

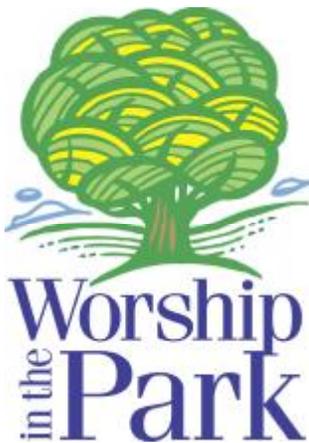


# Shalom

First Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
700 Marion Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301  
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Reverend Dr. Janet Parker, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Emily Goodnow, Associate Pastor

Tamara Smith, Moderator  
July 2, 2015



Sunday, July 5, 2015  
Minto Brown Park Pavilion

Pastor Janet Parker preaches.  
Gail Gage will provide music.  
We will worship, pray, and sing.  
And after all that, we'll have a potluck picnic! Community Committee will serve hotdogs.

## What to Bring?

A chair. A potluck dish. A plate, cup, utensils, tablecloth etc.

## Imagine a no-trash picnic!

It's easy if we try! Please bring your own re-usable table cloth, napkins, plates, utensils, and cups. It doesn't have to be new; just use what you already own.

## Prizes

The prettiest dessert, the most creative fruit or veggie platter and the most fun and re-usable table setting get prizes from our Community Committee.

## Directions to Minto Brown

Head south on River Road S.  
Take a right on Minto Island Road S.  
Continue on this road for approximately three quarters of a mile. You'll see the pavilion on your left and a parking lot loop on your right. You'll see people from church there.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of comfort and healing for **Amy Sackett** and her family as they grieve the death of her brother-in-law, Dana Houts...prayers of courage and peace for **Opal McDougle**, Gail McDougle's mother who's in critical condition after a heart attack, and comfort and love to Gail...prayers of continued healing for **Steve Yant** who's home recovering from a hip dislocation after hip surgery 6 weeks ago, may he have patience and an uneventful next chapter of recovering... prayers of peace and joy for **Mark Wallace and Jackie Bromley** as they moved to Arkansas on June 29 – gratitude for their time and leadership here, and God's blessing upon them...prayers of courage and safety for **Nick Cruse**, Maria Cruse's son who left June 15 for Army Basic Training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina...prayers of courage and comfort for Bernie Turner's friend **Julie** who is dealing with cancer... and prayers for health for **Lynne Hill**, Connie Madison's sister, and patience and God's presence for Connie and Vern who have gone to help care for her for a month.

## CONDOLENCES

We are sad to have learned that Ruth LaRue passed away on June 29, 2015 at Capitol Manor. She had been sent home from the hospital with hospice care a few days earlier. Ruth fell on our steps after the June Confluence Concert. She initially seemed to be recovering; however, on Tuesday we received the unexpected news of her passing. Our sincere condolences to her husband, Paul and their family whom we will lift up in our prayers. As details become available about her memorial service, we will let you know.

## GOODBYE FROM JACKIE AND MARK

Dear Friends,  
As we prepare to leave Oregon, we feel both gratitude and sadness with respect to leaving our Salem UCC family. We have both enjoyed the fellowship, the music, the wonderful people and the spirit of justice and equality that resides here. The Monday Book discussion group has been a "game-changer" for me. I found that I can step away from some of the "truths" I grew up with, and still love and embrace my faith. I have so enjoyed working with the board of Salem Interfaith as a representative of our church. We love all of you and feel very blessed for the gift of your friendship. Love, *Jackie Bromley and Mark Wallace*

## THANK YOU FROM GAIL McDOUGLE

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts for my mother, Opal. She is still very ill, and in a skilled nursing facility in Dyersburg, Tennessee --near my sister, Pat. I spent a week there and saw little improvement in mom's condition. Her advanced dementia complicates and compounds her physical challenges, as she is not able to communicate her needs. As of June 5, Rob and I became Colorado residents. Our new address is: 1712 Steel Street, Unit 7202, Louisville, CO 80027. We are enjoying worship at First Congregational UCC Boulder. It is so good to have a nurturing, inspiring church home. Also, we are thrilled to be near our granddaughter, Lena. Grandmother *Gail McDougle*

## SEND SOME JOY

Send us a letter on our mission trip in Chiloquin! We're there July 5 – 11 and would love to get a note from our church.  
Name

Sierra Service Project  
General Delivery  
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Send a card to a Camp Adams Camper!  
July 19-25, Emmeline Jenkins  
July 26 – August 1, Scott Taber, Faith  
Haining, Kate Cruse Or staff members  
Karina Gonzalez and John Patterson all  
summer!

