



Getting Connected

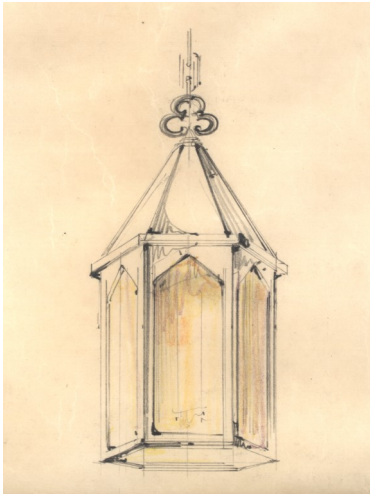
**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**

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Getting Connected...

Welcome to the community of
First Congregational
United Church of Christ!

Once we become part of a new community, we usually want to find how to connect to the community as a whole. What activities will feed and nurture us? Where can we give our gifts? Where will we find our sense of belonging and get to know others? Where and with whom will we make friendships?

Our Welcoming Team has prepared this brochure to name the many activities and programs of this church. No one member participates in all of them. But this listing gives you the opportunity to explore various ways of getting connected. We hope that these brief descriptions and the contact information will provide avenues of access for you.

Pastor Janet is always available to explore church life with you. Just call the church office at 503/363-3660.

Leadership

Boards and Committees of lay leaders shape church life and its mission.

Church Council

Governing, oversight body when the Congregation is not in meeting

Moderator David Watson

drw05@msn.com

Vice Moderator Laura Perez

lcdperez@comcast.net

Deacons

Worship and parish care

Co-Chair Susie Francois

rkfrancois@aol.com

Co-Chair Julie Woodward:

Julie@woodward.net

Board of Trustees

Financial and building oversight

Chair Rick O'Grady:

rdecourcy@aol.com

Christian Education Board

Education program for all ages; youth ministries.

Chair Michelle Laseter:

michellelaseter@msn.com

Mission & Outreach Committee

Financial support and activity to make the world more compassionate and just.

Chair: Nancy Stempek:

nrstempek@q.com

Peace and Justice Committee

Educates and advocates around social concerns and issues.

Chair: Stephen Jenkins:

stephenpjenkins@gmail.com

Welcoming Committee

Invites, educates, and includes the newcomer.

Co-Chairs: Sally Ridenour

sallyridenour@q.com

Melvin Stewart:

meugenestewart@comcast.net

Community Committee

Fellowship opportunities and programs.

Chair: Maya Close

Mayajim_close1891@q.com

Pastoral Relations

Facilitates staff-congregation communication.

Chair: Susie Francois

rkfrancois@aol.com

Personnel Committee

Oversees personnel matters including job descriptions and evaluations.

Chair: Dell Ford

dellrford@gmail.com

Nominating Committee

Recruits members for committees and boards.

Chair: to be elected

Staff

Rev. Dr. Janet Parker, Senior Pastor

janet@uccsalem.org

Dr. Marcia Hauff

Organist

mhauffj@juno.com

Elizabeth Dohrer

Office Manager

office@uccsalem.org

Roger McInnis

Housekeeper

office@uccsalem.org

Communicating with the Congregation

Shalom— Our church newsletter is published every three weeks. Subscribe on our website: www.uccsalem.org

This Week at Our Church

Weekly e-mail newsletter.

Subscribe on our website:

www.uccsalem.org

Like us on Facebook!

Worship Experiences

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Taizé Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m. on 4th Wednesdays

Music

Chancel Choir rehearsals

7:15 p.m. Thursdays

New voices are always welcome!

Bell Choir rehearsals

7:00 p.m. Wednesdays

Marcia Hauff, Organist

mhauffj@juno.com

First Congo Combo & Stone Church

Musical groups of church members who perform contemporary music in worship, on occasion. Contact Rebecca Ralston: rebecca.ralston50@gmail.com

Contact First Congo Contact Stone Church: Steve Yant:

gozo41@comcast.net

Spiritual and Faith Formation

Contemplative Prayer Group

Meets at Sundays 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room led by Judith Taussig.

Sunday Adult Learning Hour

Meets at 9:15 a.m.; Adult Ed. Room, 2nd floor. We're offering the Living the Questions 2.0 curriculum. Contact Susan Hall
susan1hall@hotmail.com

Monday Adult Book Group

Parlor, Noon to 1 p.m. Facilitated by Don Lundberg: lund3735@yahoo.com

Big Questions over Brews

Next date to be announced.

Meets at Top Dog. Join us for your favorite beverage and exciting theological discussion in a relaxed setting. Pastor Janet Parker facilitates.

Reiki Share Circle Second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Talkington Hall

Woman Spirit Group

Third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Bev & Jenny's home in West Salem
bevnjenny@comcast.net for more info
Salad bar dinner (bring a topping to share) & discussion after dinner

Prayer Chain Coordinated by Chip Brown Make a prayer request. Join the Chain: uccprayercircle@gmail.com

Fellowship and Fun

Fellowship Time

Sundays after worship, 11:45-ish
Downstairs in Talkington Hall

Game Night Group

This group meets monthly at people's homes for board and card games, plus a potluck dinner.

