



Shalom

First Congregational
United Church of Christ
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Reverend Dr. Janet Parker, Senior Pastor
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April 29, 2015



Mother's Day Tea Youth Fundraiser

Join us for an elegant afternoon,
filled with
live music by Jessica Western,
fresh tea, and delicious treats—
all presented in festively decorated
Talkington Hall.

Tickets are \$15 per person and
proceeds go to the Youth Fund.

Please help us plan for this event
(groceries, baking, and table set-
ting) by buying your tickets early,
so we know how many guests to
expect. Thank you!

Sponsored by the
Community
Committee.

**Saturday, May 9
3:30—5:30 p.m.**



**HELP ESTABLISH A
SALEM SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**
Sustainability means making decisions
that do not deprive future generations
of their right to make similar decisions.
In theological terms, it means exercis-
ing stewardship of Creation on behalf
of not only ourselves, but also unborn
generations. In political terms, it means
tempering a wide spectrum of govern-
ment decisions with the values of the
“triple bottom line” – people, planet
and profit.

The triple bottom line is based on the
understanding that human welfare,
planetary ecology and economics are
inter-related: they depend upon each
other. We cannot be healthy if our en-
vironment is degraded or if we are too
poor. The economy will soon decline if
we do not protect both human health
and planetary health. Therefore, we
need to seek lifestyles and economic
models that protect the planet and meet
the needs of all those living on it.

The city governments of Portland, Cor-
vallis and Eugene have realized this
and have established Sustainability

Commissions in order help both their governments and their people to understand these inter-connections and to make collective decisions that take the triple bottom line into account. Now there is an effort to introduce the same wisdom into Salem's public life. The commission will advise the Council about how sustainability should influence many different kinds of decisions the Council makes. In addition, it will partner with existing organizations in Salem to educate the public about the broad range of sustainability issues.

We need your help in two ways: 1) Write your City Councilor in support and copy Mayor Peterson. The text of the proposal and more information about it can be found at www.salemsustainability.info/.

Peter Bergel
Peace & Justice Committee



IN OUR PRAYERS...
Prayers for the **brother of Ceilidh Campbell, Michael**, who is declining and now on respite care in Australia, with Parkinson's and memory loss...
Prayers for a return to stability and health for the brother of **Gin Sawin, Bruce**, who struggles with significant mental health issues...
Prayers for healing and support for **Loreen Wells**, who has been diagnosed with a rare autoimmune condition which requires expensive medication...Prayers for guidance with

healthcare decisions for **Louise Woodson, mom of Melvin Stewart...**
Prayers of comfort and strength for **Nancy Hull's sister, Joyce Mattox and her children and grand children**, after her husband Doug passed away unexpectedly, last Sunday...Prayers of gratitude for our new members, **Stephen Jenkins** and **Bud Austin**, and for our newly baptized member, **Mesheal Heyman**. May they grow in faith with the support of this Congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Dick and Susie Francois who are the proud grandparents of Arlo O'Neill Francois, born April 14 to Nathaniel and Shannon O'Neill Francois.

THANK YOU
A big thank you to all the folks who prayed for us, spoke to us, phoned us, sent cards or just thought about us. I and my wonderful Evelyne are happy to say that my cancer radiation treatments are completed. The MD's are all positive in their prognosis, as are we. Other treatments will continue for some time, but that's the way it goes. Here's to the future!!
Blessings to all, Russell "Russ" Fowler

MAY BIRTHDAYS
May 1 David Gutterman, Carolyn Gage
May 3: Jeff Standy
May 4: Jackie Bromley, Devon Shryock
May 5: Carl Bewley, Maria Cruse, Mel Wells
May 6: Matt Ensign
May 8: Tamara Smith, Madeline Bingham

May 9: Addy Wagener
 May 11: Gail McDougale, James Dilger
 May 12: Matthew Loberg
 May 14: Connie Irwin
 May 15: Jerry Houser
 May 16: Evan White
 May 23: Everett Gutterman-Johns
 May 24: Jim Hanson
 May 25: Rick Bingham, Scott Svadlenak, John Patterson
 May 26: Phyllis Newell, Nancy Long
 May 28: Michael Dilger
 May 29: Sam Balmer
 May 30: Emma Dunn

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND CONGRATS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!



