



Congregational News

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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 8,
at the end of worship

to vote on a proposal to purchase a 1.36-acre parcel of land on our western boundary for \$125,500 for the land and approximately \$4,500 for all associated purchase costs.



BAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY!

Cakes For A Cause brought to you this Sunday by the famous Congregational Bakers. Please plan to come this *Sunday, August 8*, and join us for a sweet way to offer support to the Women's Cold Weather Shelter. Instead of just collecting an offering, we are offering you something wonderful. It's your chance to buy homemade cakes, cookies, pies, and ??? with the funds raised going 100% to help pay for another season of offering a warm shelter to women without homes. Both whole and individual servings will be available.

You may think "I'd like to help, but just don't need a whole cake at my

house." No problem!!! Buy something
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August 8

Scriptures: Genesis 15:1-6
Luke 12:32-40
Music: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Joan Caldwell, Ann Hawkins, Trina Norman, Laura Relyea
Sermon: "Where Is Your Treasure"
Elizabeth Oettinger

August 15

Scriptures: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56
Music: Steve and Nicki Zielke
Sermon: "The Great Cloud of Witnesses"
Elizabeth Oettinger

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Elizabeth Oettinger*

Dear Friends,

We've been having something of a baby boom at the church in the past year: 6 new babies have been added to our congregation! We want to celebrate our new parents in several ways that you'll hear about later. However, for now I want to engage your cooperation in a project we on the staff thought up.

From time to time, the church has published books of Advent and Lenten meditations, and once, a book of advice on getting older, bits of wisdom contributed by congregation members. Well, early this fall, we would like to give to all the parents of young children in the church a book of family prayers and family religious rituals to give them ideas of what they might want to do in their own homes. So we are collecting table graces, bedtime prayers, advent candle lighting rituals, any other ways you have nurtured, practiced, and celebrated your faith at home. If you have something to share, please mail it to the church office or give it to Ann.

The Catholic church has done a lot of very good research about how children learn about God, how they create a space in their psychic universe to choose whether or not to be religious. By age 2, children have a rough outline of the world and what is important in it. They might not understand exactly what is meant by God (but then again, neither do we adults), but if God is there in that outline, they add to it over time. Studies show that children who believe they are surrounded not only by parents who love them but by this "God" who loves them experience less anxiety than their peers. By age 5, children who have been raised going to church regularly AND having some reference to God in their home life can speak articulately about who they think God is and what God wants for them and from them. Conversely, children who have not been introduced to a faith tradition by age 6 generally have trouble developing a "spiritual" sense as they grow older.

We want all our children to know the church as their extended family. We want them, as they grow to adulthood, to have the tools to make the best possible choices for themselves about what they believe and whether they want to be part of a faith community. It all begins at the beginning. So send us your prayers, your rituals, what worked in your family to bring God to your children and your children to God.

Thanks for your help.

Liz

F·Y·I:

Ryan will be out of the office from *August 9-13* to attend the Center for Progressive Renewal conference in Atlanta, GA.

NO FEET, PLEASE!

Floor and carpet cleaning is scheduled for this month, which will make parts of the building off limits for a brief time. Please note:



August 11: No walking in Fireplace Room and corridor, Rooms 4, 5, 7, Meeting Hall and library.

August 20-21: No walking in Gatton Hall entry and rest rooms, kitchen, foyer and rest rooms, Fireplace Room kitchen.

Thanks for planning ahead!



“THAT’S MY FARMER” COUPONS

Coupon books are still available for purchase after church on Sundays, AND, local farms have wonderful fresh produce for sale at the Farmer's Markets on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The coupons are a convenient way to pay - just tear out one or more to cover the cost of your purchases. Coupon books are \$20.00 with 10% of that as a donation to help provide coupons to low income families so that they too may enjoy having good fresh food.

BAKE SALE *from page 1*

delicious and bring it into work on Monday morning and share it. Retired? No problem!!! Surprise a neighbor with something fresh from the oven. Live out in the tules with no neighbors? No problem!!! Put the baked good in your freezer or the next time company is coming. Or

tuck it in the Gatton Hall freezer with a note that says, “Serve me at coffee hour.” Of course, if you really don’t want to buy any yummy baked good, by all means join us anyway. You can just make a donation if you prefer. See you in the Fireplace Room kitchen after church next Sunday. Gardeners are also invited to bring in extra produce. We can have that available for a donation, too.

Questions? Call **Rhonda Mueller-Warrant** (541-758-1667). **Bakers are requested to bring an ingredient list so shoppers can avoid any food allergens.**

A NIGHT WITH THE!