Name  
Camp Adams  
18499 S Highway 211  
Molalla, OR 97038

Send a note to Nick Cruse, who left for  
Army Basic Training in South Carolina  
on June 15 (perhaps include in your note  
that you're from our church):

PVT Cruse, Nicholas  
D Co., 3 PLT  
2-60 IN BN, 193rd IN BDE  
[11106 Jackson Blvd.](#)  
[Fort Jackson, SC 29207](#)

### **BACK FROM THE RANCH**

I want to thank the congregation for its  
commitment to providing its pastors  
time for study leave and for connecting  
with and serving the wider church. I  
am back from two weeks preparing for,  
and then leading, an ecumenical con-  
ference at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu,  
NM entitled, “In the Midst of New Di-  
mensions: Native Wisdom in Dia-  
logue.” It’s the eighth in a ten-year se-  
ries that explores how Christianity can  
become an “earth-honoring faith.”  
This year we explored ways in which  
Native and Christian wisdom could  
join to help us meet our shared chal-  
lenge of survival on Mother Earth in  
the midst of the “new dimensions” of  
climate change and other global chal-  
lenges.

*Robyn Michelle Hartwig*

and

*Janet Lynn Parker*

invite the First Congregational  
UCC of Salem,  
Oregon community to share our joy  
as we exchange vows and  
unite in the covenant of marriage  
Saturday, the Fifteenth of August  
Two Thousand Fifteen at  
One o'clock in the afternoon.  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
790 Marion Street, NE  
Salem, Oregon  
Cake reception to follow at  
First Congregational  
United Church of Christ

Please RSVP by July 15, 2015 to  
[HartwigParker@gmail.com](mailto:HartwigParker@gmail.com)  
or by adding your name to the  
clipboard on the counter inside the  
church office.

You will then be added to the  
electronic invitation that will  
provide you with all of the  
additional details.

In this short article, I cannot begin to  
express how beautiful, intense, chal-  
lenging and transformative this week  
was for those who participated, includ-  
ing myself. We were exploring un-  
known territory, for it is extremely rare  
to bring together elders and teachers of  
traditional indigenous wisdom with  
Christians for a genuine dialogue. We  
gained wisdom from the worldviews of  
Pueblo, Cherokee, Otomi, Maya and  
Navajo people. We also listened deep-  
ly to stories of intergenerational trauma

experienced by peoples whose lands were taken and cultures decimated in the name of God and in service of white settlement and conquest. I will be sharing this experience with the congregation in my sermons on July 5 and 12 and through some educational offerings over the summer. Stay tuned for dates and times.

*~Pastor Janet Parker*

### **FAITH-FILLED LIVING, EXTRAVAGANT GIVING**

The theme of our annual giving campaign will be “Faith-Filled Living, Extravagant Giving”. Please take some time to reflect on the following questions and how they relate to your own faith journey. We are also hoping that if you are meeting as a small group this summer, with others from the church, you might consider discussing them as well. We will be providing new questions in each Shalom.

1. How have you experienced giving as an expression of love in your own life (as either the giver or receiver of gifts)? How might this work in your relationship to God?
2. Do you tend to regard "giving to the church" as something you ought to do or as something you want to do? What might have to happen for you to think of giving as more of an opportunity than an obligation?

### **FCUCC GOES CARBON NEUTRAL!**

Our church has made the commitment to become carbon neutral by funding the planting of 150 trees in Pedosant, Haiti through Mouvman Peyizan Papay (MPP). For just \$150, we are able to off-

set our direct and indirect carbon emissions during 2015. The Trustees voted to make the commitment to carbon neutrality and the decision was announced at our June 14 congregational meeting.

Susan Smith, a trustee who teaches energy law at Willamette University College of Law, brought the idea to the church and explained that the most effective way to become carbon neutral in the US is to reduce overall energy consumption and offset the remainder of carbon emissions by planting trees in tropical areas. FCUCC has already eliminated 30% of our electricity consumption by installing solar panels.

As most know, our church has a long-term relationship with MPP. The trees will be planted in communities where MPP has installed clean water systems to assure that the community cares for the trees. MPP is an indigenous Haitian organization that won the 2005 Goldman Environmental Prize for its reforestation efforts. Susan is hoping to lead a congregational mission trip to Haiti next spring to see the results of all our work there. Stay tuned!

### **NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE CENTRAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE**

Registration at Camp Adams is up 6%, despite declining camp attendance nationwide. The Co-Directors of Camp Adams secured a grant of \$50K to upgrade equipment and buildings. Staffing is in place and all is ready for summer campers. A great season is ahead!

Volunteers are needed for the CPC Nominating Committee. This is a great way to meet new people, connect with others in the denomination, and gain a wider sense of our denomination's work in the

world. It's a different experience than volunteering in the local church, but one that is very rewarding. CPC's Nominating Committee meets quarterly, and meetings can be held via videoconferencing (CPC staff will help you with the logistics) if you wish to limit travel to Portland. See Margaret May for details.

