



Congregational News

From FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corvallis, Oregon

Vol. XLVI, No. 36

October 12, 2007

GET YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE

For those who were not in worship last Sunday and did not receive an insert for their 2006 Church Directory, you will find inserts at the end of the name tag cabinet this Sunday. This insert, which includes the changes from the insert dated February 21, contains approximately 60 informational changes for members and friends of this congregation. This insert will help you keep up with an ever-changing congregation.

CAAIR LUNCH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS (AND EATERS)

CAAIR will be serving lunch as a fund-raiser on *Saturday, October 27* at the Odd Fellows Hall, 223 SW 2nd Street. After you're done shopping at the Farmer's Market on the Riverfront, walk on over to the Odd Fellows' Hall for soup, bread, fruit and cookies for \$6.00. You may also buy pottery bowls for \$10.00. Lunch will be served between 11:00 and 2:00.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, serving, on-going dish washing and clean-up. Cookie bakers are needed too. Cooking will begin at 8:30. If people are

willing to bake cakes and pies, the baked goods will be sold separately from the lunch. If you are available to help with any of these lunch preparations, please call **Eileen Marma** (753-0540).



HEALTH CARE FORUMS OPEN TO ALL

Mike Huntington invites all church members to attend three public forums on health care. They will be at the Corvallis public library
(continued on page 4)

THIS SUNDAY

October 14

Adult Forum: **Charles Helsaback** and **Caroline Zaworski** will show pictures of their recent work in Guatemala, and answer questions. After worship, during Soup 'n' Bread, they will talk in more detail about the possibility of some of us going to Guatemala in Summer 2008.

Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Luke 17:1-19

Sermon: "No More Whining"
Elizabeth Oettinger

Dear Friends,

How many of you have noticed the billboard on 3rd Street that advertises only DontAlmostGive.org? After passing it a few hundred times, I went to the website. It's a public service announcement from the Ad Council. According to their research, most of us give about one in five times that we intend to give. Some worthy organization catches our attention; we tell ourselves we are going to make a contribution... but we never quite get around to it. The website gives all sorts of information about charitable organizations in areas such as health, education, children, the arts. Their goal is to move people from almost giving to actually giving.

Don't almost give. I don't know who made up the slogan but it certainly caught me, not just in terms of giving away money but all of the things in our lives that we "almost" do. We intend to volunteer, but don't quite sign up. We intend to be more faithful in exercising, but always find reasons not to. We think about sending a friend a note, but don't follow through.

Don't almost _____. This week I had trouble picking which scripture reading to address in my sermon. I chose the Jeremiah text, but the gospel lesson from Luke is about Jesus healing ten lepers and only one of the ten coming back to thank Jesus. I've thought a lot about the text and what was up with those other nine lepers. My guess is that they weren't unappreciative of what Jesus had done for them. I would further guess that they weren't so self-absorbed that it didn't occur to them to say "thank you" to the one who had made them whole. But once they had shown themselves to the priests and had been restored to society, there was just a lot they could do,... and then so much time had passed, it would have been hard to find Jesus,... and then they were embarrassed that it had been so long,... and slowly their motivation to thank the gracious healer just evaporated.

How many times in a day, in a month, in your life do you almost...? For me, the number is way too high. It mattered to Jesus that the leper came back to thank him. I think it would probably make a significant difference not just to individuals, but in the world, if we turned our "almosts" into action. So, it's easy to remember. Don't almost. Just do it! (I had to say it)

Liz

“ Life is a magic vase filled to the brim; so made that you cannot dip into it nor draw from it; but it overflows into the hand that drops treasures into it--drop in malice and it

overflows hate; drop in charity and it overflows love.”

--John Ruskin



**UNITED
CAMPUS
MINISTRY
AT OSU**
Grace and Peace

to you!

