

# Congregational News

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## Spring Fling Craft Faire



This *Saturday, April 21*, is the day of the third annual Spring Fling Craft Faire to be held at our church. Vendors participating this year will be displaying and selling their work done in a number of different media: basketry, blown glass, botanical prints, cards, ceramics, collage, cut paper, drawing, fiber art, fused glass, jewelry, knitting, painting, paper mosaic, photography, silk painting, stained glass, watercolor, wood...a wonderful variety!

If you're thinking, "Oh, that's nice, but I wouldn't really need anything there..." it might be helpful to keep in mind some of the important days/events in our lives that will be coming up in the next few weeks and months. May: Mother's Day; June: teacher appreciation, graduation, Father's Day, weddings...and the ubiquitous-but-wonderful birthdays and anniversaries and "thank you's"! Please come and help support our youth and encourage some of our fine local artists.

## SOFTBALL ALL TEAM NEWS

There is still plenty of time to join the Holy Sox coed softball team! Anyone from the church can join who is at least a 12<sup>th</sup> grader in high school (through 100 years old!). We will be joining a church league this year (through Parks & Rec).

Practices are Thursdays 6:00 p.m. at Chintimini Park.



Games start *Sunday, May 13*. We'll play through early August on Sunday afternoons and evening, with practices on Thursday evenings.

The cost is \$32 per person (you'll pay

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## THIS SUNDAY

*April 22*

**Adult Forum:** "Planned Giving: Why?" with Elizabeth Oettinger. [p. 4]

**Scriptures:** Acts 9:1-20  
John 21:1-19

**Sermon:** "Tending Sheep in Dangerous Times"  
Ryan Lambert

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

Dear Friends,

Last week, in the glow of Easter I headed off for a week of family leave while Shauna was in classes on Bainbridge Island in Washington. While I was away I found myself in multiple conversations with family and friends concerning three distinct news events: Tax Day (April 17) and how our tax money is and should be used, the racially-charged remarks of Don Imus, and the multi-city demonstrations and events regarding responses to climate change issues. Each of these conversations featured intense dialogue, but I was so appreciative for the time to have these conversations in the midst of all the media hype that each of these issues is currently generating. So often the hype seems to get in the way of civil discourse, and my time away from the television and the computer helped me to unplug from the hype machine a bit and instead listen to people, rather than listening for the sound-byte with which I agreed. My weeks of family leave are ostensibly for being with Grace and Marin while Shauna is in classes, but on top of the “daddy time” I am finding that my monthly excursions to Bainbridge are feeding me through the relaxed and unplugged conversations that I am finding there. For the “daddy time” and the renewal that I am finding in my family leave I am grateful for this congregation’s generosity. Thank you!

When I did come back and get plugged in again I wandered over to [ucc.org](http://ucc.org) to check out the latest United Church of Christ news. There I found articles about taxes and climate change, as well as commentary about Don Imus’ remarks that provided both relevant information and faithful comment. Some of this content makes it into the print edition of the UCC news, but some is web-only content. I appreciate the relevance of our denomination’s website and hope that others will find it helpful. If you haven’t already, bookmark [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) and visit often for news and United Church of Christ content – it is a great site!

Whether you are plugged-in or unplugged I hope that you are finding this Easter season to be filled with light and new life!

Blessings,

**Ryan***An Invitation!***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
OPEN HOUSE**

On *Sunday, May 6*, the Christian Education Board will host a CE Open House in the CE Wing after worship.

Plan to wander through the CE wing to check in on what our classes have been up to this year and get a preview of this summer’s Vacation Bible School. We promise cookies, coffee and other goodies too!

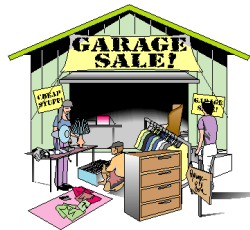


The youth groups will be meeting at their regularly scheduled time this Sunday with middle school at 5:00 p.m. and high school at 6:30 p.m. Join us for camp activities as we preview a couple of summer camp experiences. Bring a friend and join us!