On April 19, First Congregational UCC was blessed to receive two new members into our church and to

baptize one current member. Please welcome them and get to know them as new and continuing members of our community. Read on to learn more about these wonderful individuals:

Bud Austin joined by Affirmation of Baptism after having attended here for over a year. He is married to Robin and they have three children and six grandchildren, with a seventh on the way! He works in social services in the field



of addictions and is about to take up a new position with Marion County. He and Robin took up kayaking last year so all you kayakers may wish to connect with Bud and plan a church

kayaking trip for the summer! Bud is going to be leading some adult education classes for FCUCC so keep your eyes peeled for this opportunity.

Mesheal Heyman had already joined FCUCC but the baptism part had been missed so we were delighted to witness and celebrate the sacrament of baptism with her on the 19th as a milestone in her deepening faith journey. She is the mother of Sophie, a vibrant member of our high school youth group, and partnered to Joe. She works for the Oregon Real Estate Agency and loves hiking and camping. Mesheal serves on the Mission and Outreach Committee as well as on the new Council-appointed Outreach and Stewardship Task Force.

Stephen Jenkins joined through the Sacrament of Baptism and, like Bud, has also been attending our church for over a year. Stephen is the Director of Residential Education at Oregon State University in Corvallis. He is



married to Jennifer and they have three children: Anne, Emmeline, and Jack. Dad and son love camping and we're told that mom and sisters humor them and go along. Don't you see the makings of an FCUCC hiking and camping group in the folks we baptized and received into membership on the 19th? Stephen serves on the Peace and Justice Committee as well as on the new Council-appointed Outreach and Stewardship Task Force.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! ABOUT THOSE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CHURCH...

We love our Life of the Community Time in Church (at least most of us do!). It brings alive the heart of our congregation as we have a chance to learn about all the opportunities our church provides for service, learning, fellowship and even fundraising. And it's nice sometimes to hear from the people directly involved in our activities rather than have the pastors make all the announcements. Yet we also prefer services that are less than an hour and fifteen minutes in length! And so, as with all parts of our service, we strive to be mindful about the length of the Life of the Community. Recognizing that we haven't really put forth guidelines for making announcements, the pastors, supported by the Deacons, would like to request that people approach making announcements with the following in mind:

1. Up to three people in any one service are invited to make announcements on a first come, first served basis—the pastors are more than happy to make a brief announcement for you if you are not one of the first three to ask. Those making announcements are requested to come to the front of the church when we begin the Life of the Community so that we don't have lag time between announcements.
2. An announcement is an opportunity to share basic information about an event or activity in the life of the church—think “who, what, when, where, how.”

Longer appeals that aim to move the heart and provide a larger context for understanding your event or activity can sometimes be offered in a Moment for Mission (speak to a pastor about this) and certainly in the Shalom newsletter.

3. Please keep your announcements to less than one minute.
4. All of us can contribute to keeping the Life of the Community manageable by reading the printed announcements in the bulletin and subscribing electronically to “This Week,” so that fewer of them have to be repeated verbally in worship.

We hope that following these guidelines will preserve the heart and purpose of our Life of the Community time in worship while honoring everyone's need for reasonable service length. Thank you for your cooperation!

OUTREACH AND STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

What do you think that the new Task Force on Outreach and Stewardship should tell the world about what makes this church so very special? Share your thoughts after worship on May 10. Bring your coffee and snack and join Stephen Jenkins and Dick Francois in the Talkington Annex during Fellowship Time for no more than 30 minutes of talking and list making.

GREENING OUR GROUNDS

We are gathering together an informal group that the Trustees have designated as the Sustainable Landscape Committee. If you are interested in helping plan and implement an effort to make our grounds as earth friendly as possible, please join me and Kris Rieck on Sunday evening, May 3rd, at 5 p.m. to walk the grounds, share your ideas, and learn what Kris, a retired landscaper with 20 years' experience and an amazing amount of knowledge, suggests. After our walk, we'll have a light supper to discuss making this happen. We need dreamers, planners, master gardeners, and willing souls to help. Please join us!!! May the Earth be ever more blessed.

Susan Smith on behalf of the Trustees

HOSTAS, HOSTAS, HOSTAS!

