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OREGON FESTIVAL CHOIRS

Again this year, we welcome the youth of the Oregon Festival Choirs, based in Eugene. They will have spent the weekend in retreat at our church and will sing for this Sunday's service. Peter Robb is the choir's director.

JOIN THE SANCTUARY CHOIR FOR ALL SAINTS' MOZART REQUIEM



The Sanctuary Choir will be performing sections of the Mozart *Requiem* for the All Saints' Day Sunday service on *October 30*. Those interested in joining the choir for this performance may do so by attending the remaining rehearsals:

- Wednesday, October 12 7:15-8:20
- Wednesday, October 19 8:00-8:45
- Sunday, October 23 12:15-2:00
(provided meal in Gatton Hall after worship; rehearsal follows)
- Thursday, October 27 7:15-8:30

This is a great opportunity for someone to experience the choir for the short term and enjoy this incredible work. We will be singing the "Introitus," "Kyrie,"

"Confutatis," and Lacrymosa." Please join us.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS THIS WEEK

We are please to announce that an Adult Confirmation class, taught by **Ryan Lambert** and **Liz Oettinger**, is set to begin on *Tuesday, October 11*. The class will continue on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month through the end of May. If you would like to study the Bible, church theology, church history and the polity of the UCC, join us Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.. The class syllabus will be available for pick-up this Sunday.

THIS SUNDAY

Adult Forum: **Ray William** will speak about the Cultural Exchange Program with Corvallis's sister city, Uzhgorod

Scriptures: Matthew 22:1-14
Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon: "Snapshots from the Early Church"
Elizabeth Oettinger

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Ryan Lambert*

Dear Friends,

It is now just over a month since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast region of the United States. Of course, Hurricane Rita followed soon after, and the region bore the brunt of another storm. Many of you have asked how to help and many of you have futhered the recovery efforts by contributing through the United Church of Christ's Hurricane Recovery offerings. Here is a recent report that outlines how that money has been used, as of September 24, and the plan for the use of future donations.

- \$25,000 Church World Service, to support distribution of blankets, health kits, and deployment of Disaster Response and Recovery Liaisons
- \$15,000 UCC South Central Conference to meet emergency needs; provide grants to UCC clergy families who have been displaced and lost homes & income sources
- \$60,000 Community of Faith Church of Houston (UCC/Disciples) Amistad Resettlement Project, to assist in paying resettlement costs (two months housing; food and clothing allowance) for 78 evacuated families who have been identified to participate in long-term resettlement project
- \$15,000 UCC Southeast Conference to meet emergency needs; feeding evacuees in Atlanta through the Hosea Williams Feeding Program (at the request of Ambassador Andrew Young)
- \$20,000 UCC Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Mississippi to re-establish mission site for emergency relief and long-term recovery and rebuilding
- \$5,000 Purchase of two Iridium satellite phones and service for use by Back Bay Mission staff as long as normal land-line and cell phone communications are disrupted
- \$5,000 UCC-related Dillard University, New Orleans to repair damage to campus
- \$5,000 UCC related Olivet College, Michigan, to help cover costs of feeding and sheltering 18 evacuees
- \$10,000 UCC National Disaster Ministries and Church World Service for research, production and dissemination of environmental hazards/protection information related to Hurricane Katrina
- \$(amount pending) UCC South Central Conference, Good Shepherd UCC, Metairie, Louisiana to prepare church building to serve as site for returnee housing/hospitality and long-term mission trip base camp
- *Recovery Phase - October 1- December 31, 2005 (projected funding)*

- \$100,000 Church World Service Relocation Program for Displaced Americans, relocation of 165 families in various sites across U.S.
- \$100,000 Church World Service - Spiritual Care for Caregivers
- \$90,000 Support for recovery efforts of nine UCC congregations in New Orleans Association
- \$15,000 Back Bay Mission, support for Wider Church Ministries (WCM) Volunteer to serve as mission trip coordinator (12 months)
- \$30,000 UCC South Central Conference, support for two WCM Volunteers to serve as hurricane recovery coordinators (12 months)
- Rehabilitation Phase - January 1, 2006—future (projected funding)
- \$500,000 UCC Back Bay Mission/UCC National Disaster & Volunteer Ministries Home reconstruction program
- \$500,000 Ecumenical Home reconstruction program

This outline of funding is based on the UCC's national goal of raising three million dollars to help meet the needs of those affected by this disaster. It proclaims a daunting list of financial, spiritual, and physical needs. It also proclaims the power of working together as a denomination and the importance of being connected to one another to assist in times of need. Thank you to all who have given financial and prayerful support to our outreach toward the Gulf Coast.

Have a thoughtful week,

Ryan

P.S. Part of the recovery phase money will support a Mission Trip coordinator at the Back Bay Mission. How about a Spring Break adult-teen work trip?



Thanks to everyone for rolling with the illness-related cancellations of late. I am on the mend and we will have regular youth group this week: Middle School from 4:30-6:45; and Senior High from 6:45-8:45. I hope to see you there. Bring a friend if you like! Questions? Call me at the church or email rylamb@yahoo.com.

Ryan



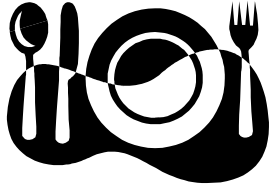
BRIDGE NIGHT

Friday night is bridge night at First Congregational, as is each first Friday of the month. Join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. Questions? Call **Rhonda** or **George Mueller-Warrant** (758-1667).

F Y I The community “Big Night for the Big Easy” event, held Sunday at our church, raised \$2000 for hurricane relief.

