



# Congregational News

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## LAST SUNDAY FOR SALMON BARBECUE TICKETS

This *Sunday, July 16*, will be the last Sunday before the barbecue to get tickets. We are in for a treat this year: at least two of our former ministers will be present: **Al** and **Kay Slighter** (1964-1975) and **Greg** and **Kathy Turner** (1980 - 1991). Another special treat will be a music performance by **Chris Rorrer** on keyboard and guitar, **Gavin Milligan** on guitar, **Steve Milligan** on bass, **Kyle Thackray** on guitar and **Rob Turkisher** (adult neighbor of Chris) on drums. They will play for about 20 minutes between the meal and dessert. This is a new band and barbecue participants will get a chance to help name it.

We still need a few helpers and a Children's Activity Coordinator. Let the church office know if you can help!

Please call the church (757-8122) and leave a message if you wish to **reserve** your tickets for the barbecue. Indicate your name, how many adults and how many children. Your reserved tickets may be picked up at the ticket table the morning of the barbecue. If people do not wish to eat salmon, it is not necessary to purchase a ticket; however, for

purposes of set-up, we still need to know if you plan to attend.



### *THIS SUNDAY – July 16* *Integrity of Creation Sunday*

- 8:30 leader:** Dorothy Price  
**Scriptures:** Psalm 148  
**9:30 readings:** From Hildegarde of Bingen to Walt Whitman  
**9:30 music:** Adam Grieve, tenor  
Kristin Rorrer, keyboard

### *NEXT SUNDAY – July 23* *(9:30 service only)*

- Scriptures:** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56  
**Sermon:** “The Problem With Cathedrals”  
Elizabeth Oettinger

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***Elizabeth Oettinger*

Dear Friends,

Every year on the UCC calendar, there is a Sunday set aside for a celebration of the UCC's commitment to the "Integrity of Creation." That Sunday usually occurs in the early spring, sometimes in conjunction with Earth Day. Being good independent Congregationalists, we can decide whether or not we want to observe that Sunday. This year, as Ryan and I were talking about it, we came up with the idea of doing our Integrity of Creation Sunday in the summer and doing it outdoors. Other than our Salmon Barbecue, we don't use Hanson Grove much. It is such a lovely space, and one where we are very aware of particular beauty of our little corner of the Earth. So we will be worshipping in Hanson Grove this coming Sunday.

The service is titled "**Lovers and Defenders of the Earth,**" and will feature a series of readings from voices as diverse as 12<sup>th</sup> century mystics, nineteenth century poets, and present day environmentalists. I invite you to enter into the spirit of the day in several ways. First of all, if you are able, consider traveling to church other than by individual automobiles. Carpool with someone who lives close by; ride your bike; run; walk. Bring something with you to put on the Communion table that speaks to you about loving or defending the earth, or both. Flowers, rocks, bird's nests, shells—use your imagination! And finally, come ready to think about your relationship with the created world. What commitment can you make that will demonstrate your caring for the Earth? What concrete ideas can you share with fellow congregation members to help us all live more gently on the earth? There will be a place for you to bring those commitments and suggestions, which will then be collected and published in the next newsletter.

"The earth is God's and all that dwells therein." Let us joyfully celebrate our relationship with the Earth and our commitment to its future.

Have a thoughtful week.

**Liz**

**STONE SOUP, COUNTY FAIR  
NEED YOU**

Our church's turn to prepare **Stone Soup**, comes around again on *Tuesday, July 18*. If you are able to help with set-up, preparation of the meal, or clean-up—or if you have questions—please contact **Pat Johnson** (619-4943). The meal is

prepared and served at First Christian Church (602 SW Madison Ave).

We will also have **County Fair booth** sign-ups after church this *Sunday, July 16*. If you want to participate, but won't be in church, please call the church office to volunteer. The fair runs *August 2-6*.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 23-27, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. If your child(ren) plan(s) to attend, please e-mail (ucc@proaxis.com) or call the church office (757-8122) by *Wednesday, July 19* to let us know. Parents received an earlier mail-out with the Medical & Insurance Liability forms. These forms must be filled out and returned to the church office prior to VBS.

