

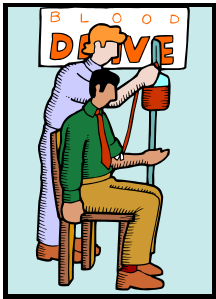


Congregational News

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BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Please consider participating in the **American Red Cross Blood Drive** in our church's Meeting Hall on *Wednesday, August 4*, from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. The need for blood is critical during the summer months and committing to donate could give someone a second chance at life.

Appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or at www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code **CorvallisUCC**. Volunteers are also needed to help in the canteen at the drive. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Gregg Smith** (JRIVSmith@comcast.net or 541-753-2337).

THE SOUND OF WORSHIP

Our Sunday morning worship experienced is enhanced by those who provide us with good, reliable sound. We would like to develop a pool of 3-4 people who are interested and willing to learn about the inner workings of our equipment so that no one person needs to feel respon-

sible for every Sunday. In addition, we sometimes need someone to set up equipment for an outsider user event; often times these take place on a weekend. If you are willing to be available for such an occasion (generally, several weeks advance notice is given), we'd like to hear from you. E--mail the office
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Summer Worship



July 25

Scriptures: Psalm 85
Hosea 1:2-10
Music: Julia Lont, cello
Sermon: "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"
Elizabeth Oettinger

August 1

Music: Patrick Yun, violin
Sermon: Caroline Zaworski

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Molly Chambers*

The past three years have been a whirlwind of projects, crises, discoveries, and celebrations for the Christian Education program here at the church. I came to the staff in a temporary capacity to pick up tasks that were in at risk of being unattended while Ryan shifted his energies to clergy responsibilities during Jessie's (and then Liz's own!) illness.

While not working from a specific job description has been confusing at times, it has also left me with the freedom to explore possibilities for our children, families, teachers, and staff that has proved to be a jumpstart for us all in our pursuit to be a 'family friendly' place. Ryan and I have tried very hard to remain faithful to our mission and traditions here at the UCC and at the same time to step out a bit and try some wacky, zany ideas to see what the possibilities might be for us. Sometimes it has worked and sometimes it hasn't. That's to be expected and I thank all of you for stepping out with us throughout our experiments. We have laughed and/or lamented with many of you over the years!

Our work has just begun in developing a model of children's programming interwoven into the life of our congregation so that families with children know they are always welcomed and valued when they are with us. Conversely, we want grown-ups to know they are always a welcomed addition to our family friendly activities.

I am looking forward to welcoming a new staff person who will have fresh energy and perspective to fill the (now permanent) position of CE Associate -- to be hired next month. I will help with that transition during August then step back and let new leadership take us to the next place on our journey! I will cheer and pray and help when I am asked so that this rather serendipitous start can continue to gain momentum in the coming months and years. Please join me on this joyous adventure!

Molly

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at office@ucc-corvallis.org, or contact
Ryan, Liz, Gregg Smith, or John Holmes

**MENTAL HEALTH
COMMUNITY PICNIC**

Join the fun! Bring your appetite and good cheer to the picnic from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on *Friday, July 23*, at the Lion's

Shelter in Avery Park. The event is sponsored by NAMI Mid-Valley with help from friends of the mental health community. Provided will be hamburgers, gardenburgers, hot dogs, salad, baked beans, watermelon, beverages and dessert. Salads (no mayo, please), sides, chips, lawn and lawn chairs are welcome and monetary donations are appreciated. The Kindreds will provide music.

WHAT'S COMING FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

The **Christian Education Board** has several work and fellowship events planned over the coming weeks:

- **Mark and Ginnie Esary** are hosting a Christian Education Board-sponsored barbeque on *Saturday, July 24*, at 5:00 p.m. at their home. Families of all shapes, sizes, and configurations are welcome to attend! The Esarys' address is 3440 NE Minnesota. Please bring something to barbeque for your family and a side dish to share with the group! RSVP to Mark and Ginnie at 541-754-8077 by **Friday, July 23!**
- At 11:30 on *Tuesday, August 3*, there will be a planning event for fall children and youth activities. We will be meeting at the Coffee Culture Annex on N. 9th Street. Bring your ideas and join us—all are welcome!
- We will be attending the **Corvallis Knights** game on *Saturday, August 7*, at 7:05 p.m., at Coleman Field, Goss Stadium. Look for UCC folks along the first base line. General Admission tickets are only \$5 and there will be fireworks after the game. All are welcome for this fellowship event!
- Christian Education Teacher Training: *July 19*, at 6:30 p.m. This will be our annual teacher training for those who will be

teaching our Christian Education classes beginning in September. Teachers, parents, and anyone interested in our Christian Education program is welcome!

- On *Saturday, August 28*, (9:00 a.m.-noon) and *Tuesday, August 31*, (6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.) we will be sanding and painting bookshelves and chairs from the CE wing that are in need of repair and refurbishing. Many hands make light work! Join us!

