

Shalom

First Congregational
United Church of Christ
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Reverend Gabrielle Chavez, Interim Minister
Reverend Shelley Wagener, Associate Pastor

Erik Anderson, Moderator
August 3, 2011

*JOIN US @
CAMP ADAMS*

All-Church Camp
September 2, 3, and 4

Building Community

All-Church Camp is our church's Labor Day Weekend tradition. Together, we go to Camp Adams, our UCC camp in Molalla to enjoy the last weekend of summer. We cook up some delicious meals, play board games, watch bottle rockets soar, swim in the swimming hole, sing songs around the campfire and worship in the woods (plenty of opportunity for quiet time, too). There are several ways to participate: you can stay two nights, one night, or come just for the day. See registration form on page 7. The most important thing is *that you're there*—for all of it or a bit of it—*building community*. Scholarship help available. Please ask Pastor Gabrielle.





PRAYER LIST

Joy Hayhurst, who is recovering with help at home...

Lynda Clark, who is enduring a second round of chemotherapy...**Chris Sproul**, recovering from surgery...**Bob Strayer**, who is receiving loving care at home...**Marian Knox**, who would like prayers for continuing recovery...**Lyndsey Houser's** cousin Ken Walker, who is in treatment for brain cancer and had a bad reaction to chemotherapy...**the Search Committee**, as they start their work.

A NOTE FROM THE SHIELDS

In the past eleven years, we've been commuting members, first from Monmouth and lately from McMinnville, where we moved to be of help to our daughter and grandson. We were so happy to be a part of your family community, even though it was a 50-mile commute. This last year, though, the drive became more difficult and we began to realize that we couldn't keep commuting to church forever. This summer, we have done some "church shopping" close to home and have decided to put our strength into the McMinnville Cooperative Ministries (Methodist and Lutheran). We will miss all of your friendly faces, the inspiring sermons and worship, the open and accepting stance of the UCC, the unabashed progressive leadership on social issues, Marcia's wonderful organ music and especially the choir and Michelle's de-

lightful and expert leadership. Thank you for your friendship and inspiration these past 11 years. Love and Peace, *Ron and Margaret Shields.*

PASTOR GABRIELLE'S PEOPLE WISH LIST

Here's some opportunities to help our church's ministry. If you or anyone you know might be able to serve, please contact the office or speak to Gabrielle:

- Folks willing to be trained to monitor the sound system in the sanctuary
- Persons who'd like to serve as liturgists on Sunday
- Tech savvy volunteers to film and post podcasts of church services and events on our Facebook page
- Someone to work with a new ecumenical Salem job seekers support group

SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED

The Search Committee for a "settled pastor" (permanent pastor) has been formed. Special consideration was given to its membership in an effort to reflect the diversity among us. As specified by the Bylaws, Moderator Erik Anderson developed a prospective list of members, and he did so with mindfulness toward representing the experience of the relative newcomer, the "old-time," youthful and mature, various committee and group participation, sexual preference, gender, parent and non-parent, etc. Given that, and a little luck, the following members have graciously agreed to represent all of us in the journey of faith

as we seek a permanent pastor:

Margaret Jester Haining

Keith Putman

Phyllis Smith

Susie Francois

Emma Brewer-Wallin

Bev Pratt

Diane Anderson

Rex Lampert

Roberto Franco

Our first meeting will be held August 31 at 7 p.m. At that time we will be joined by Central Pacific Conference minister Walter John Boris. Although the group has not yet been convened, we are committed to a process that will be participatory and transparent, yet with the appropriate degree of confidentiality (as is required). We will engage all members of the congregation in discussions about who we are, where we want to go as a church, and the search process; though not information about the specific candidates. There will be opportunities for input to and regular reports from the Search Committee. We encourage anyone, at any time, to approach us with thoughts, suggestions, reflection, or prayer as we begin this unique walk in our shared faith.

Margaret Jester Haining

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

The Youth Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th, 9-3pm. So if you just happen to be feeling the need to purge your home of items that you



no longer need, we will be accepting donations each day during church office hours, and on Sundays during church.

(If you'd price your items, that would be much appreciated). Last day to bring in your donations will be Friday August 11th, from 9 until noon and from 3-6 p.m. Tell your friends and co-workers about our sale, and help our teens work toward a mission trip!

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Help your child Find Their SPARK! Sign them up for our Summer Day Camp, A Spark of Creation, August 15th-19th, with a family event on Friday evening, and a Congregation share on the 21st. Children ages newborn to incoming 5TH graders are invited to come. Special Guests will be sharing their sparks of creativity with the kids thru art, drama, dance, and music. Early Registration helps us prepare properly for the children, but registration will be available until August 14th. Forms are available in the office, on the website, and Sunday mornings in the Narthex. Cost is \$10 per child. Scholarships are available, please contact Michelle.

