



# Congregational News

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## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Come join us for a fellowship "Knight" at the Corvallis Knights home game against the Gresham Mountaineers on *Thursday, July 24*, at 6:35 p.m. at Goss Stadium on the OSU campus. Look for UCC families and friends down the first base line, cheering on our local West Coast collegiate baseball team and eating \$1 hot dogs. General admission is \$5. For more info about the team, check out their website at [www.corvallisknights.com](http://www.corvallisknights.com).

## HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI COMMEMORATION EVENT

Please join us at Starker Arts Park for the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration Event, on *Thursday, August 7*.

- 7:30-8:00 p.m. Lantern decorating and crane folding
- 8:00-8:30 p.m. Commemorative program
- 8:30-9:00 p.m. Traditional floating lantern ceremony on Starker Arts Pond

The public is invited. Families are welcome. Materials for lanterns and can-

dles and origami paper will be provided. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. This community event is sponsored by our Just Peace Committee.



### ***THIS SUNDAY - July 27***

- Scriptures:** Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
- Music:** "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus," Mark Hayes  
Nicola Nine Zielke
- Sermon:** "The Plain and the Glorious"  
Elizabeth Oettinger

### ***NEXT SUNDAY - August 3***

- Music:** David Jones, horn
- Sermon:** Kate Stewart

Dear Friends,

It's time for another update about Jessie. Sometime next week, Jessie will be starting an 8-week cycle of intensive chemotherapy much like her first eight weeks of treatment. The significant difference is that she entered that 8-week cycle with a very healthy body. She begins this cycle with a body that has endured six months of chemotherapy and radiation. So, on the one hand we know it will be harder; on the other hand, there are no new drugs this time around, so she likely won't have another unexpected reaction like she did with the 6-MC.

There's no way to know in advance how hard it will be, and how much she will need me. You have all been so generous about respecting my need to be with her when treatment gets difficult; please know that once we're past this hurdle, that will probably be the end of my erratic schedule for at least a year.

Both Jessie and her mother are somewhat apprehensive about this phase called "late intensification." We know a lot after her first hard round of treatment. Many of the things that were mysterious then seem routine now. We know the doctors and nurses in many parts of the oncology unit and they know Jessie and how her body works. But we also know enough to be more specifically nervous than we were first time around.

I had hoped that my experiences in the spring would make it easier to plan for this cycle, but the fact is that there is no good way to plan for maybe being here and maybe not. You either make yourself deliberately irrelevant or have people scurrying around at the last moment trying to cover things. There's very little middle ground. I am working this week to get as many items off of my "to do" list as possible, and line up potential back-ups. Fortunately, August is a relatively easy month to cover. September will be more of a challenge, but if I have learned anything this year, it is to trust others, and understand that none of us is indispensable in the church's ministry.

I try to think of this forced uncertainty as a spiritual discipline. In fact, all our lives are uncertain every day. We really don't know what the next day or even the next hour will bring. Most of us could do a better job of living intentionally in the present--not putting off what we should do now, being deliberately grateful for daily gifts and graces, allowing for the possibility that the world and its business can move forward without us from time to time. Those closest to me will tell you that I have pretty high control needs. It is probably good for me to accept that, for two months, I'm just not going to have much control, so instead of fussing about it, I do what can be done and let go the rest gracefully. At least that's what I tell myself. As in most cases, it's easier to say than to live. But I'm trying.

As always, your prayers, good wishes, and support mean the world to me, to Jessie, to our whole family. I promise that when I have to be away, I will stay in close touch.

God bless you all.

Liz

### **FAMILY BARBEQUE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 8**

Families with children up through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited for a potluck gathering at **Ryan and Shuana Lambert's** home (2626 NW Linnan Circle) at 6:00 p.m. on *Friday, August 8*. Burgers, hot dogs, vegi-burgers and the fixings will be supplied. Families are asked to bring a salad to share with the group and to RVSP to Ryan by *Thursday, August 7* so that a proper amount a food can be purchased. Please join us for a night of food and family fellowship!

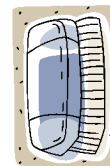


Many thanks to all who volunteered for Stone Soup on July 15. Because of the experience and expertise of many we were able to, despite **Pat Johnson's** absence, provide a nutritious meal and clean up in record time!

