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**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**
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August 22, 2012

INTRODUCING SARA ROSENAU

The Personnel Committee is very pleased to introduce to the congregation Sara Rosenau. Sara has been hired to fill the temporary position of Christian Education Director. It is understood that this is a 25 hour per week position and will continue until the Associate Pastor position is filled.

Sara is a native Oregonian who comes to us with outstanding educational preparation. She is a graduate of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, a graduate of Iliff School of Theology in Denver, a graduate of University of Denver with a MSW degree and she is enrolled in the Graduate Division of Religion at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey where she is a candidate for Doctor in Philosophy.

In addition to her formal educational experiences Sara has numerous work experiences which have enhanced her studies.

Regarding her view of ministry Sara writes: "Our journey of faith is a conversation with God, a conversation that unfolds in the context of community, primarily in congregational life. Following this vision of community, my goal in

ministry is to pay attention to the divine conversation already happening between God and God's people.

In my view, true conversation or dialogue requires three things: presence, mutuality and curiosity. These three adjectives also describe my approach to ministry."

She further states that, "My vision for CE programs is to foster in children a sense of the sacredness of all life, service to others and knowledge that they are loved by God."

Sara is joined by her spouse, Kat O'Boyle and their children Ingrid O'Boyle Rosenau, 3 years of age, and Severin O'Boyle, son, 8 months. Kat is the owner of Leaf and Cloud Farm in Newberg.

The family will be attending our church and the Lake Oswego UCC where they were members before Sara joined our staff.

Our committee believes that Sara is an ideal person for our position. She begins officially on September 9, but she has already had conversations with Michelle (before she left), and Gabrielle.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Mary Robinson, now at Salem Hospital Rehab Center who recently suffered a stroke...**Sally Baber**, whose husband Jim's memorial service is this Saturday at 2 p.m...**Nancy Long** and her family on the loss of her former mother-in-law Floy...**Rick Bingham** who is having a second back surgery this week and **Priscilla Strayer** who is having cataract surgery...**Barb Hosier and Pat Savory** as they prepare for Barb's hip surgery Sept. 6...**Edna Hewit** and **Eugene Lee** in hospice care...**Lynda Clark**, in a challenging post operative period...**Michelle Pedersen**, as she settles in her new home and new jobs.

THANK YOU

I just wanted to thank Pastor Gabrielle and the wonderful people in this church for the prayers and support when Jaden got hurt. This is the first church family I've been a part of since I was a kid. I guess I'm kind of used to "going it alone" because every time I heard from someone in the church during that time, it moved me to tears, literally. Knowing that there were people praying for Jaden— some of whom I don't even know that well, meant a lot to all of us in the Perez family. We are truly blessed and fortunate: fortunate that Jaden wasn't hurt more seriously, fortunate that Jaden healed so quickly, and fortunate for the awareness of the love and support within this church family. Just wanted to extend our

thanks.

Laura, Carlos, Devin, and Jaden Perez.



THE SEARCH PROCESS, VERSION 2.0

It would be disingenuous to say your search committee wasn't disappointed by the fact that the pastor we thought we had found for you – for us – felt called to another church. We were significantly disappointed, in fact, and we had to process our feelings of grief together and separately before we were ready to begin again. But we had a 2-week break, and that helped quite a bit – especially as it followed a fairly intense period of interview and candidating activity.

Now, it's fair to say that we are in Search Mode 2.0 – refreshed and re-energized! It's like going back to school at the end of summer – difficult to start, but once you get past the first few days, it feels familiar and normal again. And indeed, we rely on our knowledge of each other, the trust we've developed, and our understanding of the different focus each person represents to do our work. It is helpful and reassuring to have a shared experience with one another.