TEACHERS WANTED

The Christian Education Committee is looking for volunteers to teach beginning in September. We will have an informational meeting on August 25th.

Please consider becoming a teacher, whether you have been a teacher in the past or are interested in being one this year. We need teachers for all ages, kindergarten through adults. If you have questions please contact either Michelle Pedersen or Bev Pratt.

TWO REQUESTS FROM YOUR MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Congregations Helping People needs a volunteer to talk to people who come asking for assistance. The volunteer greets people, talks with them, and hands out appropriate paperwork. There is a need for a Thursday morning (9 a.m.-noon) and a Thursday afternoon (1-2) volunteer. CHP is located at 600 State Street NE (United Methodist Church). The phone number is 503-391-4365.

We also need another person to assemble bag lunches, here at our church. The person would assemble 50-60 lunches one day each month. These are the bag lunches that we hand out to people who come to our door. They consist of all non-perishable food items, so the assembly is pretty easy. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer. Thanks. *Nancy Stempek* for the Mission and Outreach Committee

ADULT DISCUSSION ON “READING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME” The Adult Discussion Group that meets on Mondays at noon will be

discussing Marcus Borg’s book, Reading the Bible Again for the First Time. The title of this book comes from the author's experience of "unlearning" his literal reading of the Bible from childhood in favor of a "historical-metaphorical" reading derived from his 35 years of studying the Bible as an academic. Sessions will begin on Monday, September 12th; so order your book now by signing up in the Office. Please place your order by August 29th; cost is \$10.17. Join us as we take the Bible “seriously but not literally”.

YOUTH GROUP FIELD TRIP TO HIGHLAND UCC

The trip to Highland UCC was a resounding success! As many know, this trip was inspired by the experience of our delegates to Central Pacific Conference in May. Highland UCC hosted Central Pacific Conference, and though they are a part of the UCC family, they are also an example of the richness of diversity among us. From a cultural perspective, Highland is an inner-city, African-American church whose pastor draws heavily on the Pentecostal tradition. Having been completely enthralled by the experience of worship during Central Pacific Conference, Margaret Jester Haining (a delegate and youth group parent) felt that this was an experience that would make an impression on our youth group members. So arrangements were made to visit High-

land on Sunday, July 24. The following is from an email she sent to parents to provide a summary of the visit:

Highland UCC very kindly saved places for us to park, and as we were entering, Rev Hardy came out to greet us one by one. He had to teach one of the kids how to do a proper fist bump. We entered the church and were shown to pews reserved for us. I think the kids were a bit surprised by the sheer size of the sanctuary and all the technology. Pretty soon the music started with drums, keyboard, electric guitar, and at least 3 singers who belted out the hymns like it was a rock concert. The kids were on their feet right away.

Well into an hour of the service, Reverend Hardy came on "stage," all decked out in elaborate robes with a stole and staff. He started by showing a video of Highland's social justice / community work which was very impressive. And then he began. Reverend Hardy was electric – when he moved across the stage, his voice, like a cascade of water, thundered furiously and then almost whispered with compassion and emotion. He started out by connecting the larger community in the video to who was in "God's house" that day -- someone with a "piece" in their pocket or purse (he said, "I can't tell you how many young people have turned in their weapons to me after a service"), drug dealers, thieves, gang members, etc. He connected that to oppression - whether it's due to a life of crime, or

abusive relationships, etc. He talked about murder, prostitution and pornography...But it wasn't simply for shock value..the larger message was about evil and the presence of the Spirit being a gift to each person. And that we are each called to use that gift.

And the service turned to healing / praying / singing / weeping. Reverend Hardy invited people to come up front who wanted to "know Jesus" - and 5 of our kids went up! I was so proud that they participated as they were moved to do so.

After the 2 hour service, we had a Southern style lunch (fried chicken, potato salad, corn salad, pound cake, etc.) in the dining room at big tables. Once again, there were reserved spaces for us, and we were treated very hospitably. Reverend Hardy came around and talked with all of us.

The kids claimed they loved the experience and that it was awesome. I'm so proud that they were open to it, and they represented Salem UCC very well. Special thanks to Diane Corner and Mesheal Heyman who helped with transportation and chaperone duties. - *Margaret Jester Haining*

YOUTH GROUP 411...

Caffeine & Commitment meetings at the IKE BOX have been small in attendance, but always full of deep thought and conversation. If you are a mid or senior high who would like to delve into understanding your faith and

commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ, then join us each Tuesday evening, from 7-8:15pm at the Ike Box. It's not too late!

