



Shalom

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**
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Reverend Dr. Janet Parker, Senior Pastor
Reverend Emily Goodnow, Associate Pastor

Tamara Smith, Moderator
June 11, 2015



**Worship
in the
Park**

**Sunday, July 5, 2015
at 10:30 a.m.
at
Minto Brown
Park Pavilion**

Gail Gage Band

All church potluck picnic
immediately following
worship. Details inside.

**Summer Day Camp
Loaves and Fishes**

**June 15-19
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
With early drop-off and
late pick-up available.**

Children entering K through 6

**Contact Emma Brewer-Wallin
or Pastor Emily to sign up.
Afternoon volunteers needed.**



**Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 14**

Immediately following
worship and lunch.
Huntington Hall.
Details inside.

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

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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Please join us for a lunch and the semi-annual Congregational meeting on June 14, immediately following worship. At the meeting, we will recognize and celebrate some of the progress we have made as a church towards our three priority goals: homelessness, extravagant welcome, and climate change. We will

be looking at the church budget, so that planning and decision making can move forward accordingly. We will also receive the initial report of the council-appointed Outreach and Stewardship Task Force. Please note: the Youth Groups are providing lunch. The suggested donation for the lunch is \$5 per person and \$12 per family. The proceeds go to the Youth Fund. We hope to see you there!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers for healing and recovery are sincerely requested for **Ruth LaRue**, who fell down our steps after the Confluence Concert on Friday and is in ICU at Salem Hospital. She has a severe concussion, broken wrist and some bleeding on the brain. She is showing some hopeful signs of recovery...Prayers for a gentle passing for **Amy Sackett's brother-in-law, Dana Houts**, who is living his final days on hospice due to terminal cancer. May he know the peace that surpasses understanding, feel cradled in the arms of God and upheld by the love of his family during these last hours; and may Amy and her family find comfort in God and in the love they share with Dana...Prayers of gratitude and joy for **Chip Brown, Julie Camp and their family**, for the births of their 9th and 10th great grandchildren: Rowan Xander Hodson (6/3) and Maddox Kai Zamudio (6/10)...Prayers of joy and wonder at the 108th birthday of **Sally Anderson**...Prayers for continued healing for **Ed Henderlite** who developed an infection at the site of a pre-

vious biopsy but is making good progress toward recovery...Prayers of thanksgiving that **Nancy Henderlite** has seen a new doctor and is getting some long overdue pain relief! Prayers for Ceilidh Campbell's brother, Michael, are appreciated as he continues to struggle with Lewy body dementia, and also for his family in Australia as they care for him...Finally, let us pray for all our graduates from high school, college and graduate school whom we celebrated in worship on Sunday! We give thanks for their accomplishments and pray that God will guide and support them as embark on new adventures.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Pauline Ensign, Tamrat Wagener
Michelle Pedersen
3 Pat Tichenor
6 Brother Richard LeFevre
7 Jessica Campbell
8 Anne Knowles, Susan Hall
9 Ken Cook and Noah Franco
11 Chris Ross
12 Stephen Jenkins
14 Rex Lampert, Kevin Newman
17 Nancy Henderlite
18 Leroy Kline, Corwin Bowersox
21 Don Frueh, Deb Patterson, Carlos Perez
23 Tommy Funk
26 Joyce Smith, Sue Koger
27 Dell Ford
29 Kainoa Pilafian
30 Pat Savory



MUSIC SUNDAY APPRECIATION!

We offer our warmest gratitude and highest praise to all the musicians who made our Music Sunday so outstanding and joy-filled on May 31! We appreciate all the hard work and preparation that went into all the music, and especially wish to thank our talented music staff, Marcia Hauff and Ray Elliott, for their efforts in helping all our musicians to shine! The choir wowed everyone with the amazing "Gospel Mass" while Marcia elevated and inspired us with her gorgeous organ solo. The bell choir as always delighted us with the bells, and the rhythmic sounds of the combined First Congo Combo/Stone Church band got our toes tapping and bodies swaying to the music of Harry Belafonte. To top it all off, we offered some preliminary recognition and appreciation to Marcia Hauff for her 25 years of service as our church organist! Plans are in the works for a bigger celebration of Marcia this fall, including an organ recital on October 18, so mark your calendars!

Pastors Janet and Emily

FATHER'S DAY HOMEMADE PIE EXTRAVAGANZA JUNE 21

On Father's Day, the Women's Fellowship will have a pie fest in Talkington Hall, immediately after worship (Fellowship Time). All dads will have the opportunity to take home a homemade pie for themselves. Dad's attendance is all that is needed to be a possible winner of your choice of pies to take home. All dads, come down to Talkington Hall after worship to draw a number!