This e-mail is coming as an invitation from **Tim Stover** and **Leah McCullough** (through United Campus Ministry at WestM) to introduce you to a new opportunity this fall term. We invite you to join us as we employ the resources of **Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett**, National Public Radio's conversation about religion, meaning, ethics, and ideas. Each week we will share a **program from the SOF archives*** related to the theme of **Wholeness and Healing** to focus our conversation about the myriad ways in which religious/spiritual impulses inform every aspect of life and culture on campus and in our larger community.

These conversations will run for six successive weeks on Tuesdays beginning *October 16*. We will meet during the noon hour in various rooms in the MU. We will have some posters up on campus and ask you to help spread the word to colleagues and friends.

We hope that you will enrich these conversations which will have a rich start through their grounding in the amazing resource known as "Speaking of Faith." You can check it out this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. on Oregon Public Broadcasting Radio as Krista interviews **Sister Joan Chittister** whom some of you may

remember as a fresh and powerful voice at the **God at 2000** event hosted here at OSU.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (Tim) with any questions you might have.

Shalom, Timothy

*We ask that you listen to the free podcast of the week's focus program before joining the conversation. To access the podcast function go to: <http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/> and click on PODCAST in the upper right portion of the screen. The archive reference date for each week's program is found in parentheses at the end of each program summary.



The **Middle** and **High School** youth groups will be going together to the Muddy Creek Corn Maze on *Sunday, October 14*. We will meet in the church parking lot at 3:30 p.m. and return for pick up at 5:30. The cost is \$6 per person.

Every paid ticket will also be good for a game of bowling at Highland Bowl. We will save the tickets and use them at a later date for another youth excursion.

Contact **Peggy Carrick** at 754-9045 (home) or 760-5696 (cell) if you are coming and/or are able to drive. We will need one or more drivers to transport youth.

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR THE MILLIGAN FAMILY

While **Gavin** is progressing though his chemotherapy treatments church folks are providing meals a couple of times a week for the **Milligans**. **Ginny Lucker** is organizing this effort and we are looking for a few more people to add their name to the meal rotation. Sign up with Ginny at church this week or contact her at home (753-4648) to help out!

THE BELLS ARE BACK!



Don't you love the sound of handbells during the Advent season? Wouldn't you love to help make that beautiful music? If you are an "experienced" bell ringer, please come to our first meeting of the season on *Sunday, October 28*, at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. We will talk about the practice schedule (currently planned for 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. on Sundays), and play through a few pieces. We will be playing in church late in the Advent season. If you have questions (like "What does 'experienced ringer' mean?"), please contact director **Kim Thackray** at thackray_family@yahoo.com or 758-8542. It's going to be fun!

READ & FEED TO MEET

This *Sunday, October 7*, Read & Feed will discuss *Carter Beats the Devil* by Glen David Gold. The meeting begins at 7:00 at the **Millers'** home.

HEALTH CARE FORUMS *from p. 1*
from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, October 18
PHYSICIANS SPEAK OUT

Local physicians will host a meeting for the public about our health care crisis, discussing the scope, causes, and possible solutions.

Monday, October 22
"BIG PHARMA"

A showing of the DVD followed by a local physician panel discussing Part D Medicare, Oregon Prescription Plan, patents for "me too" drugs, big box pharmacies, low-cost drugs, and free antibiotics.

Tuesday, October 30
"SALUD"

Filmed in Cuba, an upbeat and moving film about the urgency of ensuring universal access to health care. Local physicians will discuss primary care as the foundation of health for the U.S.

REGISTRAR ADDRESS CHANGES

Since **Linda Hadfield** will be out of town the rest of this month, any additional registrations for the Northwest Regional Women's Conference should be sent directly to the committee treasurer. She is **Barbara Droz** and her address is: 23950 S. Beaver Creek Road; Beaver Creek, Oregon, 97004. There is still space available for the *November 2-4* conference at Kah Nee Ta.

YOU ARE INVITED!