After the Earth Day Service, Skip Knox announced that she has several prized hostas that she would like to share with other hostas' care-giving friends in the congregation. These lovely plants can trace their origins to Longfield Gardens in New Jersey. Skip has three different varieties and would be pleased to give them to a variety of you who would enjoy having them for your outdoor gardens. For more information, contact Skip at skipox101@aol.com or by phone 503-588-0368.

BARTHOLOMEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you are an active member of our church and are planning to attend an Oregon university, college, or profes-

sional school during the upcoming academic year, or if you are studying for the ministry in any location, you are eligible to apply for a Bartholomew Scholarship. Application forms are now available for the 2015-2016 academic year (on the web at www.uccsaalem.org and in the office). ***Mail*** your completed form accompanied by an official transcript of your last term or semester to the church office. Do not drop off. The deadline is May 18.



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR LOAVES & FISHES!

Summer is quickly approaching, which means that it's time to register for Loaves & Fishes, this year's day camp! Camp runs June 15-19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (with early pick-up/late drop-off available) for kids entering K-6. Registration forms are available in the office and online (www.uccsaalem.org/SummerDayCamp2015) -- please submit by June 1. And don't forget to spread the word! We have postcards in the office -- please share with friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc.

Excited about camp but a little too old? We're looking for youth and adult volunteers! Talk to Emma (ebrewerw@gmail.com) if you're interested and we can figure out a role that feels good for you!



Sunday, May 3

Mid High 12-2 p.m.

Senior High 2-4 p.m.

Both groups check in with Roses & Thorns, learn about mandalas and talk about having a spiritual life as a teenager in 2015, and play games – outside, if it's nice! This is a change from the youth group email – we're postponing the trip to Capitol Manor to the fall.

Saturday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.

All Church Mother's Day Tea

Youth sell tickets, serve tea & scones, clear plates, and generally staff the tea. Proceeds go to the Youth Fund. Please wear black pants and a white shirt.

Sunday, May 17

Mid High Scavenger Hunt, 12-3 p.m.

Mid High takes on Salem, splitting into two teams who compete on a scavenger hunt. Take a picture with a blue bike, with someone of another faith tradition, of something that gives you hope, of somewhere that Jesus would go in Salem ... the list goes on! We'll meet back at church and project your pictures on the screen so each group can share stories of the hunt. This is one time when cell phones are allowed at youth group – bring your phone if you have one to take pictures!

Senior High OWL, 2-5 p.m.

Senior High meets with Steve Bearden & Pastor Emily to talk about: reproductive rights; power & control and sex; and becoming a parent. All Senior High youth are welcome, whether or not you've attended OWL before. And there are no repeats, so come even if you've been before.

Saturday, May 23

Combined Youth Groups 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ivy Pull & Pizza, Woodmansee Park (behind Winco in South Salem)

Combined Youth Groups take time for some earth care...followed by pizza. Come learn about ivy, its impact on Oregon's forests, and why we as people of faith care about it. Sue Koger and the Salem No Ivy Coalition will teach us about it, and how to pull it. After, we'll head to Odd Moe's for some pizza and debriefing. Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants - tools are provided. Parents, please pick up from Odd Moe's.

Sunday, May 31, 1-3 p.m.

Combined Youth Group Soccer Game
Bush Park - the Lefelle Street side
At least three of our youth groupers have introduced themselves as "the best soccer player in youth group," and over half of our youth groupers play soccer. Clearly, we must play! Meet at Bush Park (the Lefelle Street side). Soccer's not your thing? No worries. We'll spread out on blankets or at a picnic table for some crafts, too. Wear clothes you can play in, and bring a water bottle.

Youth Group Schedule continued...

Sunday, June 7, Prayer Flag Day!

Mid High, 12-2 p.m.

Senior High, 2-4 p.m.

Want happiness, long life, and prosperity for yourself or someone you love? Want to live in harmony, or send a blessing or hope into the wind? Come learn about Buddhist prayer flags, an ancient and enduring way to bless ourselves, the space around us, and those in our hearts. We'll learn about this practice, and then make our own prayer flags - with markers, puff paints, glitter, whatever! - some for you to take, some for you to give if you'd like. And we'll give thanks for a good year of youth group. This is the last "regular" youth group meeting of the year, and Emily's learning to sew so she can make these flags (no joke) so please come!

Sunday, June 14

Youth are (tentatively) serving lunch at a Congregational Meeting Details TBD.

