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SALMON BARBECUE TICKET SALES, SIGN-UPS CONTINUE

Salmon Barbecue sign-ups for sub-committees (**and chairs!**) continue this Sunday. We still need volunteers, especially for **Fellowship Activities for children (following worship)**, but also for **Set-up, Barbecue Crew, Hospitality, Beverages, Food Coordinators, Clean-Up**.

Tickets are \$6/adults; \$3.50/11 and under. If you won't be in church this Sunday or the following two, but want to attend, just call 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.

During the absence of **Liz and Ryan**, please contact the Rev. **Caroline Zaworski** with any pastoral needs through *Monday evening, June 26*.

DISASTER KIT RADIOS AND FLASHLIGHT ORDER STATUS

The hand squeeze-powered flashlights and a second batch of crank flashlight-radios were ordered. The flashlights were out of stock but a new shipment should be received by the retailer near the end of June. Pick up availability of these items will be announced, hopefully in early July.

BENTON HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP STARTS

Benton Hospice Service will offer an eight-week Grief Education and Support Group, beginning *Tuesday, July 11*, from
(continued on page 5)

THIS SUNDAY

June 25

8:30 leaders: John and Ann Hawkins

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11,
19-23, 32-50
Mark 4:26-34

9:30 Sermon: "Courageous Faith:
Is It in Us?"
Caroline Zaworski

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Ryan Lambert*

Dear Friends,

As I prepare to leave for Colorado and the Western Regional Youth Event (WRYE) with seven of our congregation's youth, I write to share with you about the varied places that ministry is taking me this summer. I ask for your prayers (and even your involvement) for each of these settings. On Thursday, I am accompanying Megan Chambers, Deniz Cok, Beth and Jenny Koch, Natalie Lucker, Robin Miller, and Chris Rorrer to Colorado Springs where we will gather with 300 or so other UCC folks for worship, workshops, and a whole lot of fun together. The theme for the event is "Seeking the Summit" which is built around Isaiah 2:5 ("Come, let us go up to the mountaintop, that we may walk in God's paths."). I expect that this will be a powerful experience for our youth as they meet and interact with UCC youth from across the west. I remember my experience at a national Disciples of Christ gathering when I was a youth and it transformed the way I understood the church and my role in it. As we gather in the mountains of Colorado I hope this is a mountaintop experience for our youth!

We are also hoping for a summer "mountaintop" experience for our children. Our Christian Education Board is busy working on Vacation Bible School, which will take place from July 23-27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our theme is "Adventure of the Treasure Seekers: Exploring God's Promises" which will provide us with an opportunity to familiarize our children with bible stories, continue developing their faith, and provide for further opportunity to build community with and among our children. Additionally, we have issued an invitation to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to participate with us in the VBS experience. This is a great opportunity to further build ties with one of our local churches and it acknowledges the close partnership that our two denominations share. I am very excited about our VBS program and hope that all our children are planning to take part. This really is a key part of our church's Christian Education program and a great way to nurture and build friendships among our children. Plan for your child to participate and have them bring a friend or two!

Finally, I will be directing the Genesis/Seekers Camp (2nd and 3rd Grade) at Camp Adams from July 9-15, which, after WRYE and some vacation over the July 4th weekend, will mean that I will not be in worship again until we celebrate Stewardship of Creation Sunday with an outdoor worship on July 16th. Our conference's summer camping program gains its strength from volunteers and church leaders who can take time to lead this vital part of our conference's ministry. I mention this because I so appreciate that our church encourages me to take a leadership role at Camp Adams and allows me to take the time to do so, always acknowledging that it is a part of my

(and our) work. Our theme this year is “Peace Talks” and at camp we are focused on the peacemaking skills that the ministry of Jesus invites us toward. I am inspired by the promise of this year’s program and have high hopes for the impact that it will have even upon our youngest campers. Thank you for your commitment to Camp Adams and this shared ministry of the conference!

Blessings to all,

Ryan

P.S. Although I will be gone on the next few weekends I will be in the office June 27-29 and July 6-7 and I anticipate being available via e-mail while I am in Colorado.

Corrections! Corrections! Corrections!

ON THE EVALUATION FORM

On the first page of the “Survey of Congregational Life,” a box printed over the first three categories. The box did not show on the computer screen and was, apparently, a hidden command in the document. For your information, the first three categories are: Overall, Music, and Preaching. Please evaluate each on the scale 1 - L, indicating, F, O, S, or N for each category. Thank you.

ON THE SPRING 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Please make the following correction on page 21 of your Annual Report for the Board of Trustees:

- Term expiring at end of May 2007: Wayne Phillips, Frank Hall, Dale Kirk
- Term expiring at end of May 2008: Kent Sherwood*, Arne Larson, Gregg Smith* (serving 1 yr. only of a 2 yr. vacant position); Gregg’s term

expired at the end of May 2006, but he subsequently agreed to continue for one additional year.

- Term expiring at end of May 2009: Peter Klingeman, Libby Ankarberg, and Mark Thackray

ANNUAL REPORT CHANGES MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Page 8: Church Clerk’s Report, Joined October 30, 2005: Add the name of **Rose Hart**

Page 22: Nominating Report, Just Peace Committee, term expiring May 2009, delete the name of **Rowland French** and substitute the name of **John Erkkila**.

FOR GRAD NEWS

Anna Marie and **John Holmes’** granddaughter **Anna Marie Holmes Swanson** is marrying **David** (not **John**) **Friday**.

