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## WELCOME KATE STEWART, OUR GUEST PREACHER

This Sunday we are happy to welcome as our preacher **Kate Stewart**. Kate is a student at Northwest House of Theological Studies, a soon-to-be member of First Congregational and considering in-care status with the Central Pacific Conference. This is the second time she has preached for this congregation.

For her day job, Kate works in client services for Summit Information Systems. Her religious journey has taken her through a number of denominations and church settings. We are delighted that she has found her way here, that we can be part of her discernment process as she considers her call to ministry.

## JOIN THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY

The Mission Board is excited to announce that our church will be working at the site of Habitat for Humanity's Apostles Build work site on *October 28*. The work site is located on Conifer Blvd in Corvallis, just east of Cheldelin Middle School and the railroad tracks on the south side of the road. Build times are set for 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will in-

clude lunch. If you have time to be a part of our first building party on this site please sign up on Sunday morning. As a reminder, for insurance reasons it is necessary for all workers to be 18 or older. Opportunities for youth to work on the project may be available in the future when power tools are not needed.

## THIS SUNDAY

*October 15*

**Adult Forum:** Wilma Van Schelven, executive director of LOVE, INC., will describe their efforts to bring dental care to adults without ability to pay. They have a program developed by volunteers to coordinate dental services provided in dental vans. Also, dentist Dr. Kim Kutsch of Albany, OR, will present current knowledge on a new risk assessment based diagnosis model for dental disorders, and treating cavities

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**Scriptures:** Job: 23:1-9, 16-17

Mark 10:17-31

**Sermon:** "Hide and Seek"

Kate Stewart

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

Dear Friends,

This week, Kate Stewart will be our guest preacher. As you can read on page one in this newsletter, she is a student at Northwest House of Theological Studies, a new theological seminary in Salem designed to serve the needs of second career, working students exploring their call to ministry. NHTS only provides the first two years of seminary education. Those students going on to get their M.Div. finish their education at one of the consortium of sponsoring seminaries. Classes at NHTS are held Friday nights and Saturdays. Faculty comes from the consortium. It is an innovative concept in helping to prepare non-traditional students for ministry.

I serve of the Board of Directors of the NHTS. I find it so rewarding to interact with these students, and I am hoping that Kate's presence among us is only our first opportunity to interact with NHTS students and support seminary education in a hands-on way.

The liberal church faces enormous challenges as we make our way into the future. It is a privilege to help train those who will be our next generation of church leaders.

Have a thoughtful week.

**Liz**



## **FOOD AND FILM NIGHT**

On *Friday evening, October 20*, First Congregational UCC will offer a free screening of the film "An Inconvenient Truth," Al

Gore's documentary about global warming. The film begins in our Meeting Hall at 8:00. Before the film, join us for a potluck supper at 7:00 in the Fireplace Room. Place settings and beverages will be provided; just bring a dish to share.

## **ADULT FORUM** *from page 1*

and periodontal disease as biofilm diseases. Dr. Kutsch is also a leader in the use of dental laser technology and computer-assisted imaging and manufacturing of crowns so he will be able to address a variety of state-of-the-art practices in dentistry.

This is the last of the series of three sessions sponsored by the Health Ministry Committee for this fall. Join us in the Meeting Hall Sunday at 9:30.

## **Our Thoughts and Prayers**

... are with **John Holmes**, recovering from cataract surgery performed on Friday, October 13.



**UNITED  
CAMPUS  
MINISTRY  
AT OSU**

We invite all OSU students to join us at Westminster House for worship, play, spiritual formation, community, study, and service. At WestM students will find “*a spiritual home, with a welcome for all, an openness to questioning, and a commitment to service.*” Check out our weekly and special October events:

**Weekly Events**

**Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Women’s Spirituality Group, at WestM**

This small women’s group gathers weekly to nurture, support and encourage one another, reflect on our life journeys, and notice the ways that God is working in our lives and in the world. This fall we are guided by Joyce Rupp’s book, *The Cup of Our Lives*.

**Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Student Gathering, at WestM**

At Student Gathering, our primary meeting each week, students are served a free home-cooked meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program beginning at 6:15 p.m. This quarter, through community, interaction, prayer, singing, study, play, and art, we will explore together how we can know ourselves, the world and God more deeply. Come with your questions, insights, struggles, sense of humor, and wisdom!

**Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – “This I Believe,” West Dining Hall**

Join us for lunch at this exciting new program co-sponsored with the Newman

Center (Catholic Campus Ministry). Perhaps you’ve heard the stories on NPR, now hear what OSU students, staff and faculty believe. Each week one person will share his/her story about the philosophies and core values that guide his/her life. The 3-5 minute presentation will be followed by the opportunity for guided reflection and table conversation.

**Thursdays, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – TNT (Thursday Night Thing), at WestM**

Join us as we build community through PLAY! Each week we will gather for fun, games, recreation, art, movies, and just plain ol’ hanging out with one another. This is a great, non-alcoholic, “remember what you did last night,” alternative to “Thirsty Thursdays.”

