



# Congregational News

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## SALMON BARBECUE



Do you have your tickets for the Salmon Barbecue, set for noon on *July 24*? You can get them on the next two Sunday mornings, or reserve them for later pick-up by calling the church office. The price is \$7/adult; \$3.50/child. You don't need a ticket if you will not be eating salmon (potluck dishes only), but please let us know you'll be there for set-up.

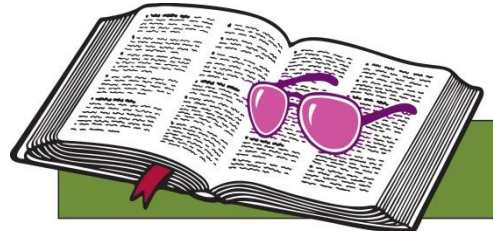
Volunteers are still needed to staff the event, so check out the places you can help when you buy your tickets.

Effective with this newsletter, we will no longer be collecting bottles and cans at the church. You may now collect that 5¢ deposit for yourselves! We thank everyone for their participation through the years.

### NOTICE OF WEST HILLS ROAD PAVING PROJECT

West Hills Road (from 53<sup>rd</sup> to just east of West Hills Place) is tentatively scheduled for paving on *Monday and*

*Tuesday, July 18 and 19.* Connecting roadways and driveway paving is tentatively scheduled for *Wednesday, July 20.* A single lane of traffic will be open to traffic during the placement of the overlay. For additional information contact the Public Works office (541-766-6821).



## Summer Worship

### *July 10*

**Scriptures:** Genesis 25:19-34  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
**Sermon:** "All in the Family"  
Elizabeth Oettinger

### *July 17*

**Scriptures:** Genesis 28: 10-19a  
Matthew 13:24-30,  
36-43  
**Sermon:** Caroline Zaworski

I want to let you know how honored and excited I am to work as the Acting Associate Minister for our church! I look forward to continuing the wonderful work Ryan accomplished with you. I also look forward to hearing and incorporating your dreams for the future as I work with the Youth and Young Adults, and as a staff liaison to the Mission Board.

I also want to let you know a little about myself. I graduated from Candler School of Theology, which is part of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and was ordained as a United Methodist minister. While in seminary I worked as a youth pastor. After graduation I stayed in Atlanta to work at North Springs United Methodist Church as the Minister to Singles and Young Married Adults. During that time, I met and married my husband Rich Kaestner – who worked for IBM (the company called “I’ve Been Moved”). You guessed it – he was transferred to Oregon and I followed him.

As an ordained United Methodist pastor, I was appointed to a small church in Portland, Lincoln Street United Methodist Church. Understanding my calling to be in chaplaincy, I then began Clinical Pastoral Education at the State Psychiatric Hospital in Salem. There I worked mainly in the children and youth units, completing my CPE training. Shortly after, I gave birth to our daughter Ashley, and I was a stay-at-home mom until she was almost two. I was then appointed to an extension ministry as a Chaplain at Providence Portland Hospital in Portland, Oregon for six years. Our twins, Brooke and Heather, came along during my time at Providence and I continued working as a chaplain until they were about four years old. At that time we moved to Philomath where I have been a full-time mom.

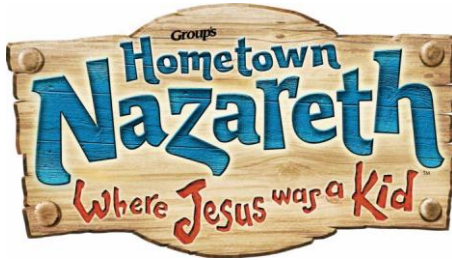
My husband Rich Kaestner, currently works as a consultant with national school technology programs. Our daughter Ashley is eighteen and just finished her freshman year at Linfield College in McMinnville. Our twin daughters Brooke and Heather are fourteen and will be attending Corvallis High School next year. Our family includes a delightful three-legged dog named Maddie, three pygmy goats - Hannah, and her two boys, Toby and Rocky. Each summer we “babysit” about eight llamas and alpacas who “mow” our pasture.