June 15-19

Day Camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

We need youth volunteers! Come for the day, or even better volunteer all week. We need crafters, game players, song singers, and crowd control. Camp is called "Loaves and Fishes" and is all about economic justice and food justice.

LBGTQ Dinner Group

Join us for dinner on May 16th at 6 p.m. at Los Dos Amigos, 3140 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem. Please RSVP to Pat Ayers 503-302-3043 or Nancy Winner (njwinner4@gmail.com)

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS & CELEBRATION DINNER

Thursday, May 7

Reception & Silent Auction, 5 p.m.

Dinner & Awards Presentation, 6:30p.m.

The Hilton Hotel, Pavilion

921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon

Individual tickets \$100 per person

Table for \$1,000 (seats 10)

Please RSVP by April 30, 2015

emo@emoregon.org

Ecumenist of the Year is the

Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel who is the

Senior Pastor at Maranatha Church

The Vollum Ecumenical Humanitarian

Award Recipient is The Honorable Ron

Wyden, United States Senator

The Ecumenical Service Awards

Recipients are New City Initiative,

Portland and Jericho Road, Redmond

DRINK WATER FOR LIFE

"On the Way to Wagouma"

Excerpts of an article by Susan Smith

I went to Haiti over Spring Break and Holy Week. I visited water systems we had funded in Carre Savanne, Pedosant and Te Kase. But the place that stole my heart and burdens my soul is a place called Wagouma. Wagouma is an area high in the mountains of Haiti, half-way between Hinche, the capitol of the Central Plateau, and the border of the Dominican Republic...

The spring in Wagouma serves 14 communities with an estimated 700 families (about 4000-4500 people) and their livestock. Women and children walk as much as four hours to the spring, driving donkeys with water buckets dangling off

their sides or bulls with water buckets hung on their horns. Then they wait to fill their buckets, sometimes hours. Finally, they return home after another four hour walk. This is their daily routine during the six months or so of the dry season from October to March. During the rainy season, they can draw water from tiny springs far closer to home.

The water at Wagouma is clear, but not clean, because it is contaminated both by animal waste and by the shared means of filling water buckets. Before, just a few years ago, only children died of the diseases communicated through dirty water. But then cholera came to Haiti and since then adults, young healthy adults, die also. So far more than 400 people from Wagouma have died from cholera. The traces of their deaths are found in the slight mounds along the side of the road, ringed with rocks. The most recent deaths in Wagouma were just three months ago, when three members of a family succumbed to cholera, no doubt contracted through this dirty water....

Apart from the 400 cholera deaths in the last three years, perhaps 80 children die each year from the dirty water. If we could fund a spring cap and reservoir at Wagouma, we could save at least 2000 lives over the life of the system – at a cost of less than \$10 per life. Ten dollars...

If you want to help fund the spring cap and reservoir at Wagouma, please send a check to 1st Congregational UCC, 700 Marion Street NE, Salem, OR 97301. Put PURE WATER FUND in the memo. 100% of funds

donated to the PURE WATER FUND are used for project costs like cement and masons. And they are tax deductible.

The full text of the essay and all photographs are available on our website www.uccsalem.org. Click on "Drink Water for Life."

We have printed versions available in the office.



BIG QUESTIONS OVER BREWS LAUNCHED!

The inaugural "Big Questions Over Brews" gathering took place at the Archive Coffee/Wine Bar on Tuesday, April 28. It was so successful, with 14 attending, that we already need to find a better venue with more space and less ambient noise. This experiment in "pub theology" or "theology on tap" as it is sometimes called, will continue on May 26 but at a different location, TBD. Tuesday's night's discussion included a rousing and wide-ranging discussion of the concept of "hell" and how progressive Christians are think-

ing about it differently than we used to. Stay tuned for the next topic, to be announced soon! Pastor Janet is leading these gatherings which provide the opportunity to engage in relevant theological conversation on the "big questions" of our faith in a relaxed and fun setting. Details on the May gathering will be forthcoming.

CONFLUENCE CHORUS

SPRING PROM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Come to the "Adult Prom" annual fundraiser for Confluence Chorus.