Lessons learned from other local churches: The Council of the local church is responsible for ensuring that clergy takes vacation time and sabbaticals. If it's in the benefit package offered to the clergy staff person, it needs to happen!

Contact Margaret May if you have questions about any of the above.

### **LBGTQ dinner**

Saturday, July 11 at 6 p.m. at McGrath's Fish House on 3805 Center Street NE. RSVP to Jim Huffendick at 503-580-8536. Join us!

### **IKE BOX MEETINGS IN JULY**

Pastor Emily's Ike Box Hours in July are on July 15, 22, and 29 only. (None on the 1st or 8th).

### **YOUTH GROUP HELPS WITH SALEM INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK WEEK!**

Come on Tuesday, July 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for our SIHN Youth Night! Bring board games, books, nail polish, art supplies, or just come use what the church already has and hang out with those living in our church that week. Emma Brewer-Wallin is organizing – email her with questions: [ebrew-erw@gmail.com](mailto:ebrew-erw@gmail.com).

### **SUMMER EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION**

The focus of our next book club discussion will be finishing "Leaving Church"

by Barbara Brown Taylor and starting "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. **Date: Thursday, July 9 at 7 p.m.** at Laura Perez's house: 4089 Oakman St S. Drinks and light snacks will be served. However, participants may certainly bring a favorite snack or beverage to share. Even if you haven't read the book, but you would like to join in on a discussion in a lovely setting, please join us! Everyone is welcome! Wear comfortable clothes, as we will be in the back yard, and Carter the Boxer will be eager to find a lap to hop in!

### **GENERAL SYNOD TRIBUTE TO REBECCA RALSTON'S FATHER**

Barb Powell, Associate Director of Publishing for the national UCC office in Cleveland, has published an article about my father, Ted Braun. Forty years ago, my father founded the "Balaam's Courier" blue newsletter that was infamous amongst regular attendees at the General Synods. It was only produced at the General Synods, as a commentary and critique of current issues facing the national United Church of Christ. You can find the article at the following web address:

[http://www.ucc.org/news\\_general\\_synod\\_balaams\\_courier\\_06252015](http://www.ucc.org/news_general_synod_balaams_courier_06252015)

*Rebecca Ralston*

### **FATHER'S DAY PIE EXTRAVAGANZA**

Thank you to all of the Women's Fellowship participants who enthusiastically embraced a new idea and who so generously provided pies for the Father's Day Pie Extravaganza. There were 22 pies in all in a wide variety from seasonal berry, apple, cherry, peach and chocolate. Most of the pies went home with the dads. Several of the pies were cut and served at Fellow-

ship Time. Looks like this might be a "keeper" event. *Kathy Crummer*

## **BAZAAR UPDATE**

July 2015

Time to mark those calendars! Our date is set for Dilly Beans production, and will be Saturday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the big downstairs kitchen. Dill Pickles will be somewhere in the same time frame, around the end of July, but we don't have a solid date for that yet.

The Gravenstein apples are promising to be early this year, so apple pie prep may be as early as the first week in August! We are hoping that, with two freezers at our disposal this year, we can actually make all the pies in one day, and get them all frozen immediately, which would be a tremendous boon!

Now, for you people who have so kindly asked what we might need – here's a small list!

- Wide-mouth canning jars, quart size. I had thought we had plenty of them, but not as many were returned as I'd hoped, so we do need more now.
- Wide-mouth canning lids. We go through lots of these.
- We need some pint canning jars, but not a whole lot. The bread & butter pickles are done in pints, and last year we did a few pints of dilly beans as well.
- White sugar – used both in the apple pies and in Ryntha's Bread & Butter Pickles.
- Heinz Cider Vinegar – used in the bread & butter pickles and the dill pickles.
- Bread flour. There may be other

things needed for our multi-grain bread as well, but that's not until October, and Jean O'Grady will be the one to ask.

If you donate any of these items, please mark them plainly for Women's Fellowship and leave them in the big kitchen downstairs or place them in the Women's Fellowship closet off Talkington Hall.

Craft days are ongoing – second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursery.

*Nancy Dilger*  
Bazaar Coordinator

## **ALL CHURCH CAMP – LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Registration forms for All Church Camp are now available, in the office or after church in the narthex! Labor Day Weekend, Friday evening, September 4, through Sunday lunch, September 6. Plan on coming Friday evening through Sunday lunch, or for one night or just for Saturday; whatever works best for you. Planned activities include swimming with our own Scott Svadlenak on lifeguard duty on Saturday, worship in the woods on Sunday. And there are the options of hiking, visiting, maybe a little singing, or just doing your own thing most any time!

