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NOT AVAILABLE FOR PHOTO DIRECTORY SESSIONS?

On *Sunday, August 27* and *Sunday, September 10*, **Brian Lee** will be in Gattion Hall to take digital photos of those who **cannot** be here on *September 14, 15, or 16* to have their photos taken for our new all-church directory. Please mark your calendar for these two dates—we want YOU in the directory.

CHURCH SCHOOL TRAINING EVENT SCHEDULED

On *Thursday, August 24* there will be a Training Event for Church School Teachers beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to get acquainted with the “Seasons of the
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LOOKING FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

Contact **Sue Richmond** if you would like to be added to our list of worship leaders or scripture readers. We currently have more women, so male volunteers would be particularly appreciated.

AUGUST MISSION OFFERING

The Mission Offering for August is

for **Camp Adams**. In addition to the summer camps there are many other opportunities for all of us to enjoy Camp Adams. Families enjoy camping together at the Spring Family Camp. Please give in support of Camp Adams.



THIS SUNDAY – August 13

8:30 leaders: Dorothy Price
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15,
31-33
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Pianist: Nicki Zielke
Sermon: “Parents and Children”
Elizabeth Oettinger

NEXT SUNDAY – August 20

8:30 leaders: John and Ann Hawkins
Scriptures: Proverbs 9:1-6
John 6:51-58.
Music: David Jones, horn
Organist: Paul deLespinasse
Sermon: “Dine-In or Take-Out?”
Ryan Lambert

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Elizabeth Oettinger*

Dear Friends,

I spent last week in Seattle at the University of Washington Medical School. The week's training focused around hospital ethics committees and how to address the ethical issues that inevitably come up in the delivery of complex high tech health care. There are so many options, so many interested parties, not all of them with the same sense of what constitutes the best interests of the patient. Should everything that can be done, in fact, be done? Why or why not?

It is a question with a thousand faces in medicine, each case different in its unique particulars, and so a different moral problem. Over the week I worked and argued and struggled for precarious balances alongside 73 other participants: doctors, nurses, administrators, chaplains, physicians, assistants, social workers. We spoke of autonomy and beneficence, justice, and normative vs. utilitarian ethics. We considered one taxing, or heart-rending, or frustrating case after another.

I came away from the week with a reinforced appreciation for those who practice the craft and science of medical healing, and a renewed appreciation for the complexities of the problems from public health to obstetrics, from critical care medicine to palliative care. It was a very full week, and I am hoping that in the fall, the Adult Education Committee will let me take some time to share a piece of what I learned with you.

Thursday and Friday of this week, I'll be attending a Planned Parenthood seminar on adolescent sexuality—their rights, respect, and responsibility program. More education on an issue that impacts us all.

One of the other clergy I met in Seattle was using a week of vacation to take the course there. Her church gives her no continuing education time. It reminded me to thank you explicitly for that gift. I think we all do better work when we learn new things and our brains are stretched in new ways.

Thank you.

Liz

LABOR DAY SERVICE

On *Labor Day Sunday, September 3*, we will participate in the Ecumenical Labor Day Worship in Central Park at 10:00 a.m. There will be no worship service at First Congregational that day. The following Sunday, *September 10*,

our worship time returns to 10:30 a.m.

CAN YOU HELP WITH STONE SOUP?

Contact **Pat Johnson** to join the Stone Soup crew at First Christian Church on *Tuesday, August 15*, at 3:00.

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Spirit” curriculum, learn about the coming 9:15 start time for Christian Education, and connect with the other teachers to build support for this important part of our ministry and education program. If you have signed up to teach next year, please plan to be at this important kick-off and training event.

CANDIDATES AND BALLOT MEASURE FORUM

Candidates for the state legislature from this area will talk about their views on health care issues at a Candidates and Ballot Measure Forum at 7:00 p.m. on *Monday, September 18* at the Corvallis Public Library, 645 NW Monroe. The forum is free and open to the public.

According to Dr. **Craig Leman**, a member of the forum sponsor, Interfaith Health Care NETWORK, the primary purpose of the forum is to inform the public about the candidates’ positions on health care issues. In addition, the forum will provide information on several ballot measures which may affect health care in Oregon.

Candidates participating in the forum are: **Andy Olson** and **Sam Sappington**, House District 15; **Robin Brown** and **Sara Gelser**, House District 16; **Mario Magana** and **Frank Morse**, Senate District 8.

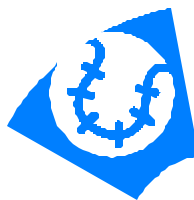
Interfaith Health Care NETWORK includes representatives from First Congregational United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Grace Lutheran Church, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Corvallis Friends Meeting, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, which is assisting in planning the forum, is an association of 17 Christian denominations including Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic religious bodies that work together to respond as a people of faith to the needs of Oregonians.

The Candidates and Ballot Measure Forum follows the initial NETWORK project, the *Seeking Justice in Health Care Workshop* in February, 2006. Interfaith Health Care NETWORK welcomes additional faith communities to participate in its educational and advocacy activities. For further information contact: bjonson2@juno.com.

HOLY SOX END SEASON

WITH POTLUCK



All Holy Sox players, families, fans, friends, and church members are welcome are invited to the Holy Sox Annual End of the Season Potluck on *Saturday, August 12*, at 6:00 p.m. Join us at **Norm and Mary Vedaa’s**. RSVP 754-7143 or mnvedaa@comcast.net.

As in years past, please let us know what you would like to bring (main dish, salad, or dessert) when you RSVP. As RSVP’s come in we will keep track of the variety. Seasoned Sox potluckers know that without such coordination we usually end up with an all-dessert meal.