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



Our High School and college graduates had incredible achievements this year – many awards and much prestigious success. And of

course the greatest success of all is that they're all kind, good people who will make this world a better place. They were celebrated in worship on June 7th. We are proud of them and proud to know them!

Vincent Laport graduated from South Salem High School with the following special honors: German Honors Society, National German Exam High Honors, Oregon School Activities Association Scholar-Athlete Award and Oregon School Activities Association Activity-Scholar award. He will attend Chemeketa Community College in the fall as a Chemeketa Scholar.

John Patterson graduated from South Salem High School on Friday. He has earned an academic scholarship to Willamette University, where he will attend in the fall. He will work on Camp Adams Summer Staff this summer as a lifeguard.

Sarah Smith-Tripp graduated from South Salem on Friday as a Valedictorian with the following special honors: the Presidential Education Award, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and the Oregon School Activities Association Scholar-Athlete

Award. She will attend Wellesley University in the fall.

Scott Svadlenak graduated from West Salem High School with the following special honors: Advanced Placement Distinction, the President's Award for Academic Distinction, and the Oregon School Activities Association Scholar Athlete Award. He will attend Oregon State University in Corvallis in the fall.

Ellen Svadlenak graduated *magna cum laude* from Oregon State University with a BS degree in Earth Science in the field of Geology and a Certificate of Completion in Geographic Information Sciences.

Amy Sackett graduated from Western Oregon University with a BS degree in Public Policy with a minor in Communication.

And **Jessica**

Campbell earned a PhD in English Literature from University of Washington in Seattle!

Congratulations to all.

HIRE A YOUTH!

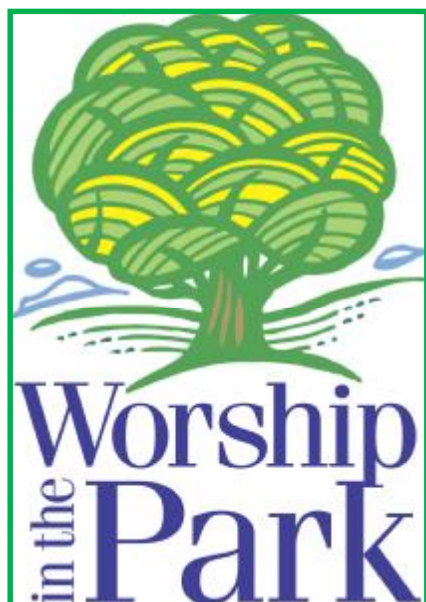
Do you have ambitious plans for your yard? Or have some major cleaning to do? Our youth are here to help! Hire our youth to give you a hand as part of their fundraising for the Chiloquin mission trip this July. Work days will continue throughout the summer to offset trip costs. Interested? Contact Emma Brewer-Wallin

(ebrewerw@gmail.com 503-989-

[9626](#)) with info about the type of work you'd like done, how many youth you'd like (per our Safe Church policy, we must have at least two youth + one adult), how many hours you expect the project to take, and a couple of dates that would work for you. The amount of this donation is entirely up to you, although we recommend paying at least minimum wage, per person). Thank you for supporting our youth group!

ALL-CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AT 6:30 P.M.

The Community Committee is hosting this All-Church Movie Night. We'll watch *Big Hero 6* together and eat pizza! Suggested donation is \$3 per person to cover the cost of the pizzas.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK — JULY 5

We're celebrating the birth of our nation as well as the 163th birthday of our church at Minto Brown Park Pavilion on Sunday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m. with worship followed by an all-church potluck picnic. Pastor Janet Parker will preach and the Gail Gage Band will provide music during the service and the picnic.

What to bring:

- a chair
- a potluck dish
- plate, cup, utensils, etc.

The Community Committee is giving away three prizes:

1. Prettiest dessert
2. Most creative fruit or veggie platter
3. Most fun & re-usable table setting

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 fancy; just use what you already own. The most fun & re-usable table setting gets a prize. Of course, we'll have extra plates & utensils in case you forgot to bring yours.



**MEET (OR GET RE-ACQUAINTED WITH)
EMMA BREWER-WALLIN**



**-- our summer
intern from
Wellesley College**

Emma is very excited to be back in Salem to intern at First Congregational this summer!