I don't think any one of us envisioned

that we would be reviewing profiles again, but we are reminded that this is a Spirit-led endeavor, and we trust that the process will guide us. We are mindful of the fact that we, as a congregation, have been in a period of transition for 18 months (a long time!), so we are doing more work with each candidate on an accelerated schedule. Whereas previously we worked in a linear fashion, now we are working concurrently – we ask for a sermon at the same time that we ask for responses to written questions. There are more written questions this time around in hopes that we can get to know the candidate more fully. (One candidate's response comprised 9 full pages!) We will have longer Skype interviews. And we are confident that we will find the right match so that when a pastor is finally settled with us, it will be like coming home - for that person and for all of us.

On behalf of the entire Search Committee, we thank you for your expressions of support and encouragement. And we thank you for your patience. Your trust in us undergirds our work and is taken to heart by each member of the committee.

With gratitude,
Margaret Jester Haining

p.s. from Susie: To date, we have received 12 new profiles. Some we are

moving forward and some did not meet your criteria.

SUNDAE SUNDAY... WHATEVER DOES THIS MEAN? Well, we used to call this particular Sunday, **Kick-Off Sunday**, due to the start of school for teachers, parents, and most importantly kids! It's that time of the year where we all strive to get back into the swing of a steady routine of early morning wake up alarms, homework, after school programs, parent meetings, sports activities, and especially making an effort to come to church regularly. Now, this tends to be greeted with anticipation, excitement, fear, nervousness, and absolute dread; so why not embrace it... with Dessert!

On September 9th, come to church and kick-off the year right! Meet the volunteer teachers who will be teaching your children throughout the year, and learn about the curriculum they will be delving into. Sara, our temporary Director of Christian Education, and the teachers will be available during the ice cream social to answer any of your questions. Feel free to take a tour of the upstairs classrooms and/or talk with members of the C.Ed. Board about the Youth Group curricula. Just so you know, the ages for our educational programs are as follows: Children in kindergarten through 3rd grade will attend Godly Play during Sunday Worship. (Children 4 and under can be in the Nursery during the

service, though we welcome 4 year olds who enjoy quiet story time upstairs in Godly Play.)

Children in 4th and 5th grades attend Jesus and his Kingdom of Equals during Worship.

Middle school children attend Middle School Youth Group from 9:30-10:30 Sunday mornings (so that they may be in Worship).

And High School Youth attend Sr. High Youth Group.

The first Middle School and Senior High Youth group meetings will be on the 16th at 9:30 a.m. (note the new time). Can't wait to see you on the 9th!

MICHELLE PEDERSEN'S LOVE FEST

Thanks to ALL who contributed so lovingly to Michelle's Farewell Sunday: Vincent Laport, liturgist; Cheryl Beaver, kids' contributions and Love Fest messages; Margaret Jester Haining, Dutch Brothers table décor; Laura Perez & youth for sentiments with stones; Jeroen Laport, for being an outstanding Master of Ceremonies; Annemieke Laport for comic relief through gift giving; Jeff Witt and the Choir for all of their musical contributions; Toby Rhine, for the best "Alleluia"; the Kitchen Crew: Connie Irwin, Cindy Domas & Chuck Taylor, Susie D'Anna, Renee Hanson, Lori Ensign & Shelley Wagener.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LITURGICAL ARTS COMMITTEE



We are always happy to offer an opportunity for someone to decorate the altar for Sunday worship! If you would like to provide a bouquet of flowers or an arrangement of fruit, leaves or other materials that will help to set the tone for our worship, please call the church office and ask to be assigned to a Sunday. We have a collection of vases, pebbles, and other items in the Liturgical Closet downstairs that are available to use in altar decorations.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, September 29 at the 4H Center

in West Salem.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made is the theme of this year's Women's Retreat. We are gathering for a full day and evening (not overnight) on Saturday, September 29 at the 4 H camp in Salem. All church women (and your non church friends) are most welcome. Cost is less than last year--\$40 for the day, including lunch and dinner. Artist and Touch Drawing TM facilitator Dana Kelly Sweet will lead an afternoon intuitive art activity that everyone can enjoy and benefit from. The program will also include a chance to

connect in small groups and conclude with the much loved traditional healing service. Please let the office know if you plan to come.