**Special Events**

**Friday/Saturday, October 13-14 – Beach Retreat, Newport**

Join us for fellowship, worship and play with fellow WestMer’s on the beautiful Oregon Coast.

**Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. - Film: Call Me Malcolm - at WestM**

This film, commissioned by the United Church of Christ, “is the story of the human spirit and God’s spirit, and the liberating struggle to realize and express with confidence the marvelous gift of one’s truest self. The film is a journey of discovery. Through his own story and through the stories of those we meet along the way, Malcolm offers us a glimpse into the real lives of real people who are transgendered.

**Friday, October 20, 5:30 p.m. - Dinner and discussion at WestM with Malcolm Himschoot**

After watching the film about Malcolm on Thursday night, this will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with him. Ordained as an openly transgender man at age 27, Malcolm has followed a call into social justice ministry through urban church work, nonprofits, and community organizing. His pastoral interests include edifying Christ's community across societal boundaries such as race, culture, class, nationality, sexuality, age and gender. He studied at Amherst College and at the Iliff School of Theology, where he transitioned from female-to-male, and where he also received the Justice and Peace Award and the Student of the Year Award. Presently Malcolm serves at an associate minister at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis through the Pastoral Residency Program.

**Thursday, October 26, 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Film: “God and Gays”**

**Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Habitat for Humanity Work Day**

**ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL FOR LEAH MCCULLOUGH**

At 4:00 p.m. on *Sunday, October 29*, our church will host the Ecclesiastical Council of the Rev. **Leah McCullough**, who is currently serving as co-Campus Minister at Westminster House at Oregon State University. This is the final step in Leah's process of seeking standing within the United Church of Christ

and an important moment for our congregation to support her in her ministry. An Ecclesiastical Council is both an opportunity for the ecclesiastical body (members of the Central Pacific Conference) to ask questions of a candidate as they consider her for ministerial standing and an opportunity to celebrate a candidate's gifts. Please plan to be present for this important event!

The youth groups will meet at their regular times this week with the Middle School meeting from 5-6:30 p.m. and the High School from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Please bring an example of artwork, music, photography etc. that has importance for your faith. We will use them in a photo collage for the youth bulletin board. Be creative!

Also, any youth help would be appreciated at Stone Soup on *October 17*. Please see the article about Stone Soup [page 5] for further details.

**DRIVING THE FAITHFUL**

There are a number of people in our congregation who are unable to drive themselves to church, and as winter weather arrives there may be others who feel it unwise to drive on slippery roads. Sharing rides with these folks is one of the ways we express our caring for others within our church community.

A big thanks to those who have provided this service in the last few months.

These include, at least, the following: **Hokie** and **Jean Adams**, **Mark** and **Ginny Esary**, **Ann** and **John Hawkins**, **Charlene** and **Harold Hunter**, **Kiko** and **Sho Kimura**, **Pete** and **Susie Nelson**, **Kristen Rorrer**, **Doris Sherry**, **Tammy Skubinna**, **Ginny White** and **Susan Wickes**.

If you would be willing to be called on occasionally to help with this, please call Doris Sherry (745-5607) or the church office. We especially need a few people to substitute now and then for those who are regularly transporting some folks who live in the southwest end of town.

### STONE SOUP HELPERS NEEDED

This month we have double duty at Stone Soup as we are responsible for the meal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (October 17) and 5<sup>th</sup> (October 31) Tuesdays. In order to serve nearly 100 people we need help to get the meal prepared, served, and with cleaned up afterward. Cooking begins at 3:00 p.m. and clean-up generally lasts until about 7:30 p.m. All of this happens in the newly renovated kitchen at First Christian Church at 602 SW Madison. This is an important outreach to the needy in our community and many hands are needed to make it happen. Please sign up to help at the table in the foyer this Sunday or contact **Ryan Lambert** or **Pat Johnson** to offer help.



The Corvallis Repertory Singers, under the direction of **Steven Zielke**, has been recognized for artistic

achievements by the Oregon Arts Commission, supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. This ensemble will be performing the Rachmaninov Vespers at the First United Methodist Church, 11<sup>th</sup> & Monroe, on *Saturday, October 14*, at 7:30 p.m.

**Adam Grieve** is one of the soloists; other familiar faces in the group are **Joan Caldwell** and **Virginia Stockwell**.

Tickets are available at Scandinavian Trading Co., Grass Roots Books, Beard Frame Shop, and Sid Stevens Jewelers (Albany) and at the door. Adults are \$15; students \$3.