Mission Trip planning is in the works! Michelle is working on a couple of ideas to share with parents and youth in the next few weeks, so that we might have a definite destination decided by Sundae Sunday (September 11th). Keep an eye out for an informational email to both teens and parents.

Rummage Sale TEEN HELP NEEDED:

Michelle will be needing teen helpers for the following shifts: Friday August 12 4-6. Saturday Aug. 13th 8a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 12:30p.m.-4p.m. Duties will include loading/unloading items, setup and takedown of sale, checking & bagging, as well as pricing items. It would also be a great help to have a parent or two available for each shift. Please email Michelle or call the office to sign up for a slot. The proceeds of this sale will go to the Youth Mission Fund.

Nursery Positions are open for this fall: Applicants must be 14 yrs of age by the due date of application, and should be active members of the church family. Applications are available in the nursery with Natalie on Sunday mornings and on line at the church website. ALL requested materials and application are due in the office by August 14th. Interviews will be scheduled that week in the afternoon, and nursery training will be the last week of August.

Also, applications will be available for our **Youth Coordinator Position** beginning Sunday, August 7th in the Church office or on-line. Position responsibilities entail planning, organizing, implementing curriculum and activities, for weekly Sunday Youth Group meetings. Position is 5 hours a week. For more details please pick up an application. If you have any questions please email or contact Michelle 503-363-3660 michelle@uccsalem.org

We need Summer Day Camp Help.



This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to be active role models for our church's young ones.

August 15-19th & 21st. Looking for responsible teens who can lead by example, and motivate positive participation from their charges. Must be available from 8:30-12:00pm, Monday-Friday of that week. This is a great way to get service hours!

BRIEF BZR BULLETIN

We made Dilly Beans last Saturday - 48 quarts this year and a record number! Cucumbers won't be ready for pickling until August 20 or 27. Apples are also slow this year and pie making won't occur until August 16 & 18 or 23 & 25. Call for definite dates. We are in real need of wide mouth canning jars, gallon-sized Heinz brand white or cider vinegar, and wide mouth canning sealers. Jean O'Grady 503-585-4769 Nancy Dilger 503-378-1812.

ALL CHURCH CAMP: BUILDING COMMUNITY— REGISTRATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2011

Scholarship help available. Please ask Pastor Gabrielle.

OVERNIGHT PRICES

Adults (12 and older)

1 night \$22.50 p.p. X ___ = \$ _____

2 nights \$45.00 p.p. X ___ = \$ _____

Children (4-11)

\$15.00 p.p. X ___ = \$ _____

\$30.00 p.p. X ___ = \$ _____

Family of 4

1 night \$42.50 = \$ _____

2 nights \$84.00 = \$ _____

Additional family members*

\$4.70 p.p. X ___ = \$ _____

\$9.40 p.p. X ___ = \$ _____

*Friends of children would be considered additional family members.

COMMUTER PRICES

\$5 per person (4 years and up) per day X ___ = \$ _____

Grand Total :\$ _____

Payment enclosed: check/cash

Make check payable to First Congregational

Name: _____

of Adults: _____ # of children 4-11 _____ # of children 0-3 _____

of vegetarians _____ # of meat eaters _____

Overnight stay: (Circle one)

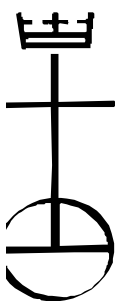
Day of arrival Fri/Sat Day of departure Sat/Sun # of nights _____

Accommodation: Bring own tent/RV dorm semi private cabin

Commuter stay:

_____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday # of days _____

Carpool _____ Need a ride _____ Willing to carpool _____ # of people



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CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 3		Pastor Shelley returns from vacation
Thursday, August 4	5:45 p.m.	Community Committee meeting
Monday, August 8	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting
Wednesday, August 10	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts until 2 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Thursday, August 11	5:30 p.m.	Peace and Justice committee meeting
Saturday, August 13	9:00 a.m.	Youth Rummage Sale until 3 p.m.
Monday, August 15– Friday, August 19		Summer Day Camp 9 a.m.—12 noon
Monday, August 15	6:30 p.m.	WomanSpirit meets @ Bev & Jenny's
Tuesday, August 16	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Apple Pie making until 1 p.m.
Thursday, August 18	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Apple Pie making until 1 p.m.
	6:15 p.m.	Deacons meeting
Saturday, August 20	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Pickle making until 1 p.m.
Sunday, August 21	10:30 a.m.	Daniel Meyers will lead us in worship along with the Summer Day Campers
Wednesday, August 24	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts until 2 p.m.
	5:30 p.m.	Taizé Service
Wednesday, August 31	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts until 2 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Search Committee meeting

Pastor Gabrielle leaves for vacation Tuesday, August 23 and returns to the office Tuesday, August 30.