For a year and a half our family has attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ. The moment I stepped into the church I felt like I was home. I appreciate the autonomy of the church and pastors and appreciate the inclusivity of the denomination and the local congregation. I realize I am still on a journey with my faith and with my God, and as a result, have formally withdrawn from the United Methodist Church and am pursuing transferring my ministerial standing to the United Church of Christ.

I will be working twenty hours a week, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. I had planned to be part of the Guatemala Mission Trip this year, but unfortunately I hurt my back and will need back surgery July 7. Actually, the date of surgery is quite fortunate, because I had planned to be in Guatemala then, so the time spent away from the office will be minimized.

By the time you read this article, I expect to be healing nicely. Thanks for your prayers.

**Cindy**



### **IT TAKES A VILLAGE**

...to make a village. And that's exactly what we're going to do for Vacation Bible School. The **CE Board** is very excited about this summer's VBS curriculum, "Hometown Nazareth," because participants of all ages will get to experience a bit of what life was like when Jesus was a child. We will be creating our own Nazareth, complete with a marketplace and Mary's house. **VBS will go from 5:30-8:00 p.m. daily from Sunday, July 31-Thursday, August 4.**

We are looking for volunteers to fulfill a myriad of VBS needs. You don't have to know anything about VBS or working with children to be helpful. We can use any and all willing volunteers! We need help before and during VBS, so if you have time (even just a few hours) or materials to give, please contact **Kristi Muro-Dougherty**. Also, please be

sure to stop by the VBS bulletin board and take a "We still need..." sheep if you are able to loan or donate any of the items we need.

### **COME TO THE "COSTUME PARTIES"**

The **Vacation Bible School Committee** is looking to create some simple costumes for VBS and that can later be used for other drama events during the church year. We will be sewing Thursday mornings, starting *July 14*, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the church. Please bring your sewing machine, any spare (plain colored) fabric or most importantly, your willingness to help. Sewing experience is not a requirement!

### **REGISTER YOUR CHILD!**

Register your child for "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid." Preschoolers through children entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. The program is free and dinner is included. To register, visit the CE Desk and complete a registration form or contact **Kristi Muro-Dougherty** at the church or at [ce@ucc-corvallis.org](mailto:ce@ucc-corvallis.org).

## ANNUAL BENEFIT SALE VINA MOSES CENTER

The **Vina Moses Center's** annual benefit sale, featuring one of a kind items – will be held on *Friday, July 8* and *Saturday, July 9*. The hours are 9:00 to 3:00 both days. The sale is held at the First United Methodist Church Community Building, 11<sup>th</sup> and Jackson, Corvallis.



### SUPPER CLUB

Have you ever thought how great it would be to go to the freezer and find dinner already made? Just defrost, preheat and bake. What if you could spend a few hours in the kitchen with friends and take home 3-5 nights worth of dinners for the family? Smaller portions can also be made for smaller families or singles. We would also like to make dishes to put in the freezer for the “In The Beginning” service and emergency meals. If this sounds like something you might like to do, please contact **Tanya Andersson** (541-231-9713 or [colinsmom@hotmail.com](mailto:colinsmom@hotmail.com)).

### WHITEWATER 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; scholarships available. There are 24 spaces available, including a minimum of 4-8 adults. All ages are invited, but children must be at

least 10 years old and able to swim. Trucks or sports vans that can assist in hauling the rafts would be appreciated. We need a minimum of 24 people or the trip will be cancelled. Sign-ups will be held the next two Sundays after worship; the registration deadline is July 17.



### WANTED: QUALITY USED FURNITURE

The **Pastoral Counseling Center** needs to refurnish one of the counseling rooms in our Corvallis office. Items needed include:

- 1 sofa or love seat
- 1 armchair
- 2 end tables
- 2 table lamps
- 1 floor lamp

If you have quality used furniture to donate, please contact:

**Anthony Terndrup**, Executive Director

Voicemail: 541-753-9217

(please leave a message)

E-mail: [aterndrup@gmail.com](mailto:aterndrup@gmail.com)

Thank you!