She just finished her first year at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, where she plans on majoring in Peace & Justice Studies. This summer she will be focusing on issues of economic injustice. She's currently developing the curriculum for **Loaves & Fishes**, our exciting summer day camp that will consider faith perspectives on food, justice, and generosity; she'll also help our youngest disciples explore a variety of justice issues during Summer Sundays and will join the youth group on their mission trip to Chiloquin, one of Oregon's poorest communities. Beyond her work with the children and youth, Emma is looking forward to working with our church and the greater Salem community as we continue to grapple with homelessness. Emma's contact info: ebrew-erw@gmail.com

503-989-9626

**SUMMER SUNDAY LEARNING HOUR
BEGINS JUNE 14!**

This summer, instead of continuing our regular Sunday school curriculum, our youngest disciples will be exploring four issues of social justice, beginning

with environmental justice. Next week we will read *You are Stardust* and the two stories of creation in Genesis. Interested in joining us? We still need volunteers throughout the summer. Talk to Emma Brewer-Wallin to sign up.

NURSERY STAFF CHANGES

Thank you to Devon Shryock for her year of caring, loving service as our Nursery Coordinator. Devon knew the names, birthdays, and favorite things to color of all the youngest members of our congregation, and greeted them each Sunday with a smile and safe space to play and explore. We are so grateful for her skill and kindness both in this role, and wish her well as she focuses on her full-time work in web design and social media. And welcome to Katie Stellmach, our Interim Nursery Coordinator for the summer! We are so grateful to have Katie back in the building working with our little ones during her summer. Katie has just completed her freshman year at Reed College, and will return to Reed in the fall. We will be hiring a year-round Nursery Coordinator later this summer - if you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please be in touch with the Personnel committee or Pastor Emily. Finally, thank you to our teen staff, Faith Haining and Molly Balmer, for being a consistent and loving presence with our little ones in this staff transition.

NEW COLORING BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES IN WORSHIP!

Gin Sawin of our Christian Education Committee has lovingly created binders full of coloring pages for our young disciples during worship. These binders will replace the "Children's Bulletins" we used to have and will be on the last pew in the sanctuary each week. Please help your little one grab a binder and some crayons, and then return the binder with whatever pages are un-colored at the end of the service. Colored Pages can go home with you, or can stay in the binder - up to you! Pages will be swapped out seasonally. Thanks to Gin for this gift, and to our young artists for filling them with color!

WANT TO SEND SOME JOY?

We have young people traveling near and far this summer, in the Peace Corps and on mission trips, at summer camp and beyond who would surely love to get a note from a church friend in their travels. Check this page in each Shalom this summer for addresses of where to send a postcard or note, if you'd like to spread some cheer!

Karina Gonzalez and John Patterson will both be on Camp Adams Summer Staff this summer. They begin on June 17, and are there through early August. Send them a note or care package at: Karina Gonzalez or John Patterson
Camp Adams
18499 S Highway 211
Molalla, OR 97038

Nathaniel Smith-Tripp is currently serving in the Peace Corps in the Do-

minican Republic. His mail address there is:

Nathaniel Smith-Tripp, PCV
Cuerpo de Paz
Avenida Bolivar 451, Gazcue
Apartado 1412
Santo Domingo
Dominican Republic

PLEASE JOIN OUR "SUMMER EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION."

You are invited!

Dates: June 11, July 9, August 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Laura Perez's house:
4089 Oakman St S, Salem.

503-569-7544 lcdperez@comcast.net
Drinks and light snacks will be served, however, if participants would like to share one of their favorites, they may bring snacks or drinks as well.

The June gathering will be a discussion on "Leaving Church" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Laura ordered a few copies of the book. Please contact her if you'd like to purchase one.

Even if you haven't read the book, but would like to join a discussion in a lovely setting, please join us! Wear comfortable clothes, as we will likely be in the back yard.

SALEM INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Get ready...Get set... Go!

The current homeless families in the network will be with us July 12-19th. We will begin getting ready Sunday June 14th with signing up for the many different opportunities to be involved in this ministry of nurturing and en-

couraging of these families who are working very hard to provide a home for their loved ones.

Remember that last year 91% of our families in the network found a new home. There were 90 children from the 40 families hosted last year and these families saved \$34,654 while they were being hosted by the churches in our community that help with this ministry.

It takes about 70 people, each doing their part, to provide warm hospitality to the families when they are with us. Please stop by the sign up table to be part of the fun.

“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference” Jane Goodall

Thank you in advance!
SIHN committee

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat Salem is alive and well and are erecting a house in South Salem for a qualified family right now. (See the photo of the wall raising) There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with this work, both organizationally as well as with your hammer. Our church has been partners with HfH in the past and can do so again. It is a great way to learn building skills, meet good folks volunteering from other churches and to get to know the Habitat families who are working hard alongside the volunteers to earn their new homes. To get more information about HfH Salem, check out <http://habitat.org> and see what our local Habitat chapter is doing.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN ADULT AND/OR FAMILY MISSION TRIP?

