



# Congregational News

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## SALMON BARBECUE



If summer is here, then Salmon Barbecue can't be far behind. Tickets are already on sale for the *July 24* event. Come to enjoy grilled salmon, a wealth of potluck dishes, and entertainment in the beauty of Hanson Grove.

If you want to attend but will not be eating salmon, you don't need to buy a ticket, but we need to know you'll be there so enough tables and chairs can be set up, so sign up!

And especially, please sign up to help with the many jobs that allow this all-church event to happen. Check out the giant fish sign-up sheet at the ticket desk and choose where you can participate.

## NEW ACTING ASSOCIATE MINISTER TO PREACH

On *Sunday, July 3*, we will welcome **Cindy McNutt-Kaestner** to the pulpit. Cindy will be our



Acting Associate Minister during this transition time. She will, most especially, be working with the Youth and Young Adults, as well as serving as the staff liaison to the Mission Board.

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### *June 26*

**Scriptures:** Psalm 13  
Matthew 10:40-42  
**Sermon:** "Welcome"  
Elizabeth Oettinger

### *July 3*

**Scriptures:** Genesis 24:34-38,  
42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17  
**Sermon:** "I Will"  
Cindy McNutt-Kaestner

Dear Friends,

Liz asked if I would share a bit about myself so that you all could have a sense of me. So in that vein, I thought I would tell you about the three “jobs” I have these days. My first and most beloved job is that of wife and mom. While my husband, Bill, doesn’t attend church often, he will make appearances from time to time. (He will be appearing as the tax collector this summer at VBS.) Most of you know my Mateo; he’s outgoing and outspoken and will chat with you about any sport. My oldest son, Ruben, came into my life 12 years ago through the foster care system. He is 23 years old and is a remarkable young man. These three guys keep me on my toes.

My “real job” is as a licensed clinical social worker at the Pastoral Counseling Center where I am a contract therapist. The PCC staff is excited to have just recently been awarded a Samaritan Health Services Social Accountability Grant. I will begin work on the project this summer facilitating parent coaching, consultation and counseling with at-risk families in Linn County. I truly enjoy working with and empowering minority and/or low-socioeconomic-status families and children.

This new job as Christian Education Director is a new adventure for me. A dear friend of mine first invited me to attend a UCC church in 2001. I immediately knew I was at home and officially joined the congregation two years later. In true congregational fashion, I was quickly recruited to participate on the Adult Education Committee; then the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee and then the Church Council. While in these various capacities I attended meetings, took notes, brewed coffee, etc., tedious but relatively simple tasks. My peers in the congregation were using their professional backgrounds in business organization and non-profit management to assist in strategic planning and budget development for the church. Even my own husband was advising the newly formed Endowment Committee. It wasn’t until later that I learned how the congregational model utilizes *all* of our gifts.

One afternoon an emergency church council meeting was called where we were all informed that a member of our congregation was stalking our senior pastor. Mental health concerns were voiced and the church council asked if I would talk with the member and assess the situation. In those weeks of meeting with the church member, her psychiatrist and the police, I learned how *my* specific talents and expertise could also be used for our church community.

This week I’m struck by what big shoes I have to fill. It is unrealistic to think that I can fill Ryan’s shoes in Christian education, for many reasons. The most practical of which is that I am only here 15 hours a week. Another simple truth is that I do not have a seminary or Christian education background. It is truly going to take all of us

to get through this interim, *all of our hands*. In his parting words to us, I think this was the message with which Ryan was leaving us: “One Heart, Many Hands.” I will need to surround myself and our children with others who can guide, assist and teach us. So in the next year or so, please expect to get a call or e-mail from me at some point requesting your assistance because I will need it!

Please know that I am always open to ideas and feedback. You can reach me at the church on Tuesdays and Sundays (and all the various meeting times). Or you can e-mail me at: [ce@ucc-corvallis.org](mailto:ce@ucc-corvallis.org).

And thank you in advance for your patience and support!