Ask Reverend Manners

Dear Rev. Manners,

I didn't learn about a Sunday morning program at the church that I would have liked to attend because my newsletter didn't arrive until the day before. (Sometimes it has even come later than that!) Can the newsletter be sent earlier? How can I avoid being left out?

Need More Notice!

Dear Need More Notice,

I sympathize with your desire for advance notice. Often the Sunday morning schedule is not finalized until the week before so only one newsletter carries the information. And that is not much help if the news is no longer new when it reaches you.

The process of producing the printed newsletter means that it cannot get to the post office until Thursday. Usually Corvallis people receive their copy the next day, but the "periodicals" postage rate means that heavy volume at the post office can "bump" our mailing. So there is not much we can do to get you your paper version earlier in a reliable way.

But do not despair! Earlier news can be yours very easily, in two ways: First, you can sign up to receive the e-newsletter which arrives in your e-mail Inbox on Wednesday evening. (You can get this in addition to or instead of the printed version). Happily, this costs the

church nothing and is no extra work for anyone. It comes as a plain text document without graphics or special fonts, but any photos in that issue are attached so you get these larger and in color! Second, the newsletter, pretty much as it appears in print (except with color), is available on the church website by Thursday morning. You can access this version while you are away from home on business or vacation, too. The website also keeps an archive of the past year or so of old issues so you can check on information that appeared earlier.

To receive the e-mail version of the newsletter, send your request and e-mail address to sbwickes@comcast.net. To check on the web version, select "Newsletter" from the menu on our church website at www.ucc-corvallis.org. When you do, say a little "thank-you" to Colleen Schlonga of Caresource in Seattle who maintains this site for us.

Yours, **Rev. Manners**

DO YOU HAVE "OVERDUE" LIBRARY BOOKS?

Our church library operates on the honor system and folks are usually prompt about returning books. However, a number of books from our collection have been checked out for several months and need to be returned so that someone else can read them. Please look on your book shelves or under your bed to see if you have forgotten to return one of our books. Summer is a great time to do some "catch-up" reading and a num-

ber of recent publications are on display in the library. Also, there is an entire shelf of recent fiction next to the many shelves of new books so come have a look and check them out!

WOMEN'S CAMP SCHEDULED

Central Pacific Conference Women's Board has scheduled their Camp Adams weekend for *October 6-8*, this fall. **Marsha Gulick** will be the resource leader so be sure to save this date for all UCC women in Oregon, southern Washington, and southern Idaho.

MISSION OFFERING THANKS

On behalf of ABC House, I would like to thank you for your very generous donation. Your support of our mission to serve children in Benton and Linn Counties who may have been victims of abuse in very much appreciated.

Child abuse is something that affects an entire family. It is our goal to continue to serve the children and families of our communities and ensure they receive all the services they will need to help their children and family to heal from the effects of abuse.

Karen Scheler, Executive Director

GRIEF SUPPORT *from page 1*

5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Each week there will be a short educational presentation related to the grieving process including practical tips on how to cope. Discussion and a sharing of experiences in a supportive environment will follow.

The number of participants is limited so please call Mary H. Miller, Bereavement Coordinator, at 757-9616 by *July 7* to pre-register or for more information. The hallway bulletin board has a complete list of the programs for each week.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jody Eleveld 7/1, Susan Cowles 7/2, Dale Kirk 7/2, John Holmes 7/7, Erin O'Dell 7/7, Deniz Cok 7/10, Mary Youmans 7/11, Eric Skyllingstad 7/11, Justin Chi 7/13, Abigail Neely 7/16, Gloria Buckley 7/18, Will Zaworski 7/21, Karen French 7/26, Cliff Trow 7/27, Jean Heath 7/27, Megan Chambers 7/29, Alice Sperling 7/31

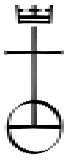


JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Amy Nafshun 7/1
Mike and Susan Henthorne 7/6
John Koch and Libby Ankarberg 7/7
(22nd)
George and Rhonda Mueller-Warrant
7/12 (32nd)
Kathy and Phil Mason 7/18 (18th)
Tim and Susan Cowles 7/25 (36th)

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Are your family's occasions on our list? If not, or if corrections are needed, get the information to **Susan Wickes** via e-mail (sbwickes@comcast.net) or by dropping a note in the church office newsletter mailbox. (Anniversary dates are optional.) We don't want to leave anyone out.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, June 27.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel worship**
- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary worship
- (following) Fellowship Hour,
Fireplace Room
- 7:20 p.m. Holy Sox, W. Sunset

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

- 9:00 a.m. Staff
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation
- 7:15 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, June 28

- 7:15 a.m. Breakfast Group
- 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball

Thursday, June 29

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice

**WOMEN AND HEALTH KITS
 GONE TO INDIANA**

Five members of our congregation are attending the "Mix in '06" national

UCC/Disciples women's gathering in Indianapolis this week. They are **Nancy Klingeman, Eleanor MacDonald, Joan Pelto, Beverly Whitmore, and Priscilla Zaworski**. Accompanying them is one bulging suitcase with all the items donated by Corvallis folks for the Church World Service health kits which will be assembled during the meeting. Special thanks to everyone who contributed items for the kits!

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER
 SCHEDULE**

After *June 30*, we switch to our summer newsletter (every other week) until September. If you have information for summer newsletters, here are some dates to remember:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue</u>
<i>July 11</i>	<i>July 14</i>
<i>July 25</i>	<i>July 28</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>August 11</i>
<i>August 22</i>	<i>August 25</i>