### WOMEN'S CAMP REPORTS

Twenty-one women with connections to our church attended the women's retreat at Camp Adams last weekend. To find out details of the program which was beautifully led by **Marsha Gulick**, check with one of these attendees: **Molly Chambers**, **Pearl Doolin**, **Ellie Erkkila**, **Rebecca Flitcroft** (and baby **Gwen Snyder**), **Aleita Hass Holcombe**, **Jean James**, **Pat Johnson**, **Katherine Keniston**, **Nancy Klingeman**, **Brenda Koenig**, **Eleanor MacDonald**, **Alice Mills Morrow**, **Bettie Muckleston**, **Shiela Osheroff** (former member), **Joan Pelto**, **Dorothy Price**, **Christine Storm**, **Beverly Whitmore**, **Nancy William**, and **Priscilla Zaworski**.

Many thanks to Marsha, pianist Nancy William, and Morning Watch leaders Alice and Priscilla as well as to the carpool drivers!

**FOUND:** A navy blue jacket was left in the lodge at camp after the retreat. Contact **Nancy Klingeman** to retrieve it.

### **“IRAQ FOR SALE” FILM FREE AT DARKSIDE**

Film maker Robert Greenwald’s new 70-minute film “Iraq for Sale” is a blistering expose about war profiteering shown through first-hand testimonies from workers, contractors, and soldiers who saw it happen. It will be shown **free**, with donations solicited to benefit the local chapter of Veterans for Peace, at 2:00 p.m. on *Sunday, October 15*, at the Darkside Theater, 215 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Corvallis.



### **SUPPORT TROOP 1**

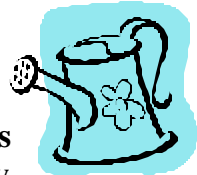
Boy Scout Troop 1, sponsored by our church, is completing its annual Popcorn Sale this week. Troop 1 members will be in Gatton Hall after church this Sunday to take orders. Prices range from \$10 to \$50. The popcorn sale is the primary Troop 1 fundraiser for the year and provides troop operating and activities funds. If you would like to support our youth in this way, but will not be in church on Sunday, you may contact **Carl Lucker** (753-4648), **Gavin Milligan** (757-7756) or **Eric Hall** (752-1303).

You can also support Troop 1 on an ongoing basis through your donations of old newspapers. Simply leave your newspapers in the shed (left side) located at the northeast corner of the church

parking lot. (Or, if you’d like the Scouts to pick up your old papers from your home; just give one of these boys a call.)

Boy Scouts is open to boys ages 11-18, and provides great opportunities for leadership, service, community-building, and a wide range of skills development. Troop 1 is eagerly recruiting new members. For more information or questions about membership, Carl, Gavin or Eric (or their parents) would be happy to talk with you.

FROM A  
GRATEFUL GARDEN



Once again, a sprinkling can of thanks to **Chris Rorrer** for so faithfully hand watering needy flowers and shrubs this summer. And to **Robin Miller**, who substituted for Chris. And also, to **Ann Hawkins** for monitoring the atrium faucet. Due to their efforts, the landscaping in the atrium and around the meeting hall patio survived the hot dry summer in fine shape.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOUR STEPS TO SAFETY -- Part 2

### 3. Complete This Checklist

- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- Teach children how and when to call 911 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help.
- Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.
- Check if you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of you home, especially near bedrooms.
- Conduct a home hazard hunt. Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.
- Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.

### 4 Practice and Maintain Your Plan

- Quiz your kids every six months so they remember what to do.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.

Year	Drill Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- Replace stores water every six months and stored food every year.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instruction.
- Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

___ January	___ June	___ October
___ February	___ July	___ November
___ March	___ August	___ December
___ May	___ September	

- Change batteries in \_\_\_\_\_ each year



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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Friday, October 13*

**CPC Fall Gathering,  
 The Dalles** (through  
 Saturday)

*Sunday, October 15*

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir  
 9:15 a.m. Church School, Room  
 5  
 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum  
 9:30 a.m. God at Home class  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 (following) Inquirers' class  
 5:00 p.m. Middle School youth  
 6:15 p.m. High School youth

*Monday, October 16*

5:30 p.m. Basketball  
 7:00 p.m. C E Board  
 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

*Tuesday, October 17*

10:30 a.m. Staff  
 Noon Lectionary class  
 3:00 Stone Soup, WestM  
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board  
 7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest

*Wednesday, October 18*

5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball  
 7:00 p.m. Endowment Board  
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

*Thursday, October 19*

11:45 a.m. Lunch Group  
 4:00 p.m. Congregational  
 Caregivers  
**NO** Psalms Pstudy  
 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142

*Friday, October 20*

**7:00 p.m. Pre-film Potluck,  
 Fireplace Room**  
**8:00 p.m. "An Inconvenient  
 Truth," Meeting  
 Hall**  
*(see page 2)*

**LOOKING AHEAD:** *Sunday, October 22:* Commissioning of Japan delegation;  
*October 29:* Reformation Sunday and celebration of UCC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary;  
*November 5:* All Saints Sunday; *Sunday, November 19:* Thanksgiving dinner at church; *December 3:* Advent Festival