Contact Rebecca Ralston to be put on the group's email list:
rebecca.ralston50@gmail.com

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

First Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. at Urban Alley Restaurant, downtown
Contact Evan White:
epwhitehouse@comcast.net

Women's Fellowship

Chair: Kathy Crummer
crummer@gmail.com

Serving Others

First Sunday Food Share & Communion

Bring nutritious, non-perishable food or monetary donations for the Marion-Polk Food Share .

Celebrate the sacrament of Communion in our 10:30 a.m. worship service

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN)

A program that shelters and feeds homeless families with children. Four times a year, we serve as hosts for these families. Volunteers help in many ways.

Contact Susan Bearden:
sjbearden54@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity

Builds affordable housing with low-income families. Contact Steve Yant
gozo41@comcast.net

Drink Water for Life

Lenten Campaign

Traditionally during Lent, our church embarks on the Drink Water for Life campaign. We give up our daily expensive coffee drinks, and on Palm Sunday we bring the money we saved to church to help fund clean water projects in Haiti.

Education for All Ages

Sunday Adult Learning Hour

Meets at 9:15 a.m.; Adult Ed. Room, 2nd floor. We're offering the Living the Questions 2.0 curriculum. Susan Hall facilitates.

susan1hall@hotmail.com

Children's Learning Hour

Meets during Sunday worship in 2nd floor class rooms.

Godly Play Class. Kinder-3rd grade.
Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals Class. Grades 4 and 5.

Nursery Care (Year-round)

Excellent nursery care is provided on Sundays.

Youth Groups

Mid High Group grades 6 thru 8—
Senior High Group grades 9 thru 12:

Youth Groups meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Teen Room

Volunteer Opportunities

Worship

- ___ Usher
- ___ Greeter
- ___ Liturgist
- ___ Children's Time
- ___ Provide flowers
- ___ Arrange flowers
- ___ Bake communion bread
- ___ Liturgical Arts (drama, banners, choral readings, sacred dance, etc)
- ___ Sound tech help
- ___ Advent planning
- ___ Lent planning
- ___ Guest preaching

Community

- ___ Provide cookies/snacks for Fellowship Hour
- ___ Decorate halls
- ___ Help with meals for all-church events
- ___ Bake quick breads for newcomers

Men's Ministry

- ___ Serve on planning team
- ___ Provide small group leadership
- ___ Be a program resource

Parish Care

- ___ Provide meals to people during crisis
- ___ Drive people to appointments
- ___ Prepare refreshments for memorial services
- ___ Visiting individuals
- ___ Serve refreshments for memorial services
- ___ Provide occasional transportation to and from worship

Education

- ___ Teachers Storytellers
- ___ Godly Play Doorkeepers
- ___ Sr. High Youth
- ___ Jr. High Youth
- ___ Prepare classrooms
- ___ Art work
- ___ Special projects
- ___ Summer Day Camp
- ___ Teach Adults
- ___ Safe Church Volunteer
- ___ Youth Chaperone
- ___ Child care help
- ___ Our Whole Lives Volunteers

Music

- ___ Chancel Choir
- ___ Bell Choir
- ___ Summer Music
- ___ Play instrument what: _____
- ___ First Congo Combo
- ___ Stone Church Band

Planning Teams

- ___ Talent/No Talent Show (winter)
- ___ Dine, Dance, Bid (spring)
- ___ Stewardship Campaign (fall)
- ___ All Church Camp (end of summer)
- ___ Harvest Fest (Oct)
- ___ Advent Fest (Dec)

Outreach

- ___ Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network
- ___ Habitat for Humanity
- ___ Fundraisers
- ___ Deliver donated food to Marion Polk Food Share

___ Be part of a pool of volunteers who hand out lunches on Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m to 12 noon.

___ Other: _____

Office Help

- ___ Answer phone & doorbell
- ___ Computer/IT expertise
- ___ Bookkeeping/Financial expertise
- ___ Website maintenance
- ___ Mailing prep (folding & stuffing)
- ___ Poster making
- ___ Bulletin boards
- ___ Data entry
- ___ Volunteer coordinator
- ___ Organizing spaces/closets
- ___ Other: _____

Women's Retreat

- ___ Planning team
- ___ Attendance
- ___ Help with food prep
- ___ Offer workshop on: _____

Work on Church Priorities

- ___ Open & Affirming
- ___ Just Peace
- ___ Ecological efforts
- ___ Homelessness

Building

- ___ Grounds maintenance
- ___ Organizing spaces/closets
- ___ Laundry
- ___ Painting
- ___ Minor repairs
- ___ Gardening
- ___ Custodial assistance
- ___ Light carpentry
- ___ Comparison shopping

Women's Fellowship

- ___ Membership
- ___ Present a program
- ___ Present music
- ___ Work on Bazaar — first weekend in November
- ___ Attend a circle

Serve on...

- ___ Deacons
- ___ Trustees
- ___ Mission and Outreach
- ___ Christian Education
- ___ Welcoming Committee
- ___ Community Committee
- ___ Peace and Justice Committee
- ___ Nominating Committee
- ___ Pastoral Relations Committee
- ___ Personnel Committee
- ___ Be a Conference Delegate at Central Pacific Conference's Annual Meeting.

Please detach form and mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Your name: _____

Your e-mail: _____

Your phone: _____