The Mission and Outreach committee is considering organizing a mission trip, possibly to Haiti, with assistance/advice/input from Susan Smith. This could be a trip for adults only, or we would also consider a combined adult/youth trip, which would be planned in conjunction with the Christian Education Committee, in either 2016 or 2017. We would very much like to get some feedback to gauge the interest of the congregation.

Please contact me at 503-393-9001 (voicemail) or at

kabalmer@gmail.com

to let me know that you might be interested. We are not asking for any sort of commitment. We just want to find out if there is enough interest to move forward with additional planning.

Kerry Balmer

BAZAAR TIME ALREADY?

Well, it's not exactly Bazaar time again, but it is time to start thinking about preparing for it! This year's All-Church Bazaar will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 6th and 7th, and there is much to be done between now and then.

Back by popular demand – and because she can't help herself – we will once again have a hand-stitched quilt created by Priscilla Strayer for our quilt raffle! According to Priscilla, the fabric jumped off the store shelf and into her cart, so she bowed to the inevitable. The quilt is queen-sized, done in a modern pattern called

“Disappearing Nine-Patch.” The colors are a combination of blue, aqua, green and purple – it’s a gorgeous combination!

No dates have been set yet for making Dilly Beans, Dill Pickles, Ryntha’s Bread & Butter Pickles, Tomato-Vegetable Soup Base, or those famous frozen apple pies, but we anticipate that all that will start somewhere mid-to-late July and continue through August and perhaps into September. This all depends on produce availability, so is subject to changes, even at the last minute. You don’t have to know how to cook or can to help with these projects; there are lots of things to do to help that don’t require a lot of kitchen expertise.

And do keep in mind that if you are making jams and jellies this summer, make an extra batch for the bazaar. We always sell out of homemade jams and jellies very early, so having more would be wonderful!

Craft days – those Wednesday-morning meetings held in the church nursery – are ongoing, being scheduled for the second and fourth [and fifth, if there is one] Wednesdays of each month. There are no group projects going on; everyone just brings whatever is currently being worked on; examples being things like Ruth’s catnip mice, Kathy’s dishcloths, and Marge’s counted cross-stitch creations. If you come, you can usually count on there being coffee and conversation, and some-

times there are goodies as well. Drop in even if you don’t have a craft project to work on!

Nancy Dilger
Bazaar Coordinator

OADP Annual Meeting and Banquet, June 12th

Oregonians Against the Death Penalty will celebrate unprecedented growth in the organization; we will talk about plans for the future; and we will get energized by a keynote speaker with an illustrious career as an actor, author and important activist in the abolition movement: Mike Farrell. The event is set for Friday, June 12th, at the Keizer Civic Center. Tickets for the evening are \$40 may still be available on-line at www.oadp.org, or by calling (503) 990-7060. Tables of eight can be reserved and sponsored tables will be recognized in the evening’s program. A reception for ticket holders to meet Mike Farrell will begin at 5 p.m. at the Keizer Civic Center. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by the program.

Weekly Recurring Events at church

SUNDAYS

8:30 a.m. **Contemplative Prayer Group**,
Conference Room

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service & Summer Learning Hour**

11:45 a.m. **Fellowship Time**,
Talkington Hall

WEDNESDAYS

3:30 p.m. **Pastor Emily at the Ike Box**
until 5 p.m. (no meeting July 1 & 8)

PASTOR'S JUNE SCHEDULES

Our pastors appreciate the provision that our church makes for pastors to continue their lifelong learning and theological reflection, and to be engaged in the wider Church.

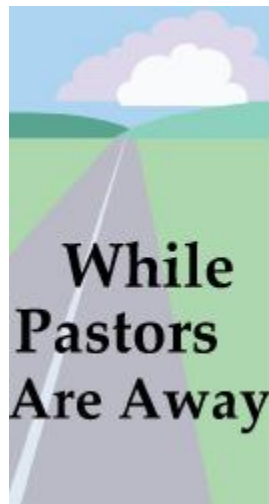
Pastor Janet will be on study leave from June 15-21 preparing to lead the ecumenical Earth-Honoring Faith workshop at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico, which is from June 22-28. She will travel back to Salem on June 29. The theme is "In the Midst of New Dimensions: Native Wisdom in Dialogue." We will focus on the possibility of dialogue between our Christian faith tradition and indigenous wisdom traditions for the purpose of healing our distorted relationship with God's Creation and preparing for the planetary transitions already underway due to human impact on the Earth's life systems. Pastor Janet will make sure to find ways to share her experience at Ghost Ranch with the congregation upon her return.

