



# Congregational News

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First Congregational has begun its summer schedule! 9:30 a.m. worship begins this *Sunday, June 18*; there is no Christian Education hour. Activity Hour for children continues as usual and there will be child care for toddler-age children and younger. Fellowship Hour will happen following the 9:30 service in the Fireplace Room.

Music for this Sunday will be provided by guest musicians from the Chintimini Chamber Music Festival, going on this week in our sanctuary. We welcome these special guests as well as **Myles Criss**, our organist for this week.

If you'd like worship at an even earlier (and possibly cooler) time this summer, our 8:30 informal chapel service begins *next* week, on *June 25*. (This is in addition to the regular summer service at 9:30.) We will return to the usual Sunday times and places in September.

## STONE SOUP HELPERS NEEDED

We are responsible for Stone Soup on *Tuesday, June 20*. This week marks our first time preparing the meal in the new kitchen at **First Christian Church** (602

SW Madison Ave.). We begin preparations in the more spacious confines of First Christian Church at 3:00 p.m. and will finish cleaning up by around 7:30. Help is needed both in preparing the meal and in serving and cleaning up. Please contact **Ryan Lambert** at the church or via e-mail if you can help!

## SALMON BARBECUE TICKET SALES, SIGN-UPS BEGIN

Salmon Barbecue sign-ups for sub-committee members start this Sunday: **Set-up, Hospitality, Beverage, Activities for children, Food Coordinators, Clean-up**

Tickets are \$6/adults; \$3.50/11 and under. If you won't be in church the next three Sundays, but want to attend, just call  
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## THIS SUNDAY

*June 18*

**Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 15:34- 6:13  
Mark 4:26-34  
**Sermon:** "A Cinderella Story"  
Ryan Lambert

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***Ryan Lambert*

Greetings, Friends,

With this week's "Thought" comes an announcement of great joy. The announcement (in case you haven't heard Grace broadcasting about it at WinCo or holding her baby at a Holy Sox game) is that Shauna and I (and happy big-sister-to-be Grace) will be welcoming a baby into our family at the end of January. We are still early in the pregnancy, but announcing our happy news here allows that this is not "inside" information but instead joyous news that we would like to celebrate with all of you as our church family. We ask for your thoughts and prayers as we move through the months until we will meet the newest member of our family. Shauna and I, and Grace too, are incredibly excited by this news and Grace notes that upon the baby's arrival our family will number 5—because in her eyes Masy (the dog) has full standing!

The news of a pregnancy obviously means that there are preparations to begin, a reality that we have already begun to deal with. At home, this has meant looking again at baby clothes, cribs, and other such things that we stashed as Grace outgrew them. At work, this has meant looking ahead toward next winter to see what provisions need to be in place for taking family-leave after the birth of the baby. Liz and I, along with the Pastoral Relations Committee and the Personnel Committee, have already begun the conversations concerning what that leave might look like and these conversations will continue as we outline a plan. I am grateful for the "family leave" provisions in my terms of call and anticipate that the leave will be a wonderful and practical time for our family.

Finally, I suspect that how I "do" ministry might change a bit after the birth of the baby. A very active and mobile Grace has accompanied me to some youth group events, but by next spring I suspect that a baby-backpack or stroller might become a normal appendage for me. Perhaps I will cut vegetables for Stone Soup with a backpack (and child) upon my back. Undoubtedly the next few months and beyond will include some changes for our family, but for now I share our news because we want to celebrate and give thanks!

Blessings to all,

**Ryan**

**SALMON BARBECUE** *from page 1*  
the office (757-8122) and leave your name with the number of tickets to be reserved for you (adult and children [11 and under]). Those not eating salmon do

not need to purchase tickets, but the set-up crew will need to know if you are attending so that you may be included in the count. A separate sign-up sheet will also be available for those persons.



**Middle School** and **High School** students are invited to the Lamberts' for a barbecue beginning at 4:00 p.m. on *Sunday, June 18*. Drinks and barbecue items will be provided but please bring a salad (Last name A-L); or dessert (M-Z). If the weather is good we will have backyard croquet, Frisbee, etc. If it rains we will have indoor games. Plan to join us! We will be done by 6:45 so that people can go to the Holy Sox game!

### Introducing the Esther L. Kirk Endowment

With gratitude and celebration, I would like to make you aware of a new endowment for the church. Given in memory of **Esther Kirk** by **Dale** and the **Kirk family**, the income from the Esther Kirk endowment will be able to be used 1) to help women of all ages attend women's meetings, camps, retreats and other events; 2) to fund youth and their leaders in attending youth activities, especially mission trips; 3) to help support members of the congregation in need.

This is a significant gift to the church, and a wonderful tribute to Esther. The proposed uses for the endowment income are a lovely reflection of several of Esther's interests and concerns. She was always active in the Women's Fellowship and other women's

activities of the local and wider church. For as long as I knew her, maybe because she and Dale raised five children of their own, she was a strong supporter of the church's youth program. And she was a woman of sensitivity and compassion.

Through this endowment, Esther's warm and supportive presence will continue in this congregation always, a blessing to future generations. Our thanks to Dale and all the Kirks for making it possible.

**Liz Oettinger**

### SIGN UP TO HELP WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please sign up on Sunday to help with Vacation Bible School from *July 23-27*. Teachers, craft people, and youth helpers are needed for "Adventures of the Treasure Seekers: Exploring God's Promises." This promises to be an exciting week for all! Questions? Contact **Ryan Lambert** (757-8122) or by e-mail.

### SUMMER FAMILY FUN!

**Beth Riley's** Adventures in Acting theater camp is offering "Wonderland! The Musical Misadventures of a Girl Named Alice" to be performed at Ashbrook School Theater on *Friday, June 30* (7:30 p.m.), and *Saturday, July 1* (2:30 and 7:30 p.m.) Tickets are at Rice's Pharmacy and at the door (\$7/adults; \$5 students and seniors).

**Alison Pentland** is assistant director and **Grant Thackray** is Tweedle Dee.



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*Sunday, June 18*

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship  
 (following) Fellowship Hour,  
**Fireplace Room**
- 4:00 p.m. Youth barbecue,  
 Lambert (*see page 3*)
- 7:20 p.m. Holy Sox, Pioneer Park

*Monday, June 19*

- 5:30 p.m. Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1
- 7:30 p.m. C E Board,  
 Conference Room

*Tuesday, June 20*

- 9:00 a.m. Staff  
**NO** Lectionary class  
 until fall
- 3:00 p.m. Stone Stoup, **First  
 Christian Church**
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
- 7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest

*Wednesday, June 21*

- 5:30 p.m. Basketball

*Thursday, June 22*

- 6:00 a.m. Youth leave for WRYE
- 11:00 a.m. Spirituality Group
- 11:45 p.m. Lunch Group
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice

**Congratulations**

...to **Caroline Zaworski** and **Charles Helsabeck**, whose engagement was announced in worship last Sunday. Charles lives in Maryland, but will be moving (back) to Oregon. He is no stranger to this church; Charles (Hassel) served as associate minister here from 1976-1979.

...to **Jerrie Andreas**, who will marry **Allan Jones** of Beaverton on June 23.

**Godspeed!**

Our prayers and traveling mercies go with **Jack** and **Joan Overturf** who are moving to the D.C. metro area. Moving trucks will arrive on June 20 and they begin their travels east shortly thereafter.