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EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE IS ON

Because of the recent nationwide food recall of Castlebury brands of chili and beef stew, **Linn Benton Food Share** has needed to retrieve canned goods already sent to needy families in the Corvallis area, taking about half of their weekly food supply.

A representative says “While LBFS typically prefers money over donated food, the current situation we face is a bit different. Usually LBFS has the opportunity to purchase items we need in large quantities from wholesalers and receives substantial discounts as a result. However, since everyone is scrambling to replace the same food items we simply cannot get our hands on canned chili or beef stew at anything close to a reasonable price. Food retailers are getting the priority right now. So, a food drive targeting meals ready to eat, especially **chili and beef stew** is especially needed. Other very useful items would be the basic ingredients to make chili and beef stew – dry or canned beans, canned veggies, broth, etc.”

Please bring your donations to worship on Sunday and leave them in the
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Summer Worship

THIS SUNDAY – August 12

Scriptures: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Music: *Adagio ma non tanto*,
J. S. Bach

Sermon: David Jones, horn
“Living Without Fear”
Ryan Lambert

NEXT SUNDAY – August 19

Scriptures: Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 12:49-56

Music: Karen Jones, flute, and
Caroline Zaworski,
flute

Sermon: “A Division of
Our House”
Ryan Lambert

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Ryan Lambert*

Dear Friends,

As many of you know I spent part of my vacation attending Family Camp at Camp N-Sid-Sen in North Idaho. One of the highlights of the week was a conversation that took place as a part of the adult class during one of the morning program sessions. During that program we spent time thinking and talking about the mentors who have nurtured our faith. We were asked to think about what qualities were important in our mentors and then we spent small group time sharing about the influence of those who have been our mentors. In our sharing I was blessed to hear the stories of many mentors who had nurtured faith through a mixture of simple actions and long relationships. It was an interesting conversation because although many of us spoke of mentors from our youth, we also spoke of mentors who had been powerful models of faith during our adult years. Many of us wondered if our mentors knew of the profound role that they have played in our lives and we wondered aloud at how we were doing as mentors for other adults in our lives when we so often get caught up in our own lives or in the lives of our children and grandchildren.

In our conversation about mentors we recognized the importance of being surrounded by faithful people who were openly working at their own faith. This is one of the things that I most value about faith communities—that together we have the opportunity to explore our faith and all around us there are other folks wrestling with the same or similar questions. My camp conversations continue to linger in my mind as I think about the influence of those who have nurtured my own faith journey. Although I cannot offer you the beautiful lake views of N-Sid-Sen I can offer that quiet summer days and nights are great times to think about the mentors who have shaped you and to consider your own roles as supportive travelers on the journey of faith. As you enjoy the month of August I invite you to spend some time remembering the gifts of those who have mentored your faith and to consider also how you are nurturing the faith of those around you.

Blessings for your journey!

Ryan

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labeled container in the foyer.

And remember, too, that the red food barrel, always near the name tag cabinet, invites ongoing donations for the South Corvallis Food Bank. Thanks!

LIFE IS A BEACH

Ineka, John and Amelia Estabrook are moving to Newport and invite you to look them up when you're at the coast. Their new address is 634 NE 7th Street, Newport 97365.



Grab your paint clothes and come help as we get Room 1 ready to be the new and improved youth space. We have a lot of furniture to move, windows and door frames needing to be taped, and paint needing to be rolled onto the wall. Work will begin on Monday morning at 9:30 – see you there! Questions? Call **Ryan** at the church or e-mail at ryan@ucc-covallis.org.

GREETING OF PEACE

Dear beloved friends in God at
First Congregational UCC in Corvallis,

We will have a special worship service on Peace Sunday, August 5. We pray never to repeat the same mistakes, remembering many people who were victims of World War II 62 years ago. Jesus Christ teaches us through the cross that Heavenly God loves us equally. He calls all of us to live in God's love. We remember all of you when we pray for peace and are at God's table on this Sunday. We also pray for people in Okinawa who continue fighting for peace with nonviolence. We pray for you to be in peace. We pray for our long standing friendship.

The Rev. Masato Tsukuda
and all of us at Takarazuka Church
UCC in Japan

IT'S TIME FOR THE 29TH ANNUAL RACE UNITY PICNIC

The picnic will be held on *Saturday, August 18*, at Lyons Kitchen in Avery Park, from noon to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and open to everyone. Entertainment includes musical performances and games for children (from 1:30-3:30). Come and celebrate the Unity in our Diversity, make new friends and renew old friendships. (More information is on the foyer bulletin board.) Food is provided by the sponsors, which include the Bahá'í Community, the NAACP of Corvallis, the Community Alliance for Diversity, and Oregon State University.

CONGRATULATIONS!

... to **Annie (Mueller-Warrant)** and **Ston McDaniels**, who were married on August 4 in Alsea. The newlyweds are living on Evergreen Road in Philomath.

... to **Sean O'Shea**, who received an MBA degree from Bellevue University in Nebraska this summer. He will continue working for Simplot in Boise.

Another honor for the O'Sheas: In July, **Patrick O'Shea** received the National Strength and Conditioning Assoc. Alvin Roy Award. Presented posthumously, this award honors an individual who has made a major impact in the field of strength training and sports performance. The award was presented to the O'Shea Family at the NSCA Conference in Atlanta.