**Kristi**

### *July Mission Offering*

#### **CASA - VOICES FOR CHILDREN**

**Court Appointed Special Advocates** (CASA) are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge in dependency court cases. They are a legal party to the case. Each CASA investigates, advocates, facilitates, and monitors the child’s case to ensure the child’s best interests are being addressed. They are the voice for each child. CASAs seek expeditious permanency for each child in a safe, nurturing, forever home. Currently, in Benton County, CASA-Voices for Children has 43 advocates speaking in court on behalf of 75 children who are wards of the court. CASA services are evidence-based, unduplicated and supported primarily by community donations. Learn more about CASA at [www.casa-vfc.org](http://www.casa-vfc.org).

#### **MORE VETERANS TO RECOGNIZE**

Since the Memorial Day service in which our military veterans were



recognized, three more vets have identified themselves. **Keith Sherry** served with the Army’s 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in Texas, Alaska, and Italy from 1941-45. **Hokie Adams** served with the Army in the Philippines from 1943-45. **John Stratton** served with the Army Signal Corps in Hawaii from 1954-57. If you are a veteran and have not already connected with **Norm Elwood**, **Mike Huntington**, or **John Hawkins**, they would like to talk with you about your service.

### **SUMMER NEWSLETTERS**

As usual, newsletters in July and August will only be published every other week. If you have information we need to know about during this period, make a note of submission and publication dates:

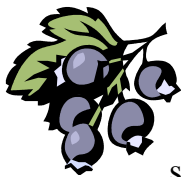
<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
<i>July 5</i>	<i>July 8</i>
<i>July 19</i>	<i>July 22</i>
<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 5</i>
<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>August 30</i>	<i>September 2</i>

**ACTING ASSOCIATE *from p. 1***

Cindy is a graduate from Candler School of Theology, part of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and was ordained as a United Methodist minister. She states, "For a year-and-a-half our family has attended the First Congregational UCC. The moment I stepped into the church I felt like I was home." In our next newsletter, Cindy will tell us more about her family (husband, **Rich**, daughters **Ashley**, **Heather**, and **Brooke**), her professional background, and what she hopes to learn from all of us. A reception in the Fireplace Room will be held for Cindy following worship on *July 3*. Come and meet this delightful new addition to our church staff!

**FLOOR WORK ALERT!**

The floors of the lower Christian Education wing and the upper CE rest room will be resurfaced beginning *Thursday, June 29*. We need to avoid any foot traffic in those areas through *Saturday, July 2*. Thanks for your help.

**BLUEBERRY PICKING WITH CE**

Join us on *Wednesday, July 6*, at 9:00 a.m. to pick some mid-summer blueberries. Bring a sack lunch and a blanket for an early picnic lunch before naptime and before it gets too hot. We'll meet at Anderson's Nursery/Anderson Blues, 8793 NW Arboretum Rd.

Questions? Contact **Kristi Muro-Dougherty** at [ce@ucc-covallis.org](mailto:ce@ucc-covallis.org)

**INTERGENERATIONAL DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT**

The **CE Board** invites families to a movie night on *June 24*, to see "Cars 2" and "X-Men 2" at the MotorVu Drive-In Theatre in Dallas. We will meet at 8:45 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bi-Mart parking lot and caravan to the theater. Questions? Contact **Kristi** at the church or via e-mail ([ce@ucc-covallis.org](mailto:ce@ucc-covallis.org)).

**RAFTING TRIP—JULY 23**

The **Christian Education Board** is sponsoring a rafting trip on the McKenzie River on *Saturday, July 23*. The cost will be \$20 per person. All ages are invited, but we are hoping to have a large youth contingent! If you are interested in participating or receiving a scholarship for the event, contact **Frank Hall** (541-829-4313 or [frank@entredigm.com](mailto:frank@entredigm.com)). [Note corrected e-mail address.]