**Reminder:** Youth will be staffing the Children's Activity Booth and Kitchen during the Spring Fling Craft Faire on Saturday. See you there!

### YOUTH GARAGE SALE IS COMING—JUNE 2

Our youth will host a garage sale at **Dana Poling's** house at 2825 Mulkey Ave on *June 2*. The location is on the corner of 29<sup>th</sup>



Street so we'll have lots of visibility and hopefully lots of business! We request your support through your donations and, if you are so inclined, your business the day of the sale.

We will cheerfully and thankfully take your donations on the three Saturdays prior to the sale (*May 12, 19, 26*) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Youth will be available to help unload your items during those times. If you have items that you cannot deliver but would like to donate, please call **Molly Chambers** and we will arrange for pick-up. Watch next

week's newsletter for directions to Dana's house and further developments.

### FUN AND MUSIC FOR CHILDREN

#### Hand chimes

All children in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> are welcome to come to learn to play the hand chimes during the Activity Hour time in the second half of worship. The hand chimes are very similar to the bells, except they are much sturdier, can be handled without gloves, and are better suited to wear and tear by children. **Adam Grieve** is teaching this unique and child-friendly way of making music and we hope that the children will enjoy learning a new musical skill. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Adam at 541-908-3099 or via e-mail at [grievea@oregonstate.edu](mailto:grievea@oregonstate.edu).

#### Children's Choir

Children, from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join the Spring Children's Choir, now rehearsing to sing during worship on Mother's Day *Sunday, May 13*. This choir, under the direction of **Kristin Rorrer**, meets immediately following worship until 12:20 each *Sunday, April 22, 29 and May 6*—in the Music Room. Regular participation will provide consistency and a better opportunity to prepare for singing in worship. We hope your child will participate in our Spring Children's Choir! Feel free to contact Kristin (753-2848) if you have any questions or send her an e-mail message at [rorrer4@comcast.net](mailto:rorrer4@comcast.net).

## The Planned Giving Herald

“What will you leave behind besides an empty pew?” Come discover the possibilities:

*Sunday, April 22:* **Liz Oettinger**

speaks on “Why” at the Adult Forum

*Sunday, April 29:* **Jeanne Smith**

speaks on “How” at the Adult Forum

There are two opportunities to enjoy a meal and the latest edition of a DVD about the life of our church and to engage in further discussion of the why and how of planned giving:

**Where:** Fireplace Room

**When:**

*Thursday, May 10, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

*or Wednesday, May 16, at noon.*

If you haven’t signed up for one of these gatherings please call **Mike Huntington** (745-5635).

*“We are tomorrow’s past.”*

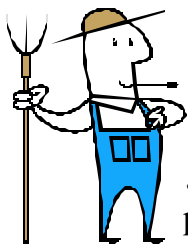
—*Mary Webb*

**The Planned Giving Committee:**

**Jo Anne Trow, Joni Peterson,**

**Harold Hunter, John Erkkila,**

**Gretchen Morris, Mike Huntington**



### “THAT’S MY FARMER” COUPONS ON SALE

Again this season the **Just Peace Committee** is participating in the “That’s My Farmer” program. This is an ecumenical effort to raise awareness about the wonderful bounty of har-

vest that is right here in our own valley. The project also helps support local farmers and provides, in addition, a resource for low-income folks to enjoy fresh produce which they might not otherwise be able to afford.

For \$20 you can purchase a “That’s My Farmer” Coupon Booklet. The booklet has eight \$3 coupons which can be used just like cash at the Saturday market downtown, the Wednesday market at the fairgrounds or the local farm stands of participating farmers. The extra \$2 you pay will go to a fund which purchases coupons for low-income families.