GARDEN PRODUCE MARKET

Bring your garden excess: tomatoes, beans, squash, berries, etc.—and flowers too—to worship during this month. Fresh food and bloom enthusiasts are invited to make a donation to **We Care** and take home what they would like, in the atrium during coffee hour.

FROM FAITH @ WORK

Dear Friends,

We recently received from you a Guatemala Scholarship Fund Contribution (Guate 07 Supporting Charles Hel-sabeck and Caroline Zaworski) of \$205, dated 7/16/2007.

We are grateful for our ongoing relationship with you and your faithful financial support of Faith at Work. Through your gift of financial resources, Faith at Work leadership is enabling people across the country to have experiences of hearing God's call to them in the complexity of their lives. Your gift also gives us the resources to publish those stories in FAW Magazine. We deeply appreciate your steadfast commitment to his vision.

Faith At Work trusts the power of people gathered in Christ's name, being honest and authentic with each other. We have learned that within that space transformation happens in many different ways: Hope for a broken relationship where there was none, a decision to make a scary career change that will be life-giving, the start of renewal of one's spiritual walk, resources for a congregation as they walk the path towards building intentional community. Your support provides the means to bring transformation through relationships.

Our prayer team will be holding you in prayer one month this year. You will receive a card that month letting you know that you are being prayed for. If you have specific prayer requests or a special need at any time, please do contact us.

In gratitude,

Doug Wysockey-Johnson,
Executive Director

READ & FEED

Read & Feed will meet next Sunday evening, *August 12*, at 7:00 p.m. to finish the discussion of John Steinbeck's *East of Eden*. **Rose Hart**, 3507 NW Polk Ave., will host. Next month: Marcus Borg's *The Heart of Christianity*.

“ We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems. ”

--John W. Gardner



BADMINTON, ANYONE?

Badminton continues each week in Gatton Hall from 7:30 to 9:30 on Friday (or sometimes Thursday) evenings. If you'd like to come out and play, give **Brian Lee** a call to confirm the day; listings on the weekly calendar sometimes change.

FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dear Friends,

We appreciate your gift of \$1,273 so we may help the homeless and extremely low-income in our community. Our goal is to demonstrate compassion to all people in the work we do every day, which we can only do with the support of people like you. As you know, our mission is to help people transition from homelessness to stability.

Because of your support, people without a home can find a safe place to live here at Community Outreach, along with long-term help to break the cycle of homelessness. Those with no health insurance can receive medical and dental care, mental health counseling, and drug and alcohol treatment. Low-income and homeless families can access parenting education and therapeutic childcare; those who are hungry can be fed.

Your thoughtful generosity is a reminder that we are part of an extraordinary community, where individuals truly do care about one another. With your steady support and guidance, Corvallis is

a vibrant, healthy place for individuals and families to lead healthy and productive lives.

Richard Donovan, Executive Director

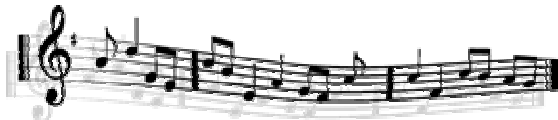
Summertime Music

OSU SUMMER CHOIR CONCERT

The OSU Summer Choir will present a concert at our church on *Wednesday, August 15*, at 7:30 p.m. Among the works to be sung will be Vivaldi's "Gloria," "There is a Balm in Gilead," "Soldier, Won't You Marry Me," "Walk in the Streets of Gold," and more! Members of our choir who are singing are: **Rose Hart, Paul deLespinasse, Don Minore, Evan Scheessele, Jim Cantey, Adam Grieve, and Ann Hawkins**. There is NO cost for this concert. **Steve Zielke** and Music Education students serve as conductors.

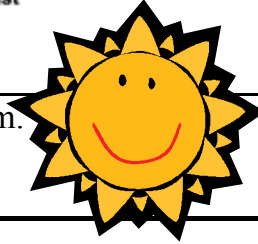
RECITAL

A joint recital by **David Jones**, horn, and his friend **Brenna Wrye-Simpson**, soprano, will be performed on *August 19*, at 3:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Corvallis. All are invited. (David will also provide music for our worship service this *Sunday, August 12*.)





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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, August 10

7:30 p.m. Badminton, Gatton Hall

Sunday, August 12

9:30 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Read & Feed, Hart

Monday, August 13

5:30 p.m. Basketball

7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, August 15

5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball

7:30 p.m. OSU Summer Choir
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Thursday, August 16

11:45 a.m. Lunch Group

7:00 p.m. Mission Board

Friday, August 17

7:30 p.m. Badminton, Gatton Hall

Sunday, August 19

9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 20

5:30 p.m. Basketball

7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Tuesday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Staff

7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest, Chapel

Wednesday, August 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball

Thursday, August 23

11:00 a.m. Spirituality Group

1:00 p.m. Ken Munford memorial

LOOKING AHEAD:

- *Sunday, September 2:* Ecumenical worship in Central Park at 10:00 a.m. (no service at First Congregational that day)
- *Wednesday, September 5:* Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume
- *September 16:* All Church Welcome Back Event
- *Sunday, October 7:* World Communion Sunday
- *October 14 and 21:* Inquirers' Class (for prospective members)
- *Sunday, October 28:* Reformation Sunday