FEEDING HIS SHEEP

Following a thoughtful sermon last Sunday, our church family is offered an opportunity to turn words into deeds.



Westminster House (United Campus Ministry at OSU) has been offering a weekly evening meal for the needy in the Corvallis area. This meal is provided seven days a week at various locations in town with WestM hosting each Tuesday.

Now, Westminster House needs another of their sponsoring churches to be responsible for one Tuesday meal a month. **Pat Johnson** and **Dorothy Price** have come forward to help our church with this once-a-month mission project. Our day will be the third Tuesday of every month starting on *November 15* at the First Christian Church, which has volunteered their brand new kitchen for our use. (They also provide the meals on two other Tuesdays and every Saturday and Sunday of the month.) First Christian Church is located right downtown in the proximity of many of the homeless.

Shift hours will be 3:00-5:00 p.m. (to set-up and cook meal) and 5:00-7:00 p.m. (to serve the meal and clean-up) each third Tuesday of the month. Help would also be needed to make a shopping trip to the Food Pantry to determine the menu. If you are interested in helping with this mission, please contact Pat Johnson or **Nancy William**, Mission Board chair.

JOIN THE SECOND ANNUAL CREATION CELEBRATION

A celebration of faith and creation that will inspire participants to relate care for the planet to their faith is planned for *October 22*, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe Avenue, will host.

The event includes keynote speaker Peter Illyn of "Restoring Eden." twelve workshops, children's activities and an interfaith worship service. Childcare will be available. Lunch tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the front door for \$5 per person. The meal will be prepared by Chef Intaba using local, organic ingredients. There is also a suggested donation of \$5 per family.

Our church is one of the sponsors and has helped to plan this exciting event. Other sponsors include eight additional local churches, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns, and Corvallis Northwest Earth Institute.

For more information or to volunteer to cook, call Maureen Beezhold (752-3517).

A D CIRCLE TO MEET

The A D Circle will meet *Wednesday, October 12*, at the home of **Coral Torley**, 1820 NW Woodland Drive. **Priscilla Zaworski** will lead the discussion. All are welcome. For further information, contact Coral.

FEELING SECURE YET?

Join other community members to discuss ways Oregonians can help create a safer world on *Monday, October 17*, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Corvallis Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Ira Shorr, Field Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility in Washington D.C., and political satirist (AKA Senator Jess Tussme), will lead a lively discussion on the issues of Iraq, Terrorism, Nuclear Dangers, and Global Warming and what they mean for Oregon. Conversation will include how citizens can weigh in on new directions for national security policy.

For more information contact **Richard Raymond**, PSR Corvallis (760-1312).

The youth groups would like to extend a "thank you" to **Wayne and Verlyne Phillips** for their donation of a foosball table to the Senior High room. This new addition to the room helps to make it a more inviting place to hang out and we appreciate it!

SQUARE DANCING REMINDER

Everyone (adults and teens, couple and singles) is invited to participate in the Hoedown Square Dance this *Saturday evening, October 8* in Gatton Hall. It starts at 7:30 and goes until 10:30 – and it's free! Men are requested to wear long

sleeved shirts; traditionally women wear dresses, but pants are okay too.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with **Tanya Andersson**, whose step-father died Monday;

... are with **Molly Chambers** and her family, on the recent death of her sister and niece in Ohio;

... are with **John Koch's** brother **Richard**, who is gravely ill in Los Angeles;

... are with **Greg Smith's** mother, **Vivian**, recovering from surgery on Tuesday in Salem.

From the Mission Fest Meal, October 2

CHKALAKA SAUCE

A typical vegetable sauce from South Africa. Hot and spicy to give flavor to the mieliepap, (cooked corn meal) usually served with chakalaka.

¼ cup oil
 2 large carrots, grated
 2 large tomatoes, chopped
 1 red pepper, chopped
 1 can baked beans in tomato sauce
 1 onion, finely chopped 1 jalapeno chili, finely chopped
 Curry powder to taste
 3 inches fresh ginger root, chopped
 2 large cloves garlic, chopped
 Salt & pepper to taste

Heat oil in sauce pan and fry onion, chili, ginger and curry powder. Add car-

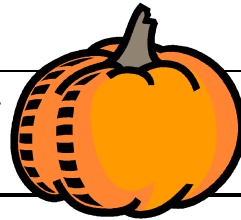
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rots, tomatoes, green pepper and baked
beans. Simmer for 5 minutes.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, October 11.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, October 7

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

7:30 p.m. Bridge Group (p. 3)

Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m. C E classes

10:30 a.m. Worship

4:30 p.m. Middle School youth

6:45 p.m. High School youth

7:00 p.m. Read & Feed,
 Christiansons' (right)

Monday, October 10

5:30 p.m. Basketball

7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Staff

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**7:00-8:30 Adult Confirmation
 Class, Fireplace Rm.**

Wednesday, October 12

7:15 a.m. Breakfast Group

5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 13

7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Commit-
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Conference Room

READ & FEED THIS SUNDAY

Greg and Rose Christianson are hosting Read & Feed this month. Their address is 3223 NW 60th Street, Corvallis. The discussion of *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini will begin at 7:00 this *Sunday, October 9*.

ONE MORE GAME!

The **Holy Sox** will be traveling to Portland on *Sunday, October 16* to play against the soft ball team from Bridgeport UCC. This could be a challenging road game for the team so all are invited to carpool up toward Portland on the 16th to root, root, root for the beloved Sox.

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Look for more information in the Sunday
bulletin.