WASH JO'S MISSION OF HOPE

On August 5, Wash Jo gave a presentation on his Mission of Hope. He raised \$1,031 — thank you to those who contributed! If you wanted to make a donation to his mission, you still can.

Please send it to:

Mission of Hope

c/o/ Wash Jo

1957 W. Burnside #1502

Portland, OR 97209

ADULT STUDY ON

“LOST CHRISTIANITIES”

Join us to study Bart Ehrman's book “Lost Christianities—The Battles for Scripture and Faiths We Never Knew.” We will be examining non-canonical writings from the second and third centuries to see what they can tell us about early forms of Christian faith and practice.

We meet from noon to 1 p.m. on Mondays beginning September 10 in the choir room. Books can be ordered in the church office at a cost of \$12.00. Please order early so we can have the books for the first session.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Board Meeting:

September 5 10:30 a.m.

(Open to all)

Circle Meetings:

Dinner Circle – September 5,
6:30 p.m.

Jean O'Grady – 503 585 4769

Day Circle – September 19,
1:30 p.m.

Connie Madison – 503 636 9532

Former Evening Circle – Sept 19,
1:30 p.m.

Louise Putman -- 503 362 6410

Women's Fellowship Luncheon

October 3 – 12:15 p.m.

(Open to all)

Betty Helm – 503 364 2955

Joyce Darby – 503 581 2056

Newcomers are always welcome!

Please call for more information and to get these dates on your calendars!



ALL-CHURCH BAZAAR UPDATE

At this point in time we have [whew!] completed dilly beans and the frozen apple pies.

If you wish to reserve

pies, the list is made up and is in the church office in the Bazaar mailbox. Stop in and add your name when it's convenient – and remember, you can pick up your pies at any time. There is no need to wait until the Bazaar.

Kitchen work days: Next Tuesday, August 28, we will be canning dill pickles [please note, this a change of date, due to the lack of cucumbers],

starting at 9:00 a.m. in the big kitchen. Tomato-vegetable soup base is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, at 9:00 a.m., with Rex Lampert guiding us through the process. Bread-making has been rescheduled again, and is now going to be on Saturday, October 13. Mark your calendars!

Craft days are, as usual, the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of the month, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursery. Come with your projects to work on and for the conversation and fellowship [and coffee...and sometimes there are goodies!].

Huge thanks to:

Marianne Campbell, for donating apples for the pies;

Joy Hayhurst, for the donation of canning jars and lids;

Vi Yungen, for donating canning jars;

All the devoted people who came to work on the apple pies last week, and who plan on helping with pickles, soup base and bread in the future;

The unidentified angels who donated canning jars and didn't tell us who they were so we can thank them properly.

We will be selling raffle tickets for a wonderful hand-stitched Priscilla Strayer quilt, starting in late September, and are always taking names of people who wish to help, the week of the bazaar. Just contact Nancy Dilger [503-378-1812 or

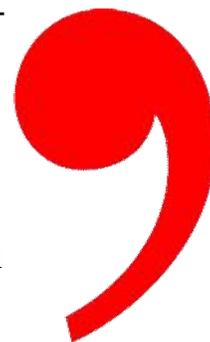
ndilger@comcast.net], Phyllis Smith [503-393-9164 or joeand-phyllis99@yahoo.com] or Marge Covey [503-585-2746].



RUMMAGE SALE The rummage sale was a great success: 3 dozen new table cloths have been ordered and should arrive at the church anytime now. Thank you for donating rummage and shopping the sale! A big thank you to Renee and Annemieke for the many hours spent on this project.

UNIQUELY UCC

That's the theme of the Annual Meeting of our Central Pacific Conference, September 28-30 at the Pendleton Convention Center. The CPC board has decided to hold just one meeting a year (replacing the Fall Gatherings and the Spring Assembly) in a location more central to our Idaho and Oregon wings. Salem UCC is allowed 6 voting delegates besides our clergy, so let the church office know if you are interested in representing us.