LUNCH PROVIDED FOR KITCHEN HELP CREW

Women's Fellowship is planning to work on the Gatton Hall Kitchen on *August 10*, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a soup lunch to be provided. We would love to have help from anyone who can come for any part of that time. We'll be sorting out and washing the drawers and cupboards and putting on some more labels so people who use the kitchen will be able to find things and put them away where they belong. So put this in your calendar now and plan to help. For more information, call **Monine Stebbins** (541-754-8039).

Reminder:

Stripping, cleaning and re-waxing of the floors in the downstairs C E wing and upstairs CE bathroom happen this weekend, *Friday, Saturday, July 23-24*. No foot traffic in this area until Sunday, the 25th.

CAKES FOR A CAUSE !!!



Please join us after church on *August 8*, to purchase a home-baked treat. The funds raised go to support the Women's Cold Weather Shelter. As you may know, they get by on a shoestring budget, and help good things happen. If you happened to attend the recent event where the homeless shared their stories, you could have heard both men and women tell you about the difference that having safe shelter available throughout the winter made for them.

Look for us in the Fireplace Room. We hope to have both whole and individual desserts available for you to purchase. And if you took part in the Congregational Week at the shelter last winter, be prepared to get our phone call. We're looking for bakers. Yes, everyone can participate, and **DO SOMETHING SWEET FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS.**

OSU SUMMER CHOIR IS OPEN TO ALL

Community members are invited to participate in the OSU Summer Choir, which began Monday, July 19. The cost is \$15. (OSU students can register for credit.) Rehearsal are Mondays and Wednesday, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.; the concert will be *Wednesday, August 11*, at the First United Methodist Church in

Corvallis. All ages and levels of singing experience are welcome.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS

Central Pacific Conference Women are encouraging all churches to collect items for Hygiene Kits to send to disaster areas. There is a box near the entrance to the sanctuary ready to receive your contributions of: **16" x 28" hand towels; washcloths; wide-tooth combs; nail clippers; wrapped bath size soap; toothbrushes in original packages; and standard size Band-Aids.** Please add some of these items to your shopping list and bring them to church. The need is still great in Haiti even six months after the huge earthquake there. Contact **Nancy Klingeman** if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER

The PCC has added three new part-time counselors, **Mary Aguilera, Ph.D., Leanne Schamp, Ph.D., and Greg Smith, M.S.W.,** and thereby expanding our services to include alcohol and drug addiction counseling and children's play therapy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Charles Helsabeck

SUMMER RETREAT INVITATION

The Spiritual Life Committee of First Presbyterian Church is putting on a

Summer Retreat, and would like to invite interested members of your congregation to attend.

The theme this year is: More Godly Play.... If it's good for the kids, it's even more important for the teenagers and adults! The reason angels are able to fly is because they take themselves so lightly. Let's spend a day playing with the idea that we are all God's children and that our child-like qualities can lead us to our deepest connection with the Divine within us.

Vicki Hannah Lein, M.S. Counseling, will be our facilitator. She is an award-winning international motivational speaker, author, singer-songwriter, and humorist. You can get more information about her by visiting her website: www.outrageousvisions.com.

During this retreat we will sing, dance, write, dress-up, draw, play games – in short, will create an environment where we honor the divinity in all of us as we joyfully explore divine possibilities. Happiness has been defined as when our greatest gifts meet the world's greatest needs. Let us come and play together as God's family and see what happens.

The retreat is scheduled for *Saturday, August 14*, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., lunch will be provided, cost is \$27.50 per person. Free childcare can be provided upon request. The retreat will be held at the First Congregational Church in Corvallis. Seating is limited so please register early to guarantee that you will be able to attend. This year the event is

open to teenagers and adults. Vicki is well known in the community and is a very dynamic speaker and this should be a great retreat. Please come join us.

If you have questions you can call the Presbyterian church office (541-753-2228.)



Evan and Erin Scheesele and big brother **Peter** welcomed **Simon Basil** to their family on July 11.

SALMON BARBECUE RESPONSES

Each year former clergy from First Congregational, Corvallis, are invited to attend the barbecue. Rarely are they able to join us, but often send us their news and greetings which we share in our newsletter:



Thank you for your letter and ticket to the Salmon Barbecue. Once again, the barbecue is occurring when I will be at Pilgrim Cover in McCall, Idaho, with my grandsons. This will be our eighth year. They love to go and it seems they have developed deep roots with the camp. They are growing up, Blake, 17, and Bronson, 14. The years move along.

I continue to work at Hazelden Springbrook ...as a spiritual care counselor, helping the alcoholics and drug addicts with their spiritual program. I also do private counseling at New Journey which I have done for some 20 years.

Give my blessing love to everyone.