There'll be a DJ playing all your favorite music, lots of yummy snacks, and a photo booth to commemorate the evening. Evening starts at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person (or \$35 per couple). Get your tickets online at ww.confluencechorus.org All proceeds from this event go to support the general operation of the chorus, so please invite your friends for an unforgettable evening!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

On Sunday, May 27 – Pentecost – we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry to spread our message of inclusivity. Directed to local Conferences, Local Church Ministries and the Stillspeaking Ministry,

Strengthen the Church gifts help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome. Special offering envelopes will be in the pews. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Next WND is Monday, May 18 at 6pm.

There's a growing group of young adults at FCUCC, and we're looking to form some intentional community time together. We're calling it Wednesday Night Dinner (WND) and the idea is for folks who are 18-35 (ish) to share food in potluck format, to check in and get to know one another, and perhaps to delve deeper with devotions or spiritual conversation. This month, WND is on Monday (we know, we know - scheduling is hard!) May 18 at 6 p.m. Come when you can, stay as long as you can, enjoy some time together! RSVP to Emily@uccsalem.org or Cameronmc@riseup.net to get address. Looking forward to seeing you there!

HOST MICHELLE PEDERSEN'S CHOIR

Opportunity to host Michelle Pedersen's choir for a night! Our former Choir Director and Christian Ed Director is making a return to FCUCC this June! Michelle will travel with her choir from Cathedral of the Rockies in Idaho to Salem to perform at a Methodist Church Function in town, and will give a concert here on Thursday, June 11 at 7:30pm. Her choir needs host families, in groups of 2 or 3, for the night of the 11th. Interested? Email emily@uccsalem.org.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 5	4:30 p.m.	Homelessness Task Force meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee meeting
Wednesday, May 6	10:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Board meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Committee meeting
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 9	3:30 p.m.	Mother's Day Tea Youth Fundraiser
	6:30 p.m.	Cello recital students Bruce McIntosh accompanied by Marcia Hauff
Tuesday, May 12	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Reiki Share Circle
Wednesday, May 13	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Saturday, May 16	6:00 p.m.	LGBTQ Dinner Group, see article
	7:30 p.m.	Confluence Fundraiser "The First Time"
Sunday, May 17	12 midnight	Shalom deadline
Monday, May 18	6:00 p.m.	WND Group Meeting, see article
	6:30 p.m.	Woman Spirit meets at Bev and Jenny's bevjenny@comcast.net
Tuesday, May 19	5:30 p.m.	Deacons meeting, Adult Ed. Room
Wednesday, May 20	1:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Circles meet:
		Day Circle at Anne Knowles and
		Former Evening Circle at Louise Putman's
	6:30 p.m.	Community Committee meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Board meeting
Pentecost Sunday, May 24		We receive the Special Offering for "Strengthen the Church"
Monday, May 25		Office closed in observation of Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 27	5:30 p.m.	Taize Prayer Service

ADULT LEARNING HOUR, MAY 3

Resolution of Witness on Palestine Israel - Standing for Justice in the UCC

Join Reverend Diane Dulin on Sunday, May 3 at 9:15 a.m. in the Adult Learning Education classroom on the 2nd floor.

This session is designed to introduce the content, purposes, rationales and anticipated outcomes of the Resolution of Witness on Palestine Israel that will be under consideration at General Synod 30 (June 26-20 in Cleveland, Ohio.) This resolution is endorsed by our own Central Pacific Conference. Why are delegates being asked to endorse boycott of certain products and divestment from certain companies? Why does this Resolution seek political advocacy regarding military funding to Israel, interfaith dialogue for our churches and leaders, and study of the Kairos Palestine document of the Christian Community of Palestine? Come and find out. Rev. Dulin is a UCC minister and serves as Director of Church Participation for Kairos USA.

Weekly Recurring Events at church

SUNDAYS

8:30 a.m.

Contemplative Prayer Group,
Conference Room

9:15 a.m.

Adult Learning Hour,

Adult Education Classroom.

May 3, 9:15 a.m. led by Diane Dulin

10:30 a.m.

**Worship Service &
Children's Learning Hour**

11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Time, Talkington Hall

MONDAYS

12 noon **Adult Book Study**

Meets in the Adult Education Room

7 p.m. **Bell Choir rehearsal** Hunt. Hall

WEDNESDAYS

3:30 p.m. **Meet up with Pastor Emily at the Ike Box** until 5 p.m.

5:30 p.m. **Taizé Prayer Service** (weekly during the season of Lent)

THURSDAYS

7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir rehearsal with Ray Elliott, director.**

New voices are always welcome. Join!

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