Pastor Emily will be attending the UCC's 30th General Synod in Cleveland June 25-July 2 as part of her Next Generation Leadership Initiative Target:2030 program through the UCC Pension Boards. The theme for this Synod is "Unexpected Places," with worship and community life centered in finding God in unexpected places. Emma Brewer Wallin, our Summer Intern, will also be attending Synod this year. Pastor Emily is looking forward to connecting with Emma, with clergy,

and church leaders from around the country, and with our church's national setting. Emily is also looking forward to learning about the resolutions and issues that will be decided upon this year. She will report back on the highlights upon her return. Thank you for supporting our national church setting through Emily's presence at UCC General Synod 30!

Pastoral Coverage while pastors are away:

While Pastor Janet and Pastor Emily are both away from June 25-29, our own Reverend Lori Ensign has agreed to be on call for pastoral emergencies. We are also very excited to welcome the Reverend Sally Godard to our pulpit on Sunday, June 28. Sally is a member of our church who was ordained by the UCC to a ministry of justice and compassion beyond the bounds of a local church. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Unidos Bridging Community, a nonprofit organization that works to "build bridges of understanding and support among Latinos and non-Latinos" in Yamhill County through education, immigration services, political advocacy, and intentional shared relationships. Please come on June 28 to hear her preach!

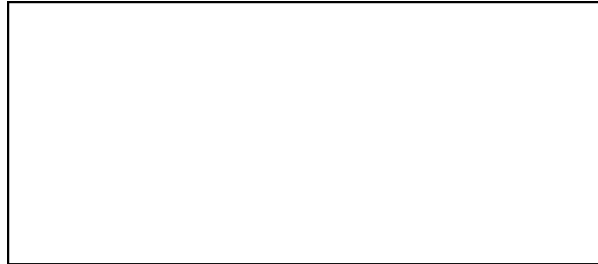


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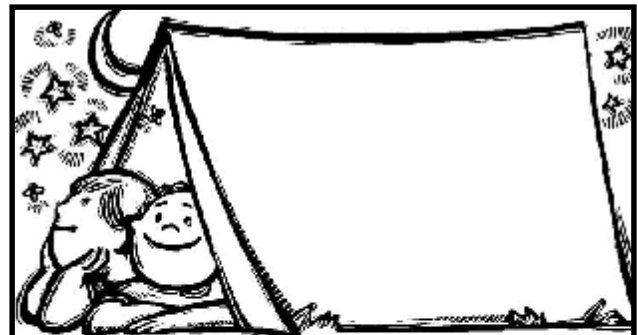
Wednesday, June 10	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting, Parlor
Thursday, June 11	7:00 p.m.	Cathedral of the Rockies'
	7:00 p.m.	Epworth Chorale Concert, Sanctuary
		Summer Evening Book Discussion @ Laura Perez's home. See article.
Sunday, June 14	11:45 a.m.	Special Congregational meeting, Huntington Hall. Youth Group serves lunch. See article.
Monday, June 15		Summer Day Camp
	6:30 p.m.	Woman Spirit meeting @ Bev and Jenny's bevnjenny@comcast.net
Tuesday, June 16		Summer Day Camp
Wednesday, June 17		Summer Day Camp
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Board meeting, Nursery
Thursday, June 18		Summer Day Camp
Friday, June 19		Summer Day Camp
	6:30 p.m.	All Church Movie Night
Sunday, June 21	11:45 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Pie Extravaganza for Father's Day
Wednesday, June 24	9:30 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts, Nursery
	5:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Service
	6:30 p.m.	Community Committee meeting
Sunday, June 28	12 midnight	Shalom deadline
Wednesday, July 1	7:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice Committee meeting, Conference Room
Saturday, July 4	8:05 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @ downtown McGrath's
Sunday, July 5	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the Park @ Minto Brown Park Pavilion
		Youth leave for Chiloquin Mission Trip
Tuesday, July 7	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee meeting
Wednesday, July 8	9:30 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts, Nursery
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Saturday, July 11	9:00 a.m.	Community Committee deep cleans kitchen
	5:00 p.m.	Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network families arrive for a week's stay
Sunday, July 12		Youth return from Chiloquin Mission Trip
Tuesday, July 14	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting, Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Reiki Share Circle
Wednesday, July 15	6:30 p.m.	Community Committee meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Board meeting

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