### MANY NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE IN LIBRARY

Since our church library moved into its current space several years ago, over 900 new books have been catalogued and placed on the New Books shelves and cart. This summer would be a good time for members to have a look at these spaces and check out some books for summer reading!

## WOMEN: SAVE THESE DATES!

Our Central Pacific Conference Women's camp is scheduled for the weekend of *October 7-9*, so mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Rev. **Denise Andersen** and her daughter **Caitey** will be the resource leaders focusing on "Native American Spirituality and Art" at Camp Adams. Brochures will be available for registering at the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. Pre-registration fee is \$65 with \$40 due on arrival at camp. Grants are available for financial assistance and the forms are in the church office.



## MORE SUMMER BASEBALL!

Come join church friends for another CE Board-sponsored "Night with the Knights." We'll be along the first base line to watch the game on *Friday, July 22*, with added entertainment by the Zooperstars. The game starts at 6:30 at Goss Stadium on the OSU campus. Tickets are \$5. Questions? Contact **Kristi Muro-Dougherty** at the church or at [ce@ucc-covallis.org](mailto:ce@ucc-covallis.org).



The sun is shining and vacation time is here, but hungry people in Corvallis still need food. If you are less busy this time of year, consider joining the Stone Soup crew for meal preparation, serving, and/or clean-up on *Tues-*

*day, July 19*, starting at 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Sign up this Sunday in the church foyer.

## GETTING WHAT YOU CAME FOR: A GUIDE TO A GOOD PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

**Benton Hospice Service** is offering an event aimed at educating people on having effective conversations with their doctors on *Tuesday, July 12*, from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Benton Hospice Service Conference Room, 2350 NW Professional Drive. Corvallis local physician **David Grube**, M.D. will provide advice on how to get the most out of the conversations you have with your doctor. This is a free event and no pre-registration is required.

Call 541-757-9196 for more information.

## Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with **Cindy McNutt-Kaestner**, "healing extremely well" following neck surgery on July 7 ;

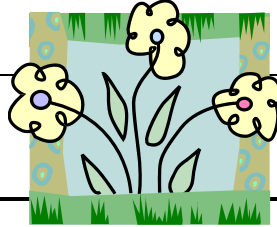
... and with **Cathy Phelps**, who is making a good recovery from a minor stroke;

... and with those who lost mothers this past week: **Susan Wickes'** mother, **Ruth Monroe**, died in Sequim, Washington, on June 30 and **Kathy Mason's** mother, **Mary Eckert**, died on June 25 in Leesburg, Virginia. Also, Kathy's father-in-law, **Phil Mason**, is in hospice here in Corvallis.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, July 19, 2011.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*Friday, July 8*

7:20 p.m. Holy Sox make-up  
 Game, Pioneer Park  
 7:30 p.m. Badminton

*Saturday, July 9*

1:00 p.m. Memorial for James  
 Ambrosius,  
 Peace Garden

*Sunday, July 10*

9:30 a.m. Worship  
 7:00 p.m. Read & Feed, Wickes  
 7:00 p.m. Holy Sox game,  
 N. Chintimini

*Tuesday, July 12*

7:00 p.m. Outreach & Evangelism  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

*Wednesday, July 13*

7:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast  
 Group, Darrell's

*Friday, July 15*

10:00-3:00 Blood Drive,  
 Meeting Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Badminton

*Sunday, July 17*

9:30 a.m. Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Holy Sox, Pioneer Park

*Monday, July 18*

7:00 p.m. Trustees Board

*Tuesday, July 19*

9:00 a.m. Staff  
 3:00 p.m. Stone Soup  
 7:00 p.m. Spirit Quest  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

*Wednesday, July 20*

1:00 p.m. Adult Education  
 Committee,  
 Conference Room

*Thursday, July 21*

11:45 a.m. Lunch Group

*Friday, July 22*

6:30 p.m. Night with the Knights  
 (see page 5)  
 7:30 p.m. Badminton

**READ & FEED MEETS**

On *Sunday, July 10*, Read & Feed will discuss *Outside Passage: A Memoir of an Alaskan Childhood* by Julia Scully. **Susan** and **Bill Wickes** host.