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**VBS still needs the following:** A Craft Leader and Assistant for *Sunday, July 23*, and a Recreation Assistant for *July 23* (**Aleita Holcombe** will be the Recreation Leader the entire week). Daily craft activities are provided in the VBS curricula. Please consider this way of participating in our youth program; just call the church office

### ANTIQUe AND COLLECTIBLE SALE FOR VINA MOSES

Support the programs of the Vina Moses Center by shopping at the annual Antique and Collectible Sale, held this *Friday and Saturday, July 14, and 15* from 9:00-3:00 at the First Methodist Church on Monroe Avenue.



### STILL TIME TO EVALUATE

About fifty of the church evaluations

have been received by the Pastoral Relations Committee. Thank you to those who have sent them in. However, the committee would be more comfortable in its conclusions if it had 80-100 surveys, so it will continue receiving them for another two weeks. Extra surveys are available in the church office. Leave them in the Diaconate box.



Our best wishes to **Gina Massoni**, daughter of **Gary and Betty**, and **Roger Marchand**, who were married on July 1 in Walla Walla. **Liz Oettinger** officiated.

### LABELS AND STAMPS STILL NEEDED

Labels and "Box Tops for Education" are still being collected for the Crossroad School in Indiana. Also, canceled postage stamps with ¼ inch envelope surround are still needed for "Care to Share" in east Washington county. These items should be placed in the second drawer closest to the office in the foyer cabinet. Many thanks to all you collectors! We are *not* collecting Betty Crocker points.

### CHECK OUT THE BAND!

**Chris Rorrer's** band, Secluded Corner, will be performing at Vinci Days this year. You can hear the five-member band on *Friday, July 14*, in front of the Central Park gazebo at 6:40 p.m.

## PFLAG HAS DIFFERENT SCHEDULE IN JULY

In July, the PFLAG meeting will be on the fifth Monday, *July 31*, instead of the fourth, and at a different time and place. The summer potluck starts at 6:00 p.m. at First Congregational UCC.

All people who celebrate diversity are welcome to attend. Questions? Call 231-9598.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to church members and friends who sent their cards of sympathy and prayers after Richard's sudden death on May 9<sup>th</sup>, nine months after his mini-stem cell and bone marrow transplants for his myelofibrosis and CML (Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia).

Knowing that others care was a great comfort to us. Thank you. We cherish our memories of Richard.

Pearl Doolin and family

## COME SING THIS SUMMER

Join, sing and have fun with the **OSU Summer Choir**. Rehearsals will begin this *Monday, July 24*, at 7:00 p.m. and run on subsequent Mondays and Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The final concert will be on *Wednesday, August 16*, at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. The choir will perform selections from Handel's *Messiah* and songs of the great American summer vacation.

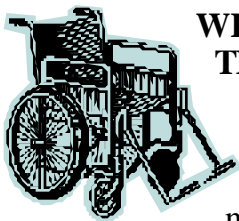
## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Tanya Andersson 8/1,  
Dorothy Price 8/2,  
Garrett Esary 8/3,  
Bart Eleveld 8/6,  
Coral Torley 8/6, Gary Massoni 8/7,  
Nicki Zielke 8/8, Michael Chambers 8/12,  
Grace Lambert 8/14, Charlotte Harter 8/16,  
Sally Robertson 8/16, Warren Hovland 8/17,  
Nancy Klingeman 8/18, Sally McBride 8/20,  
John Murphy 8/22, Eleanor Martin 8/23,  
Karen Walker 8/25, Joni Peterson 8/26,  
Jennifer Koch 8/26, Sho Kimura 8/26,  
Amanda LaBonte 8/27, Brian Lee 8/27,  
Bob Stebins 8/30, Tim Cowles 8/31,  
Larry Merriam 8/31, Jim Hall 8/31,  
Ching-Yue Chi 8/3. Brooks McCann 8/31