REGISTRATION BROCHURES HERE FOR WOMEN'S CAMP

Brochures for UCC Women's Camp are now available in the literature rack at the entrance to Gatton Hall. "Let Your Spirit Soar!" is the theme for the week-end with **Marsha Gulick** as our resource leader at Camp Adams on *October 6-8*. The total fee is \$90 (which includes two nights lodging and six meals); \$50 is due with the registration. It's never too early to register! Questions and requests for additional information should be directed to **Nancy Klingeman**. Forms for financial assistance are available from the church office. The deadline to apply for such requests is *September 22*. Carpools will be arranged from Corvallis to camp, so sign up to join in the fun!

READ & FEED IN AUGUST

Read & Feed will meet on *Sunday, August 13*, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Mary Bolton** and **Karen Herold**. The book for discussion is *The Open Space of Democracy* by Terry Tempest Williams.

SUMMER CONCERT

OSU Summer Choir's final concert will take place on *Wednesday, August 16*, at 7:30 p.m. at our church. Admission is free.

The choir is supervised by **Steven Zielke**, Director of Choral Studies, with much of the conducting being done by OSU graduate choral conducting students. The choir will sing selected choruses from Handel's *Messiah*, and songs in honor of the great American summer vacation, including selection by Randall Thompson, William Schumann, Rogers and Hammerstein, and Robert De Cormier.

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who sent cards, prayers, and warm thoughts my way during my May 24 back surgery and subsequent recovery. I'm doing extremely well, and believe the surgery accomplished everything it was supposed to and more. A very special thank you to Liz who not only was at the hospital at 5 a.m. to keep us company during the pre-op wait, but came several times to Portland, and many times to the house to check in and make sure things were O.K., deliver entertaining DVDs and VCR tapes, and keep us supplied with treats. The Church family means a tremendous amount to me!

Alice Sperling

ANOTHER SALMON BARBECUE RESPONSE

I have been thinking of the people of the congregation [at Salmon Barbecue time]. My grandsons and I were at Pilgrims Cover just on the edge of coming home.

I retired from parish ministry last August 28th, just about one year ago. However, I have moved into doing more counseling – about 40 hours a week—working with people who want to recover from drug and alcohol addiction. I have also been doing pulpit supply around the area but particularly I have spent more time in Bend at All Peoples UCC.

I remember with fondness my time in Corvallis. I have been blessed to have met so many wonderful people in the interims I have served. Give my love to all.

In gratitude,
Phil Oliver

Fair Thanks

... to the faithful church booth staffers during the Benton County Fair. Representing our church were: **Leah McCullough, Sue Piasias, Sarah Hoffman, Kaye McCluskey, Cliff Trow, Jo Anne Trow, Bob Stebbins, Monine Stebbins, Linda Hadfield, Libby Ankarberg, Karen and Ed Miller, Robin Miller (2 shifts), Pat Johnson and Dorothy Price, (2 shifts), John Holmes, Anna Marie Holmes, Doris Sherry, Ellie Erkkila, Molly Chambers, Megan Chambers, Caroline Zaworski, George Mueller-Warrant, Aleita Hass Holcombe (2 shifts), Michael Henthorne, Chris Rorrer, Ken Crouse, Ann and John Hawkins, Bart Eleveld, Bev Whitmore, Mary Vedaa, Norm Vedaa, Ginny White, Marion Whitney, Cathy Phelps, Eileen Milligan, Marsha Gulick, Nancy Swain, and Liz Oettinger.**

Many Hands Made Reception

Charlotte Harter's memorial reception on July 25 was staffed by a talented crew: **Ann Hawkins, Kiko Kimura, Bettie Muckleston, Sue Piasias and Monine Stebbins.** **Coral Torley and Verlyne Philips** served drinks; cookies and fruit were donated by **Ann, Verlyne, Kiko, Monine, Bettie, Jan Engle, Priscilla Zaworski and Joan Pelto.** Flowers for the table were cut from **Sandy Piper's** garden and many others helped with set-up and take-down. This is a gift of service from our members to the family – thanks to all who helped with the celebration of Charlotte's life.

- **Ellie Erkkila**, Reception Chair

Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with **Pamela Rinkus**, and sons **Spencer** and **Brian**, on the loss of their husband and father on July 29. A memorial service for **Frank Rinkus** will be held at 4:00 on *Saturday, August 12.*

... are with **Lafe Harter**, following **Charlotte's** death. He would appreciate visitors.

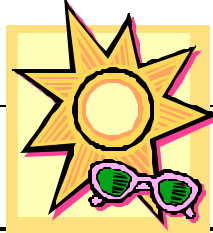
... are with **Wally** and **Beth Christianson.** Wally was hospitalized with heart problems.

... are with **Don Leeper**, in rehab at Corvallis Manor, after the amputation of his leg;

... and with **Doug Caldwell**, recovering at home from a second back surgery on August 7.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, August 22.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, August 12

- 4:00 p.m. Memorial service for Frank Rinkus
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Sox potluck (p.)

Sunday, August 13

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary worship
- 7:00 p.m. Read & Feed, Herold/Bolton

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

- 3:00 p.m. Stone Soup, First Christian Church
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
- 7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest

Wednesday, August 16

- 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. OSU Summer Choir final concert

Thursday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 20

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary worship

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

- 9:00-2:00 Staff retreat, Wickes
- 7:15 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

- 11:00 a.m. Spirituality Group
- 6:00 p.m. Church school teacher training/dinner, Fireplace Room