...to a Faith Community Luncheon at noon at Benton Hospice Service, 2350 NW Professional Drive, Corvallis. **Marsha Gulick** and **Ned Barker**, BHS Spiritual Counselors, will present "Understanding Hospice: Skilled Hands and Warm Hearts at the End of Life." This locally-produced film shows how hospice supports the terminally ill and their families. Please join us! RSVP requested by *October 15* to 757-9616 or knousen@bentonhospice.org

*

...to the Benton Habitat for Humanity Nunez Home & Conifer Site Dedication on *Sunday, October 14* at 2:00 p.m. Join us at 1090 NE Conifer Blvd, Corvallis. (Please park at Cheldelin School or west of the railroad tracks). Questions? Call Benton Habitat for Humanity (541-752-3354).

*

...to attend "Eyes Wide Open," a widely-acclaimed exhibition on the human cost of the Iraq War, which features a pair of boots honoring each U.S. military casualty, a field of shoes and a Wall of Remembrance to memorialize the Iraqis killed in the conflict, and a multimedia display exploring the history, cost and consequences of the war. It was created by the American Friends Service Committee. The exhibit opens at 10:00 a.m., *Monday, October 15*. At dusk that evening there will be a candlelight vigil and a reading of the names of the Oregon fatalities. There will be a short closing

ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on *Tuesday, October 16*, after which the exhibit will be taken down. The exhibit is free and wheelchair accessible.

TRAVEL TO THE PASSION PLAY

I would like to invite you to consider traveling with me to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany in July of 2010, a tour that will also include seeing some other sights in Budapest, Hungary, Vienna and Salzburg, Austria,; Munich, Germany, and finally Prague in the Czech Republic.

It may seem early to start planning for an event happening in 2010, but reservations are already being made. Tickets for the Passion Play season are generally sold out over a year and a half in advance. Many attendees come from other countries. The play was first present in 1634 and has continued every ten years since that time in gratitude to God for sparing most of the Oberammergau villagers from the Black Plague.

Please contact me for a brochure that describes the itinerary and contains a reservation form. I took a group to the Passion Play in 2000, and have led other groups to Israel and Egypt, Turkey and Greece, and Italy. You can call me at 757-1600 or e-mail prdan@comcast.net

Dan Hallgrimson, Pastor
Grace Lutheran Church, Corvallis



Congregational News (USPS 128-820)
 PERIODICALS POSTAGE PAID AT CORVALLIS OR
 Postmaster: Send address changes to:
 Congregational News, 4515 SW West Hills Rd.
 Corvallis OR 97333-3825. Published weekly
 except twice a month in July and August by
First Congregational United Church of Christ



Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Office Phone: 757-8122
 Facilities Coordinator: 753-2106

Susan Wickes, Editor
 e-mail: sbwickes@comcast.net
 Home Phone: 754-0117

Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, October 16.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, October 12
 7:00 p.m. Badminton, Gatton Hall

Sunday, October 14
 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
 9:15 a.m. Church School, Room 5
 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 (following) Soup 'n' Bread
(following) Guatemala meeting,
 Library (*page 1*)
(following) Inquirers' Class,
 Fireplace Room
 3:30 p.m. Middle and High
 School Youth to
 Corn Maze (*page 3*)
 7:00 p.m. Read & Feed, Miller

Monday, October 15

5:30 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Staff
 Noon Lectionary class
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
 7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest,

Music Room

7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, October 17
 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 18
 11:45 a.m. Lunch Group
 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142

Friday, October 19
 7:00 p.m. Badminton, Gatton Hall

NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE

Pat Johnson and Dorothy Price
 3110 SW Chintimini Ave.
 Corvallis, OR 97333

**OREGON ART BEAT FEATURES
 KAREN MILLER**

Karen Miller is featured this month on Oregon Art Beat, doing as much katazome (Japanese stencil dyeing) as will fit in an eight-minute segment! The program airs *October 18* at 8:00 p.m. and again the following Sunday evening.