Volunteers were **Susie Nelson, Sharon Calhoun, Trina Norman, Al, Claire, Laurel, and Mari Goldner; Olivia Coe, Charlene Hunter, John Hawkins, Megan Chambers, Anne Harper, Pamela Wood-Rinkus, Ed Henderlite, Dale Kirk, Bev Whitmore, Brian Lee, and Carol Huntington.**

We need another crew for *July 29*. Sign up this Sunday!

### **CE WING SCRUB CLUB HOLDS THIS YEAR'S FIRST (AND ONLY) MEETING**



Please join us for a “clean sweep” of in the CE wing on *Thursday, August 7* from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We are gearing up for the beginning of the CE curriculum year in September and need to scrub the toys, tables and chairs for a fresh start. We will also be sorting costumes and equipping the rooms with the essential supplies to make each Sunday a positive learning experience for our children. All cleaning supplies will be provided. We welcome all ages and abilities to join us for this “cleansing experience!”

### **CWC DINNER/FUNDRAISER**

Mark your calendar to go out to dinner with friends on *Saturday, August 16*, at "Bombs Away: A Funky Tacqueria" on Monroe Street. Entrees are between \$7 and \$12, and 15% of the take that night will be donated to the **Community of Welcoming Congregations** (of which we are a member). No friends to invite? Meet folks from other like-minded congregations in Corvallis: First United Methodists, Unitarian-Universalists and Beit Am who are all supporting this event.

### CAMP NURSE NEEDED!

The nurse scheduled to work at Camp Adams from *July 27-August 2* is unable to keep that commitment. Camp Manager **Jim Doane** needs your help to identify a person or persons with at least one of the following certifications to keep the camp legal and the campers healthy during the week of Exodus camp.

- a physician licensed in Oregon
- a registered nurse licensed in Oregon
- a physician assistant licensed in Oregon
- a practical nurse licensed in Oregon
- a national athletic trainers association certified trainer
- an emergency medical technician or a paramedic
- a person currently certified as completing the American Red Cross emergency response course or equivalent
- a person currently certified as completing Wilderness Advanced First Aid, or better, from a nationally recognized provider
- a currently qualified military medical corpsman

Interested and available persons, please contact Jim Doane at the camp as quickly as possible at 503-829-2118 or [campadams@molalla.net](mailto:campadams@molalla.net).

Camp this summer for the UCC has gone very well. The numbers of campers have increased this year. It has been a good season so far and we want it to continue – so please help us locate a “camp nurse.” Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who sent cards, offered good wishes and prayers, and provided food during the past few days. Knowing others were thinking of me made it easier to cope with the surgery and its aftermath. Nancye and I especially appreciate the constant attention of the clergy while I was in the hospital.

Jim Ballard

### CELEBRATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS PLANNED

Garden Party Celebrating Domestic Partnerships, a fundraiser for Basic Rights Oregon, will be held *Saturday, August 2*, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and buy you beverages, appetizers, pastries, and a celebratory cake. **Johanna Beekman** will provide music. For more information and location, call 929-7435.



### THANK YOU

... to all who helped make our Vacation Bible School Beach Party a success. Between 15 and 20 children, aged 3 to 11, explored what the Bible teaches about being kind, bold, obedient, faithful, and forgiving through activities related to the beach and sea life. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and loving hands that brought this ministry to our children each evening: **Crafts- Ginny Esary, George Mueller-Warrant, Anna Gay, Noelle Gay, Ted McCann; Science Discovery - Brian**

**Wright and Becky Flitercroft; Recreation - Aleita Hass-Holcombe, Robin Miller, Brooks McCann, Tim Thornton, Anika Hall, Gavin Demorest; Music - Kim Thackray, Kristen Rorrer, Chris Rorrer; Classroom teachers - Betty Massoni, Gary Massoni, Kaia Larson, Kristen Rorrer, Julie Rorrer, Ryan Lambert, Beth Koch; Behind the scenes - Mark Esary, Ken Crouse, Ann Hawkins, Molly Chambers, Jenny Koch, Jeff Snyder.** We would also like to thank the parents who let us to borrow their little ones for a week of laughter and learning. What a treasure we have in our children!

