November 1*

- 9:00 a.m. Staff
- Noon Lectionary class
- 6:15 p.m. Worship Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Diaconate, Library
- 7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee,  
Conference Room

*Wednesday, November 2*

- Noon Women's Fellowship  
luncheon, Gatton Hall
- 5:00-8:00 "Mary's Heart"  
try-outs, Sanctuary**
- 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball

- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- Thursday, November 3*
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142
- Friday, November 4*
- 7:00 a.m. First Friday Forum,  
Burton's  
**CPC Fall Youth  
Event**
- 7:00 p.m. Bridge Group