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SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS THIS SUNDAY

Erik Peterson and **Rachelle McCabe** will play the second movement of the Beethoven *Sonata for violin and piano, Op. 30, No. 3, in G Major* for this Sunday's service, *June 17*. They will be performing the full sonata on the first concert the following Tuesday as part of the **Chintimini Chamber Music Festival**, held in our sanctuary.

HOW TO FOLLOW GENERAL SYNOD FROM CORVALLIS

For those who are unable to attend General Synod in Hartford there are (at least) two options to keep up on Synod from Corvallis. First, our youth will be reporting on their experiences at General Synod via **Ryan's** blog at www.myblurredvision.com. Secondly, the UCC will once again be streaming gavel-to-gavel coverage of General Synod which can be viewed at www.ucc.org/synod/.

STUNNING VICTORY FOR HOLY SOX!

Wow, what a game! Your Holy Sox team pulled out an amazing finish to win

on Sunday, June 10, in the bottom of the 7th! Our own **Pete Klingeman** defied the ages by knocking in the tying and winning runs on a double to right field. **Leah McCullough** slid across the plate ahead of the throw to give the Sox the 16-15 victory. The whole team contributed to the win by coming back from an 11-4 deficit after three innings. Despite home runs flying past the trees from our 20-year-old opponents, the Holy Sox had their own strong hitting to come back and tie the game in the bottom of the 6th inning on a two-run home run by **Joe Chambers**. Other game highlights were a long double by **Kim Hannigan**, two triples by **Pete Nelson**, a great catch by Leah McCullough at second base, a sliding catch in right field by **Brian Wright**
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THIS SUNDAY

June 17

Scriptures: 1 Kings 21:1-21a
Sermon: "It's a Messy World
Out There"
Elizabeth Oettinger

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Elizabeth Oettinger*

Dear Friends,

Summer is the season of spontaneity! We like to keep our schedules open for the possibility of that perfect day when the sun shines, a breeze is blowing, and the mountains, or the bike trail, or the coast beckon. Our lovely summers are one reason why many of us choose to live in Oregon; however, summer presents certain scheduling challenges for the church. During the program year, it is relatively easy to fill the routine Sunday hospitality jobs—ushering, greeting, setting up for and cleaning up after coffee hour. Our blessed coordinators make their requests (there is a special room in heaven for coffee hour coordinators...) and you all are steadfast in your volunteering! Summertime, in contrast, finds folks reluctant to commit to being in church three or four Sundays from now.

This issue was discussed at a recent Deacons' meeting. After some conversation, it was decided to try a new strategy for summer hospitality. Instead of swimming against the current and trying to recruit ushers, greeters, and coffee hour workers in advance, each Sunday we will consider the congregation that is present as our volunteer pool. I have never seen it happen that when an immediate need is announced, we don't have volunteers step forward to fill the breach. This is your opportunity to prove my theory correct...please!

We don't want to change the glorious openness of Oregon summers. We also don't want to limit our summer hospitality. Especially now that we have the Compton patio off the Fireplace room, it's lovely to stand around after worship, enjoying both the sun and the fellowship. So don't be surprised on Sunday morning if you are asked to greet people at the door, be an usher, make coffee, or help with the dishes. We all have a part to play in the church's ministry of hospitable welcome. We're going to try this new strategy for a month and see how it goes. If you have thoughts you'd like to share about this new arrangement, please speak to Ryan, me, or one of the deacons. We Congregationalists are always interested in input!

Enjoy these summer days.

Liz

HOLY SOX *from page 1*

and a long run by Joe Chambers to catch a ball off his shoe tops in left center field. Steady play at shortstop by **Kim Jones** and **Pete Nelson** on the mound

kept us in the game throughout. Great job, Sox!

Come to watch and cheer at the next game next Sunday, *June 24*, at 8:40 p.m. at Sunset Park.