Join the **CE Board**

this *Saturday, August 7*, for the Corvallis Knights game at Goss Field. The game is at 7:05 p.m. and general admission tickets are only \$5! Fireworks will follow the game. All are welcome for this fellowship event—find your First Congregational UCC friends down the first base line!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING

Our annual teacher training for those who will be teaching or subbing in Christian Education classes beginning in September will be held on *Thursday, August 19*, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.

Teachers, parents, and anyone interested in our Christian Education program are encouraged to attend! Questions?

Contact **Ryan** at the church or via e-mail!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next gathering of Theology on Tap will be *Wednesday, August 18*, at 7:00 p.m. Join us on the rooftop at American Dream Pizza downtown for the beverage of your choice and theological conversation that will originate with Galatians 5:1-25. Questions? Contact **Ryan** at the church or via e-mail.



FOR A MOVIE AT THE CHURCH!

On *Friday, August 20*, the **CE Board** will be sponsoring an inter-generational outdoor movie night. Our park-

ing lot will become our theater and we will be showing "Field of Dreams" on the wall of the shed.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us for an evening of fun! Questions? Contact **Ryan** at the church or via e-mail.

VINTAGE CARDS SALE FOR DAYTIME DROP-IN CENTER; FREE STUFF, TOO!

Vintage UNICEF note cards, from the collection of **Suzanne Hovland**, will be available for purchase this Sunday. The proceeds will benefit the **Daytime Drop-in Center**, which is currently two months behind in their rent. Please look

for **Aleita Holcombe** at a table in the entryway this Sunday.

Also available--for FREE!--are T-shirts from 2009 Vacation Bible School; youth and adult sizes are available. Additionally, some children's books are available for free. Look for the table in the entryway this Sunday.

OSU SUMMER CHOIR PERFORMS



The **OSU Summer Choir** will perform Schubert's Mass in G and Handel's Coronation Anthem No. 2 on *Wednesday, August 11*, at 7:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church. The choir will also perform seven other shorter pieces.

Familiar faces in the choir include **Jeffrey Larkin** and **Tim Brassfield** (also conducting), **Carroll English**, **Mark Esary**, **Jim Hall**, **Paul deLespinasse**, **Joan Caldwell**, **Cynthia Janes**, **Trina Norman**, and **Ann Hawkins**. **Steve Zielke** will conduct two of the pieces. The concert is free.

JOIN THE KITCHEN CREW

Our Gatton Hall kitchen is used a great deal during the fall and winter. The **Women's Fellowship** is taking time this summer to put it in good order. We plan to work on the kitchen on *August 10*, from 10:30 to 3:00 with a lunch break for some soup together at noon. We'd love to have some help, even if it's just an hour or two. We have found that the

drawers and cupboards that are clearly marked are staying much neater, so we will be putting labels on some of the other areas.

For more information, please call **Monine Stebbins** (541-754-8039).

JUBILEE OREGON SUMMER POTLUCK

Jubilee Supporters, past, present and future: Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the annual Jubilee Oregon Summer Potluck on *August 25*, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave., Portland.

You will have a great opportunity to socialize and learn about the work that Jubilee Oregon and Jubilee USA are doing in the areas of debt cancellation and establishing a framework of responsible lending. This meeting also precedes the Annual Standup, Take Action, End Poverty Now! world-wide event, *September 17–19*. We will have information that you can use in your community so you can participate and be counted. We are all very excited to welcome **Pat Rumer** back from her Africa Adventures in Zambia and South Africa. Come to the potluck picnic to hear her stories.

This event is opened to all interested people. Invite members of your congregations and friends who are interested in effective international development. Add this to announcement to events calendars. Please RSVP to jubileeoregon@gmail.com.

CERTAIN ITEMS STILL NEEDED FOR CWS HYGIENE KITS

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed items to the **Church World Service** box for hygiene kits which is located near the entrance to the sanctuary! Certain items are still needed to complete the kits. They are: new hand towels (16' x 28"); wide tooth combs; and nail clippers (no metal files or emery boards). Currently, we have received plenty of bath soap, washcloths, and band-aids. We would like to complete our collection soon in order to ship kits by the middle of August. Please contact **Nancy Klingeman** if you would like to assist in putting the kits together.

BEAVERGRASS 2010

Enjoy seventeen great bluegrass acts on two stages on *Friday and Saturday, August 20, 21*, in Central Park, 7th and Monroe. Featured are concerts, workshops, contradance, and jams

Tickets are \$55 advance for entire weekend at www.beavergrass.net. The event is a benefit for the Corvallis High School District Foundation. For more information, contact Mike Meyer mmeyer@efn.org.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS, FAMILY MEMBERS TWO-DAY WORKSHOP OFFERED

Mennonite Village in Albany, Oregon presents the Best Friends™ approach to caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease and/or related dementia.

The two-day workshop will be led by Mary Scott, Administrator of Lydia's House at Mennonite Village.