Last year our congregation was one of eight churches who participated. This year the program adds another two congregations and includes 12-15 cooperating farmers. Coupons can be purchased after church on Sundays throughout the growing season. Give it a try. See you at the market!

### CYS CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a Corvallis Youth Symphony Spring Concert on *Sunday, April 29*, at 3:00 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center. The concert features Pink Martini trumpeter **Gavin Bondy**. The tickets are \$12 for adults and \$2 for students from a CYS member, from the CYSA website at [cysassoc.org](http://cysassoc.org), or from Gracewinds. Children are admitted free with an adult but need a ticket. The CYS musicians in this church are **Justin Chi, Robin Miller, Chris Rorrer, and Patrick Yun**.

*Spring Fling*

4515 West Hills Rd, Corvallis

**Come and enjoy our Third Annual Craft Faire.**



**Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10 am — 5 pm**

For more information call: 757-8122

RAFFLE of works by various local artists  
**FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

### **SOFTBALL** *from page 1*

**Pete Nelson**), plus \$10 for those people living outside the limits of Corvallis. Call **Tammy Skubinna** (752-4214) or Pete Nelson (752-1278) for more information.

### **HEALTHY MOUTH FOLLOW-UP**

The dental supplies that many of you donated for the free dental clinic for pregnant women were recently distributed at the first of three planned clinics. This is a brief report written by Wilma Van Schecklen, Exec. Director of Love, inc., who coordinated this volunteer effort:

“There were 14 patients served. They all had x-rays, examination by dentist, prophies, and many of them received special rinses from Dr. Kutsch to help continue to clean their mouths. We also gave them those packages of toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental floss that came to the Health Department. (These were the donated supplies from First Congregational Church)

We’d like to give them new ones at the next clinic and then reinforce that they need to use new toothbrushes on a regular basis.”

Three volunteer dentists; three hygienists and two Spanish translators provided these services. The clinic was held at the office of Dr. Janet Peterson. A second clinic is scheduled on *May 11*.

### **JUBILATE! CONCERT SET**

Jubilate! The Women’s Choir of Corvallis presents “Draw Up the Water,” their annual spring concert. It will be held on *Saturday, April 28* at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1165 NW Monroe Avenue in Corvallis. The suggested donation for the concert is \$10, but admission is based on a sliding scale and no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

### **Our Thoughts and Prayers**

... are with **Warren Hovland**, who had surgery on April 16 to repair a broken hip.

*Hello,*

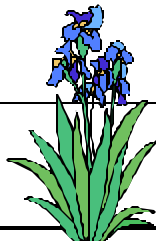
*Fleanor Martin was thrilled with the beautiful azalea plant and will indeed send her thanks personally when she is able. Currently she is having some health problems that prevent her from writing, but she greatly enjoys reading the Congregational News each week.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carmen Martin*



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*Saturday, April 21*

**10:00-5:00 Spring Fling Craft  
 Faire, Gatton Hall**

*Sunday, April 22*

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@Home class  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 (Activity Hr.) Children's Chimes  
 (following) Children's Choir  
 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth  
 6:30 p.m. High School Youth

*Monday, April 23*

9:00 a.m. Staff  
 5:30 p.m. Basketball  
 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

*Tuesday, April 24*

Noon Lectionary class  
 7:15 p.m. Church Council

*Wednesday, April 25*

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group  
 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

*Thursday, April 26*

11:00 a.m. Spirituality Group  
 6:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice,  
 Chintimini Park  
 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142

*Friday, April 27*

**5:00 p.m. Confirmation retreat  
 (through Sunday)**



**CARILLON  
 REVELRY BELLS  
 TO RING AGAIN**

If you didn't get enough bell music last Sunday—or if you missed the visit by the **Carillon Revelry**—you have another chance. This bell choir, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, is having their Spring Concert on *Sunday, April 22* at 7:00 p.m. They will play six pieces, and will share the stage with the First Presbyterian Chancel Choir.