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Tanya Andersson 8/1, Dorothy Price 8/2, Bart Eleveld 8/6, Coral Torley 8/6, Gary Massoni 8/7, Nicki Zielke 8/8, Michael Chambers 8/12, Grace Lambert 8/14, Sally Robertson 8/16, Warren Hovland 8/17, Nancy Klingeman 8/18, Nat Brew 8/19, Sally McBride 8/20, John Murphy 8/22, Eleanor Martin 8/23, Karen Walker 8/25, Joni Peterson 8/26, Jennifer Koch 8/26, Sho Kimura 8/26, Amanda LaBonte 8/27, Brian Lee 8/27, Rose Hart 8/28, Bob Stebbins 8/30, Tim Cowles 8/31, Larry Merriam 8/31, Jim Hall 8/31, Ching-Yue Chi 8/31, Brooks McCann 8/31



#### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Doris and Paul deLespinasse 8/5 (41<sup>st</sup>)  
Arne Larson and Peggy Carrick 8/9

(16<sup>th</sup>)

Ryan and Shauna Lambert 8/10 (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Mike and Sheila Schweizer 8/14 (37<sup>th</sup>)  
Hokie and Jean Adams 8/16 (61<sup>st</sup>)  
Luther and Mary MacLean 8/8 (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Jim and Nancye Ballard 8/19 (42<sup>nd</sup>)  
Bettie and Keith Muckleston 8/19 (47<sup>th</sup>)  
Betty and Gary Massoni 8/21 (44<sup>th</sup>)  
Ed and Karen Miller 8/23 (42<sup>nd</sup>)  
Greg and Kristin Rorrer 8/23 (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Verlyne and Wayne Phillips 8/24 (45<sup>h</sup>)  
Alice and Jay Sperling 8/26  
Don and Eileen Milligan 8/28  
Pat and Wayne Phillips 8/29 (61<sup>st</sup>)  
Brian and Tracey Meara 8/29 (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Alan and Karen Walker 8/30 (33<sup>rd</sup>)  
Nancy and Pete Klingeman 8/31 (51<sup>st</sup>)  
Eric and Nadine Skyllingstad 8/31 (22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### **Our Thoughts and Prayers**

... are with **Emma Rose May**, her parents **Anna Starker May** and **Adam May**, and grandparents **Bond** and **Marilyn Starker**. Emma entered the world early on July 2 at 2 lbs. 1.5 oz. and continues in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Eugene. Anna is recovering well from a C-section.

... and with **Jim Starker**, recovering from back surgery;

... and with **Jim Ballard**, recovering at home after heart bypass surgery on July 12;

... and with **Amy Nafshun** and her family, following the death of Amy's father, **James Patrick Driscoll**, on July 10 in Salem.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, August 5.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*Friday, July 25*

7:30 p.m. Badminton

*Sunday, July 27*

9:30 a.m. Worship

3:20 p.m. Holy Sox make-up  
 game, Pioneer Park

6:00 p.m. Holy Sox, Pioneer Park

*Tuesday, July 29*

3:00 p.m. Stone Soup  
**NO** Boy Scout Troop 1

*Thursday, July 31*

11:00 a.m. Spirituality Group,  
 Library

6:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice,  
 Chintimini Park

*Friday, August 1*

7:00 a.m. First Friday Forum

7:30 p.m. Badminton

*Sunday, August 3*

9:30 a.m. Worship

5:40 p.m. Holy Sox, Washington  
 Park

*Tuesday, August 5*

**8:30 a.m. Staff retreat, Wickes**  
 7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee,  
**Thackray**

*Thursday, August 7*

6:00 p.m. C E wing clean-out

7:00 p.m. Caring for Creation,  
 Library

*Friday, August 8*

6:00 p.m. Barbecue, Lambert

7:30 p.m. Badminton

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
 FOR WOMEN'S CAMP**

Women in the congregation need to mark your fall calendars for our Central Pacific Women's Camp on *October 17-19* and plan to join us at Camp Adams that weekend. The Rev. **Jean Doane** from Aloha will be the resource leader and the theme is "God Is Still Giving" (as well as speaking). Registration forms will be available at our church literature rack in August. Contact **Nancy Klingeman** for additional information.