The Best Friends model of dementia care was developed in the mid-1990s by Virginia Bell and David Troxel (<http://www.bestfriendsapproach.com>).

Simply put, the model suggests that what a person with dementia needs most of all is a friend, a "Best Friend." This can be a family member, friend, or staff member who empathizes with their situation, remains loving and positive and dedicated to helping the person feel safe, secure and valued. The model teaches caregivers how to have "knack." Care giving knack is defined as "the art of doing difficult things with ease," or "clever tricks and strategies."

The workshop is beneficial for family members, home care providers, facility caregivers, state workers, respite workers, social workers, and anyone who has experienced the effects of Alzheimer's disease in their lives.

Each course teaches practical, useful information to assist in the care and interaction with someone who suffers from Alzheimer's and/or related dementia. Through discussion and hands-on teaching, participants will learn Alzheimer's disease basics, elements of friendship, Alzheimer's care, communication techniques, and "elements of knack."

The first three courses of the six-course workshop will be conducted Saturday, *August 21*, from 8:30 am to 3:30 p.m. at Mennonite Village Chapel, 5353

Columbus Street S.E., Albany. The remaining three courses will be held in the same location *Wednesday, August 25*, 4:00-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per individual or \$100 per facility. Mennonite Village employees may attend at no cost. Interested parties should contact Mary Scott at (541-928-7232 ext. 407) or complete an on-line registration form at www.mennonitevillage.org/best-friends/. Participants who complete all six courses will earn a Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care certificate of completion.

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "(1), they don't like me, and (2), I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why YOU SHOULD go to church. (1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"

TAKARAZUKA CHURCH NEWS

This time I would like to report on an annual summer event of our Church School. We enjoyed a cool evening on the last Sunday of July. It was held from 5:00 p.m., in the midst of the heat wave, through 7:00 p.m. We had chicken barbecue and corn barbecue as well as

shaved ice outside and then cold fine noodles, rice balls, and water melon inside. We played hooking water balloons and scooping goldfish as well as shiny octopuses (not real ones, though). In addition, we played shooting targets with rubber guns, and the last game was bingo.

We used to enjoy fireworks, but due to safety issues we do not have them anymore. This year we didn't have as many participants as the previous years, and there were about 70, including adults. Because our Church School is off until September, this is a big event in our Church School.

We will have gatherings for remembrance of peace on July 31 and August 1. We will pray for you and your ministry.

Reported by Nobumi Fukui

(Please see the photos on the Takarazuka Church bulletin board.)



TO LIBRARY HELPERS

Many thanks to **Marion Whitney** and **Jan Barton** who have helped "tidy up" the church library this summer! Marion also keeps our bulletin board up to date all year long.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Congratulations to **Ginny** and **Steve Lucker** on their 25th wedding anniversary, August 31.

Ryan and **Shauna Lambert** celebrate 16 years on August 6 (not the 10th as listed in the last newsletter).

READ & FEED MEETS SUNDAY

Doris and **Paul deLespinasse** will host the August gathering of Read & Feed on the 8th at 7:00 p.m. The book is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Next month's discussion will focus on Studs Terkel's *Will the Circle Be Unbroken?*

Our Thoughts and Prayers

.... are with **Sarah Hoffman**, in the hospital with continuing complications from cancer.

To our church family,

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and words of encouragement to Ed for his stroke recovery. Thanks also to those who provided the wonderful meals for us following his return home from Regional Rehabilitation. They were a godsend to us at this time. Your dishes and other containers may be retrieved from the Conference Room of the church office. Your prayers and thoughtful acts have really been for us "the church at work."

Again, thank you,

Nancy and Ed Henderlite



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, August 17.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, August 6

7:00 a.m. First Friday Forum
 7:30 p.m. Badminton

Saturday, August 7

7:05 p.m. Corvallis Knights game
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Sunday, August 8

9:30 a.m. **Worship including
 Congregational
 Meeting**
 (following) Bake Sale for Women's
 Shelter, Fireplace
 Room *(page 1)*
 3:20 p.m. Holy Sox, Pioneer Park
 7:00 p.m. Read & Feed,
 deLespinasse *(page 7)*

Monday, August 9

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee,
 Public Library

Tuesday, August 10

10:30-3:00 Women's Fellowship
 kitchen clean-out
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7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, August 11

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Group

Sunday, August 15

9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 16

7:00 p.m. C E Board

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Staff
 7:00 p.m. Spirit Quest
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, August 18

7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap,
 American Dream *(p. 3)*

Thursday, August 19

11:45 a.m. Lunch Group
 6:30 p.m. C E teacher training,
 Fireplace Room
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Friday, August 20

7:30 p.m. Badminton
 9:00 p.m. Parking lot movie
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