Youth groups will not be meeting on a regular schedule during the summer, but we do have several things on our summer agenda. We hope to have a regular contingent of youth volunteering at Stone Soup on 3rd and 5th Tuesdays, we will be painting Room 1 and moving the youth room beginning on *August 13*, and we will be making a day trip to the dunes in Florence. Watch the newsletter for more details.

LAST WEEK TO BUY GENERAL SYNOD "STOCK"!

The youth are selling "stock" in their General Synod trip one more Sunday. A "share" can be purchased for just \$25 and they "mature" in the form of two post-cards from General Synod and an invitation to our post-Synod dessert. The stock purchases help pay for our youth delegation and their chaperones. Our delegation includes: **Megan Chambers, Jenny Koch, Natalie Lucker, Robin Miller, Chris Rorrer, Julie Rorrer, Kyle Thackray, Grant Smith** and their chaperones **Aleita Hass-Holcombe, John Hawkins, Charles Helsabeck, Ryan Lambert, and Shauna Lambert.** To purchase your stock look for the table in Gatton Hall after worship on *June 17* or contact Ryan at the church or via e-mail.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching (*July 15-19*). The Christian Education Board is seeking additional teachers and craft helpers to make the week a success. Registration forms will be mailed to parents this week and will also be available in the church office. Please register your children early so that we have a sense of our numbers for what promises to be an exciting week. Look for sign-up opportunities during fellowship time or contact **Ryan** to volunteer!

JOIN THE SALMON BARBECUE CREW

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on this summer's Salmon Barbecue. This long-standing traditional event happens at noon on *Sunday, July 15*. The "job sign-up fish" is still trolling for volunteers this Sunday. Prized committee chair positions are still available and lots of committee members slots, too. If you won't be in worship, call the church office and tell us where you'd like to help.



Summer is here, but the work of Stone Soup continues. We are looking for cooks, servers and clean-up volunteers for *Tuesday, June 19*. If you can help between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m., please sign up this Sunday or let **Ryan** or **Pat Johnson** know.

A FORCE MORE POWERFUL: A CENTURY OF NONVIOLENT ACTIONS

This PBS film series reveals one of the 20th century's most important, but least understood stories: how millions of people chose to battle the forces of brutality and oppression with nonviolent weapons – and WON! The four-week series will be shown on *June 19* and *26*, and *July 3* and *10*, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. All presentations are FREE. After viewing each 30-minute segment, a facilitated discussion will follow.

Tuesday, June 19:

Part 1 = **INDIA, Defying the Crown:** Gandhi refines and expands the nonviolent weaponry he discovered in South Africa, and leads India's campaign for full independence from Britain in the 1930s.

Part 2 = **NASHVILLE, We Were Warriors:** In the 1960s black college students in Nashville took up Gandhi's nonviolent tactics. Disciplined and strictly nonviolent, they successfully desegregated Nashville's downtown lunch counters in five months, becoming a model for the civil rights movement.

Tuesday, June 26:

Part 3 = **SOUTH AFRICA, Freedom in Our Lifetime:** In 1985 a young South African named Mkhueseli Jack led a movement against apartheid. Their campaign of nonviolent mass action included a devastating consumer boycott in Eastern Cape province that awakened whites to black grievances, and fatally weakened business support for apartheid.

Part 4 = **DENMARK, Living with the Enemy:** In April 1940, German military forces invaded Denmark. Danish leaders adopted a strategy of 'resistance disguised as collaboration' undermining German objectives by negotiating, delays, and obstructing Nazi demands. Underground resistance organized sabotage and strikes, and rescued most of Denmark's 7000 Jews.

Tuesday, July 3:

Part 5 = **POLAND, We've Caught God by the Arm:** In 1980, striking workers in Poland demanded independent unions and used their leverage to negotiate the Solidarity union, unprecedented in a system where no power existed except in the Communist party. Driven underground in 1981 by a government crackdown, Solidarity re-emerged in 1989 as Poland's governing political party.