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Peggy Carrick and Arne Larson 8/9 (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Ryan and Shauna Lambert 8/10 (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Mike and Sheila Schweizer 8/14 (35<sup>th</sup>)  
Hokie and Jean Adams 8/16 (59<sup>th</sup>)  
Jim and Nancye Ballard 8/19 (40<sup>th</sup>)  
Bettie and Keith Muckleston 8/19 (45<sup>th</sup>)  
Gary and Betty Massoni 8/21 (42<sup>nd</sup>)  
Lafe and Charlotte Harter 8/23 (56<sup>th</sup>)  
Ed and Karen Miller 8/23 (40<sup>th</sup>)  
Greg and Kristin Rorrer 8/23 (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Wayne and Verlyne Phillips 8/24 (42<sup>nd</sup>)  
Jay and Alice Sperling 8/26  
Don and Eileen Milligan 8/28  
Alan and Karen Walker 8/30 (31<sup>st</sup>)  
Pete and Nancy Klingeman 8/31 (49<sup>th</sup>)  
Eric and Nadine Skyllingstad 8/31 (19<sup>th</sup>)



### **WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

A couple of the church's wheelchairs are "out" and we are not sure who has them. If it's you, please contact the church office and let us know so our records can be updated.

### **QUARTERLY STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP**

This Sunday, in the foyer, you can pick up your quarterly pledge statement.

## **A CHILD'S GARDEN OF PRAYERS**

Columnist Ann Landers received these accounts of kids' versions of prayers and hymns:

Tampa, Fla. When my husband was six years old, he thought a certain prayer was "He suffered under a bunch of violets." The real words were "under Pontius Pilate," but at that age, he didn't know better. To this day, we still snicker in church whenever that prayer is read.

San Francisco: When I was a child, I learned this prayer as "Our Father, who are in Heaven, Howard be thy name." I always thought that was God's real name.

When my twin daughters were young, I taught them to say this prayer before going to bed. As I listened outside their door, I could hear them say, "Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses."

Groton, Mass. My mother spent her early childhood saying, "Hail Mary, full of grapes."

Each one hand-carried means one less postage stamp used. Thanks for helping out in this small way. And while we're on the subject:

### **REMEMBER THE PLEDGE!**

Summer vacations beckon and traveling can mean lots to think about and lots to do. But remember the church's expenses continue back in Corvallis, so your pledge payments are needed. Please drop your check in the mail before you head off to recreate – and have a great time! Thanks.

Missoula, Mont. My son, who is in nursery school, said, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, how didja know my name?"

Uniontown, Ohio I remember thinking this prayer was "Give us this day our jelly bread."

Schenectady, N.Y. I once knew a child whose favorite Sunday school song was "Gladly, the Cross-Eyed Bear."

Lake Forest Park, Wash. When I was a little girl, we sang a song in Sunday school about Noah. Part of the chorus was "And the rains came down, and the floods came up." We lived next door to a couple of charming little girls who always sang this song while playing in their garden. Their words were, "And the rains came down, and the spuds came up."

Grand Junction, Colo. When I was younger, I believed the line was "Lead a snot into temptation." I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into trouble .



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## Salmon Barbecue



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, July 25.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Friday, July 14

9:00-3:00 Vina Moses sale  
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#### Saturday, July 15

9:00-3:00 Vina Moses sale  
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#### Sunday, July 16 – Integrity of Creation

8:30 a.m. Chapel worship  
 9:30 a.m. Outdoor worship in  
 Hanson Grove  
 4:40 p.m. Holy Sox, Pioneer Park

#### Monday, July 17

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

#### Tuesday, July 18

3:00 p.m. Stone Soup

#### Thursday, July 20

11:45 a.m. Lunch Group  
 4:00 p.m. Congregational  
 Caregivers

#### Sunday, July 23

**NO** chapel service

9:30 a.m. Worship  
**Noon** **Salmon Barbecue**  
 3:00 p.m. Holy Sox make-up  
 5:40 p.m. Holy Sox, Washington  
 Park

#### Monday, July 24

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

#### Tuesday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Staff

#### Wednesday, July 26

7:15 a.m. Breakfast Group  
 7:00 p.m. Endowment Board

We would like to express our appreciation for all the support from the congregation during Justin's hospital stay for his ruptured appendix. He's home and recovering now, and we thank you all for the meals, cards, visits, and prayers.  
 The Chi Family