UCC SCARF PROJECT

Check out <http://www.ucc.org/news/ucc-scarf-project-for-general.html> to learn about knitting, crocheting, or weaving a rainbow themed scarf to be

shared at the next UCC General Synod! Scarves of varying patterns — each sporting rainbow colors — are being made to be given to Synod attendees who pledge to commit to acting against violence, such as talking with your school superintendent about bullying, volunteering at a women's shelter or writing to your senators. "General Synod in Long Beach will be a seascape of rainbow colors, and an opportunity to renew our commitment to protect every youth whose life and health are endangered by bullying," says Andy Lang, executive director of the UCC's Coalition for LGBT Concerns in Cleveland.

Salem UCC has been asked to lead this project for our conference. If you're interested in helping, please talk with Gabrielle.

All-Church



Camp

**COME TO FAMILY
CAMP**

AUGUST 24-26

NEW BEGINNINGS

Children of all ages will enjoy Camp Adams' trails, trees, swimming hole, campfire, and relaxed

sense of connection and spirituality that binds us

together as the community of First Congregational UCC Salem. You can bring your tent or bunk in one of the cabins, or just come out for the day.

Meals are prepared and shared by the participants, and there are activities for all ages, including a "youth tent" overnight with Bethany Loberg, and a new "gratitude wall" created by Diane Corner. **Meet Sara Rosenau, our new Christian Education Coordinator, her partner Kat and children 3 and 7 months will join us for Family Camp the Saturday and...don't miss the Youth Tent hosted by Toby and Steve Rhine with Bethany Loberg talking about next year's El Salvador mission trip Saturday night.**

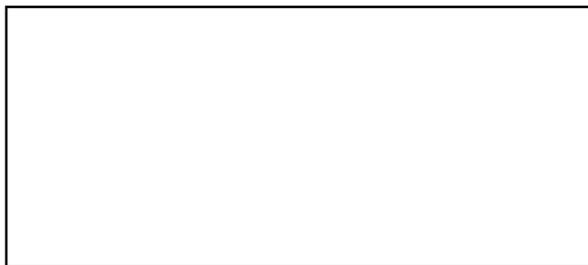
Saturday morning Gabrielle will lead a community building "giving circle" group exercise and Bible study. Those who stay over for Sunday morning will enjoy worship in the outdoor chapel. Please come--it's a good time to deepen the ties that bind us. Please return your registration forms and fees to the office ASAP, so we can organize the meals.

SUMMER ADULT LEARNING HOUR

Interested in seeing Paradise? Or the other place? Judith Taussig leads a weekly summer Adult Education class on "Visions of the Afterlife" in Christianity and other world religions. We are looking at artists' representations of paradise, heaven and hell, and discussing what the Bible writers and others have said about the fate of the human spirit. Join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the upstairs parlor. Nursery will be open for child care.

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CALENDAR

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| Wednesday, August 22 | 9:30 a.m. | Bazaar Craft Day |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Taizé Prayer Service with
Gary Vocana and Shelley Wagener |
| Friday, August 24 | | All Church Camp |
| Saturday, August 25 | | All Church Camp |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Jim Baber's Memorial Service |
| Sunday, August 26 | | All Church Camp |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network
families arrive for a week's stay. |
| Monday, August 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Caffeine and Commitment Youth Group
Meeting at the Ike Box. |
| Tuesday, August 28 | | Pastor Gabrielle away for the week. |
| Wednesday, August 29 | 9:30 a.m. | Bazaar Craft Day |
| Sunday, September 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Bernie Turner is our worship leader
SIHN families leave. |
| Tuesday, September 4 | 5:45 p.m. | Community Committee meeting |
| Thursday, September 6 | 6:15 p.m. | Mission and Outreach Committee mtg. |
| Sunday, September 9 | | Sundae Sunday
Shalom Deadline |
| Monday, September 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Trustees meeting |
| Wednesday, September 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Bazaar Craft Day |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting |
| Thursday, September 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Peace and Justice meeting |
| Monday, September 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Woman Spirit at Bev & Jenny's home
benmjenny@comcast.net for more info
soup base making until 1 p.m. |