Part 6 = **CHILE, Defeat of a Dictator:** In 1983, Chilean workers initiated a wave of nonviolent protests against the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Severe repression failed to stop the protests, and violent opposition failed to dislodge the dictatorship—until the democratic opposition organized to defeat Pinochet in a 1988 referendum.

Tuesday, July 10:

Part 7 = **YUGOSLAVIA, Bringing Down a Dictator**: In 2000, the indicted war criminal Slobodan Milosevic fought to hold power. He controlled the hardened army, police force, and most of the news media. But he underestimated his opponents, led by a student movement 'Otpor' (Serbian for resistance), who attacked the regime with ridicule, rock music, and a willingness to be arrested.

This film series is sponsored by Veterans for Peace, Chapter 132, Corvallis.

ATTENTION, LABEL SAVERS!

Many thanks to those folks who have been saving soup labels for the Crossroads School in Indiana. Campbell's has now decided that they only want the UPS symbols and not the entire label. Some cans have an extra 5 points thing on the label and they will still use those. Also, they will continue to accept the "Boxtops for Education" cutouts from cereal, etc. Please continue to put these in the second drawer of the foyer cupboard and if you have any questions about details, contact **Nancy Klingeman**.

DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR KAH NEE TA PRICE INCREASE

On *July 1*, the price for Kah Nee Ta registration increases by \$25. Extra registration forms are located in the literature rack at the Gatton Hall entrance. This year's keynoter is **Valerie Tutson**, a story teller who will also be performing at General Synod in Hartford this month. The Northwest Regional Women's Conference VIII is scheduled for *November 2-4* this year with the theme of "Recreate! Re-Create." Until *July 1*, registration will be \$150, which includes all meals. Housing costs are not

paid until check-out time at the lodge and depend on the type of room you select. Financial aid is available from the Rev. Anne Smith Educational Loan/Grant Fund and application forms for that are available in the church office. Carpools will be arranged from Corvallis. Contact **Linda Hadfield**, registrar, for additional information.

Holy Sox Game Schedule

<i>June 17</i>	cancelled	
<i>June 24</i>	8:40 p.m.	W. Sunset
<i>July 8</i>	7:20 p.m.	E. Sunset
<i>July 15</i>	5:40 p.m.	Porter
<i>July 22</i>	4:30 p.m.	N. Chintimini
<i>July 29</i>	7:00 p.m.	Porter
<i>August 5</i>	4:40 p.m.	E. Sunset

Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with the friends and family of **Maggie Ring**, who died in Locke Mills, Maine on June 11. Maggie was the sister-in-law of **Priscilla Zaworski**, and a regular visitor to our church.

... and with the 19 members of our congregation, traveling next week to Hartford, Connecticut for General Synod.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, June 19.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, June 15

7:30 p.m. Badminton, Gatton Hall

Sunday, June 17-Father's Day

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Holy Sox - cancelled

Monday, June 18

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

Tuesday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Staff
 NO Lectionary class
 3:00-8:00 Stone Stoup
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
 7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest, Price

Wednesday, June 20

5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
 7:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice

Thursday, June 21

11:45 a.m. Lunch Group
 Youth leave for Synod

Friday, June 22

7:30 p.m. Badminton, Gatton Hall



for newsletter

In July and August, we publish the *Congregational News* twice a month rather than weekly. Please make a note of these deadlines and issue dates if you will have information or articles to submit this summer:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
<i>July 10</i>	<i>July 13</i>
<i>July 24</i>	<i>July 27</i>
<i>August 7</i>	<i>August 10</i>
<i>August 21</i>	<i>August 24</i>

congratulations

...to **Chris Rorrer** and his band, **Secluded Corner**, who won the South Albany Battle of the Bands, last Friday,

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June 8. The other band members are:
**Asa Hackett, Aiden Hackett, Evan
Gutt, and Mike Ewing.**