Never been to Camp Adams before? Imagine a wooded campground an hour away (5 miles from Molalla), in the foothills of the Cascades, rustic cabins or you can tent or RV. Rustic Morris Lodge is our camp base, surrounded by shared cabins (with indoor plumbing). Meals are planned in advance and campers volunteer or are assigned dishes or ingredients

to bring. Very low key but thoroughly enjoyed by all!! Questions? Michelle Laseter or Maya Close will be happy to share information. Fees this year are \$19.75 per night (12 years and older); \$14.75 per night (under 12 years); \$11.25 per person per night RV or tent; \$7.50 per person "one day tripper". Scholarships available and confidential; please contact either Pastor Emily or Pastor Janet to request scholarship(s).

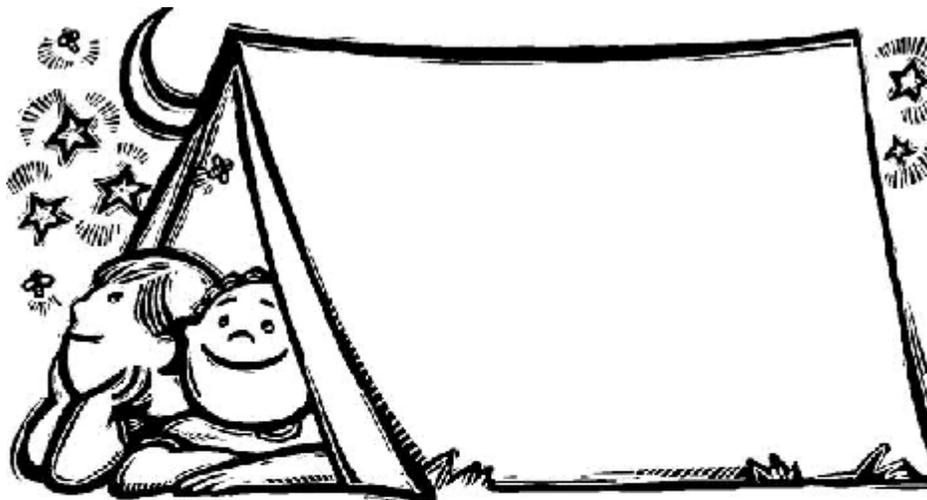
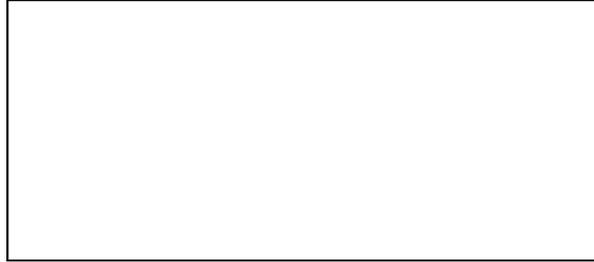
## Calendar

Sunday, July 5	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship in the Park —Youth leaves on Mission Trip Potluck Picnic. See article on cover page.</b>
Tuesday, July 7	6:30 p.m.	<b>Welcoming Committee meeting, Conference Rm.</b>
Wednesday, July 8	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Council meeting</b>
Thursday, July 9	7:00 p.m.	<b>Summer Evening Book Group See article</b>
Saturday, July 11	9:00 a.m.	<b>Community Committee cleans kitchen</b>
	6:00 p.m.	<b>LBGTQ Dinner at McGrath's on Center Street.</b>
Sunday, July 12	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service and Holy Communion Youth Group returns from mission trip</b>
	5:00 p.m.	<b>Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network families arrive for a week's stay in our building.</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Youth Group provides SIHN activities</b>
Tuesday, July 14	6:30 p.m.	<b>Trustees meeting, Conference Room</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Reiki Share Circle, Adult Education Room</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Salem Sustainability Committee mtg., Nursery</b>
Wednesday, July 15	6:30 p.m.	<b>Community Committee meeting, Conference Rm.</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Christian Education Board meeting, Nursery</b>
Monday, July 20	6:30 p.m.	<b>Woman Spirit at Bev and Jenny's <a href="mailto:bevjenny@comcast.net">bevjenny@comcast.net</a> for info</b>
Tuesday, July 21	5:30 p.m.	<b>Deacons meeting, Nursery</b>
Wednesday, July 22	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Taizé Prayer Service</b>
Saturday, July 25	9:00 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Dilly Bean pickling and canning, kitchen</b>
Sunday, July 26		<b>Shalom deadline</b>
Wednesday, July 29	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
Saturday, August 1	8:05 a.m.	<b>Men's Breakfast</b>
Wednesday, August 5	7:00 p.m.	<b>Peace &amp; Justice Committee, Conference Room.</b>
Thursday, August 13	7:00 p.m.	<b>Summer Evening Book Group at Laura Perez's</b>
Saturday, August 15	1:00 p.m.	<b>Wedding of Janet Parker and Robyn Hartwig</b>



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