Phil Oliver

Once again Kay and I want to thank you for the tickets to the Salmon Barbecue. Unfortunately, we were unable to be there. In June we made a trip to Snohomish, WA, to attend the high school graduation of our granddaughter there and came back to welcome Kay's three sisters who came for a week-long visit. One of them is still with us and we are late sending this note as we have totally lost our usual schedule!

Good memories surface when we reflect on the many good times we have had at this event. It has been thirty-five years since we left Corvallis and it is good to know that we played a part in helping to build this strong, active and vital congregation.

Kay and I are both in very good health and enjoying life with our new puppy (another Old English Sheep dog) and the many activities of summer. We remember fondly the many friends ... who are still carrying on the vital mission of the church. Please remember us to the folks who remember the "olden days" when our church was just beginning.

Shalom,

All (Slighter)

"THANK YOU" FOR VBS HELP!

We had a very successful week of Vacation Bible School from July 11-15. **Molly** and **Ryan** would like to thank the many volunteers who made our children's VBS experience a success. Our decorating crew included **George** and

Rhonda Mueller-Warrant, Hisae Kunugi, Anna Gay, Noelle Gay, Lila Gay, Grant Thackray, Julie Rorrer, Joe Chambers, and Michael Chambers. Our Teachers and Guides were: **Shahnaz Sahnaw, Amanda LaBonte, Betty Massoni, Aleita Hass-Holcombe, Shauna Lambert, Kim Hannigan, Bryan Wright, George Mueller-Warrant, Brooks McCann, Kaia Larson, Anna Gay, Noelle Gay, and Michael Chambers.** Our cooking crew included: **Tanya Anderson, Joe Chambers, and Mary and Luther MacLean.** Thank you all for your time and your energy!



... to **Cynthia Janes**, again this year for planting the flower pots adding many colorful spots to the church gardens.

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, Sally McBride 8/20, John Murphy 8/22, Eleanor Martin 8/23, Allen Agnew 8/24, 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,
Jim Hall 8/31, Ching-Yue Chi 8/31,
Brooks McCann 8/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Doris and Paul deLespinasse 8/5 (43rd)
Arne Larson and Peggy Carrick 8/9
(18th)

Ryan and Shauna Lambert 8/10 (16th)
Hokie and Jean Adams 8/16 (63rd)
Luther and Mary MacLean 8/8 (4th)
Jim and Nancy Ballard 8/19 (44th)
Bettie and Keith Muckleston 8/19 (49th)
Betty and Gary Massoni 8/21 (46th)
Ed and Karen Miller 8/23 (44th)
Greg and Kristin Rorrer 8/23 (24th)
Verlyne and Wayne Phillips 8/24 (47th)
Alice and Jay Sperling 8/26
Don and Eileen Milligan 8/28
Pat and Wayne Phillips 8/29 (63rd)
Brian and Tracey Meara 8/29 (12th)

Alan and Karen Walker 8/30 (35th)
Nancy and Pete Klingeman 8/31 (53rd)
Eric and Nadine Skyllingstad 8/31 (24th)

GULF OIL SPILL: WHAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW

Give You can provide assistance for families whose livelihoods and employment have been negatively impacted by the oil spill and who may fall through the cracks of other assistance programs.

Pray Lift up prayer for the people of the gulf, and their environment.

Take Action Call on Congress to pass legislation to help gulf communities deal with lost jobs, revenue, and clean-up efforts.

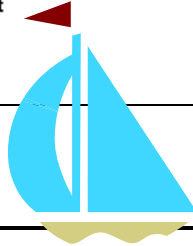
Volunteer Call the Deepwater Horizon Response Volunteer Request Line at 1-866-448-5816 or visit their website: <http://www.ucc.org/gulf-oil-spill>



On Salmon Barbecue Sunday, we welcomed new members (L to R):
Jennifer Ambrosius,
Alex Sveta (with son **Toron**),
Laura Relyea, and
Diedre Quinn.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, August 3.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, July 23

5:00-7:00 Mental Health Community picnic [p. 4]

7:30 p.m. Badminton

Saturday, July 24

5:00 p.m. C E Barbecue, Esarys' [see page 3]

Sunday, July 25

9:30 a.m. Worship

4:20 p.m. Holy Sox,
S. Chintimini

Tuesday, July 27

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

7:15 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, July 28

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Group

Friday, July 30

7:30 p.m. Badminton

Sunday, August 1

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

Tuesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Staff

11:30 a.m. Youth/children

Planning [see page 3]

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, August 4

1:00-6:00 Blood Drive, Meeting
Hall [see page 1]

Friday, August 6

7:00 a.m. First Friday Forum

7:30 p.m. Badminton

To our church family:

Thank you all for your prayers and loving care. Our church family is a big part of our daily life. The efforts the church members and friends have shown to us demonstrate that our church walks what it talks. Keeping in touch with our church during times when we cannot attend is like drinking a cool glass of water on a hot day. It tastes so good! God bless you all

John and Anna Marie Holmes