**PLAG TO MEET MONDAY**

**PFLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgendered People) will meet on *Monday, June 27*, at 6:45 in the basement Martha Room of First United Methodist Church, 11<sup>th</sup> and Monroe. All those that celebrate diversity, gay or straight, are welcome; you do not need to be a member to come for friendship, support and sharing.

At this meeting, Tara will speak about her organization, The Community

of Welcoming Congregations (CWC), an “interfaith ministry and advocacy organization working toward full inclusion and equality for transgender, lesbian, bisexual, gay and questioning persons.”

### Thank You!

I would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to the congregation for the wonderful and spirit-filled send-off that you offered to me and my family on Sunday. I am humbled by your kind words and loving care, your inspired participation in worship, the stole and worship banner, and the seed money for my new ministry in Spokane. You will all be greatly missed, but you will also be constantly present with us through your kind gifts and your loving words.

Peaceful blessings,  
Ryan

### ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE INVITATION

**Julia Lont** invites visits while she is an artist-in-residence at the Corvallis Art Center *July 2-27*, Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5:00. Along with three other artists, she will move her art studio into the gallery space, hang up complete work on the wall, and continue to make work while the public has the opportunity to watch, ask questions, etc. The public can participate in a project called “Laundry Line of Memories. For more

info, call Julia (541-752-4781) or see <http://www.theartscenter.net/exhibitions/artists/julia-lont/>



Three concerts remain in this year’s festival: *Friday, June 24, Sunday, June 26, and Tuesday, June 28*. All are at 7:30 p.m.; the first two in our sanctuary and the last, at Corvallis High School Main Theatre. For more information, see [www.chintimini.org](http://www.chintimini.org).

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jody Eleveld 7/1, Susan Cowles 7/2, Dale Kirk 7/2, Doris deLespinasse 7/3, John Holmes 7/7, Erin O’Dell 7/7, Mary Youmans 7/11, Eric Skyllingstad 7/11, Justin Chi 7/13, Mary MacLean 7/16, Abigail Neely 7/16, Nancy Henderlite 7/17, Gloria Buckley 7/18, Pat Phillips 7/20, Will Zaworski 7/21, Karen French 7/26, Cliff Trow 7/27, Megan Chambers 7/29, Alice Sperling 7/31



### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Amy Nafshun 7/1  
Nancy Swain and David Pilotte 7/4 (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Michael and Susan Henthorne 7/6  
John Koch and Libby Ankarberg 7/7 (27<sup>h</sup>)  
George and Rhonda Mueller-Warrant 7/12 (37<sup>th</sup>)  
Kathy and Phil Mason 7/18 (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Tim and Susan Cowles 7/25 (41<sup>st</sup>)



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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*Friday, June 24*

Drive-In Movie Night  
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*Saturday, June 25*

2:00 p.m. Memorial for Clara  
 McCormick, Chapel

*Sunday, June 26*

**9:30 a.m.** Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Guatemala trip partici-  
 pants, Room 1  
 8:40 p.m. Holy Sox, East Sunset

*Tuesday, June 28*

**NO** Staff  
 7:15 p.m. Church Council

*Wednesday, June 29*

C E floor resurfacing  
 (through Saturday)

*Friday, July 1*

7:30 p.m. Badminton

*Sunday, July 3*

9:30 a.m. Worship  
 (following) Reception for Cindy  
 McNutt-Kaestner

*Monday, July 4-Independence Day*

**Office closed**

*Tuesday, July 5*

9:00 a.m. Staff  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1  
 7:30 p.m. Diaconate  
 7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee,  
 Thackray

*Wednesday, July 6*

9:00 a.m. Blueberry picking  
 [see page 4]

*Friday, July 8*

7:30 p.m. Badminton

**JAMMERS WELCOME HELP**

Jammin' is still going strong (>6200 jars), and we would love to have your frozen fruit from last year if you need to make room for the new crop. Also, please look for canning jar coupons in the Sunday papers! We can use all the help we can get! We also can use volunteers Monday from 5:00-8:00 this summer. Call **Sara Power** (541-231-6772) for more information.