

Shalom

First Congregational
United Church of Christ

700 Marion Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

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Reverend Gabrielle Chavez, Interim Minister
Reverend Shelley Wagener, Associate Pastor

Erik Anderson, Moderator
September 14, 2011

COME TO A PARISH MEETING!

These gatherings are being organized as part of the search process for our next pastor. All members and friends of First UCC are urged to participate. Gabrielle will invite conversation on this church's past, present, and future while a member of the Search Committee takes notes. You can attend any meeting you wish, though an effort has been made to schedule them in different areas around the parish. Besides helping to guide the search committee, these gatherings, mostly in homes, will give us all an opportunity to get better acquainted as we listen to one another.

Here's the ones we've scheduled so far:

Thursday, September 15, 5-6:30 p.m.

@Jim and Pat Gallagher's home
943 Margaret Street, Monmouth OR
503-838-4647

Sunday, September 18, 11:30 a.m.

@The Ike Box: *Youth* Parish Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

@Capital Manor in West Salem,
hosted by Nancy Henderlite
503-385-8698

Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m.

@Keith and Louise Putman's
412 Valleywood Drive SE
503-362-6410

Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m.

@Dick and Susie Francois'
1245 Hansen Avenue S
503-362-5608

Wednesday, October 5, 6 p.m.

@Betty Helm's
2364 62nd Avenue SE
503-364-2955

Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m.

@Erik and Diane Anderson's
2727 Fillmore Avenue NW
503-569-1454 or 503-569-3067

Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m.

@Rich and Del Ford's
558 Crystal Springs Lane N, Keizer
503-304-7161

Wednesday, October 19, 5:30 p.m.

@ the church—childcare provided.
Hosted by Roberto and Tamara Smith-Franco. Light supper.

Please R.S.V.P. to the church office if you know which meeting you will be attending (503-363-3660 or office@uccsalem.org) Thanks!



IN OUR PRAYERS
Priscilla Strayer and family as they mourn the loss of Bob...**Ann Floto** and **Tom O'Connor**,

who are both recovering from emergency appendectomies...**Danelda Strode**, as she moves to Nebraska this month...**Caden Smith**, grandson of Wayland and Ginny Johnson who is having health problems.

MEMORIAL SERVICE RECEPTION FOR BOB STRAYER

Thanks to ALL who helped: bringing salads or cookies; helping with the set-up and serving; staying around for the clean up. The family much appreciated all of our efforts. They liked the delicious assortment and were grateful for the chance to visit and connect with so many friends. Bob's memorial service was held here on September 10, 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steve Patterson, newly elected director of the Westar Institute, which hosts the Jesus Seminar and the upcoming new Bible seminar.

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to David Gutterman who recently left to teach in Prague for 4 months.

THE SEARCH IS ON!

The first meeting of your senior pastor search committee met August 30,

2011. We were aided by both Pastor Gabrielle and Central Pacific Conference Minister, Pastor Walter John Boris. Pastor Walter John oriented us well by sharing with us the famous story of the tortoise and the hare...illustrated with his famous puppets. You will all remember that it was the tortoise, steady and consistent, who won the race. We were given encouragement to emulate the tortoise...and took that wisdom seriously. With further guidance, we did assign ourselves some specific roles: Susie François will act as Chair and Corresponding Secretary; Rex Lampert, Vice Chair; Margaret Jester-Haining, Recording Secretary; Diane Anderson, Chaplain. Other members of this very capable committee include: Emma Brewer-Wallin, Roberto Franco, Bev Pratt, Keith Putman and Phyllis Smith. We currently plan to meet twice a month—the first and the third Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. As you have likely already noted, Pastor Gabrielle has been working hard to help organize and establish a number of meetings for all of the congregation to attend. All are welcome. One can choose to attend any meeting that works best for him or her...but please do plan to attend one and share your input. What we all hear from each of you will help us to create the best picture/profile of our church...the document that will help us attract the best possible candidates...and, ultimately, the best fit for our church family.



**INTERNATIONAL
POTLUCK FOR
WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**
Sunday, October 2nd is
World Communion

Sunday. Let's have a culinary celebration of our global community! Bring a favorite dish to share, either from your own family's tradition, or another type of food you enjoy preparing. We hope to have a wide variety of flavors from many regions of the world. *Community Committee*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday, September 11, 2011 the following ten people joined the membership of First Congregational UCC: Jeff Standy & Ken Cook; Gerald & Lyndsey Houser; Stephen & Cheryl Yant, Donald & Sandra Smith, Wayland & Ginny Johnson..

INTERFAITH WORSHIP EVENT

gathered by the Oneness Coalition. Sunday, October 16th, 6:30 p.m.
Hosted by First Congregational UCC. This is an interfaith event bringing together people from different religious traditions putting spirit into action to build a community of peace.

**SALEM INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY
NETWORK FAMILIES ARRIVE 9/25**

Please visit the narthex or call the church office to see where you can help. Interfaith families arrive in less than

two weeks, Sunday, September 25th. Currently, there are four families consisting of six children, six adults and a service dog. Thank you in advance for supporting this important ministry.

TRUSTEES MEETING PGE SOLAR

The Board of Trustees will hold an electronic meeting next Monday, September 19 for one item: to review and vote on the final implementation agreement with PGE for the new solar equipment. Oregon law requires that electronic meetings be open to all in the appropriate group who are interested. To be included in the meeting messages and review the agreement in advance, please contact Dick Francois, Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees at rkfrancois@aol.com or 503-362-5608. Thanks.

ADULT EDUCATION STARTS 9/25

Join Steve and Deb Patterson on Sunday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m. in Huntington Hall for Adult Learning Hour. Childcare is available. Below is the schedule:

Sept. 25-Oct. 30: Neither Male nor Female: Gender, Sex, and the Bible
With same-gender marriage on the public mind recently, have you ever wondered what the Bible actually says about same-gendered relationships? Come find out—the reality may surprise you. Your leader in this study will be Dr. Stephen J. Patterson, the Atkinson

Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University and Director of the Jesus Seminar.

November 6-27: Healing Ministries of the Church

As Christians, we are called to preach, teach, and heal. We have plenty of preaching and teaching at most churches most of the time, but what has happened to our calling to ministries of healing and wholeness for the whole person? Rev. Dr. Deborah Patterson, Executive Director of Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries, will lead this study and discussion.

December 4-25: Nativities: How the Boy Jesus Became a Son of God

The story of Jesus' birth is more complex than you might think. Matthew has one version, Luke another, and in neither are there sheep or cows. How did the legends of Jesus' birth arise, and what was their (revolutionary!) point? Your leader in this study will be Dr. Stephen J. Patterson, the Atkinson Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University and Director of the Jesus Seminar.

SAVE THIS DATE!

Women's Fellowship Kickoff

Luncheon October 5th at 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5th is the date of the Women's Fellowship Kickoff Luncheon for this year. A variety of salads, bread, and dessert will be served at 12:15 p.m. Following lunch, the program will be "Advent Banners by Par-

ticipants Who Made Them." The colorful and informational booklet "Nativity Banners," updated by Joyce Darby will be available. If you already have one, please bring it with you, so you can follow along with the presentation.

Women's Fellowship is open to all women and husbands, significant others, friends, etc. are all invited. If you work, you needn't stay for the program, just come for lunch.

Circles have already met on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for the Day Circle, and the Former Evening Circle, and on the 1st Wednesday for the Dinner Circle.

For more information about the Circles, call Connie Madison (503-363-9532), Louise Putman (503-362-6410) or Jean O'Grady (503-585-4769). For more information about Women's Fellowship call Betty Helm (503-364-2955), or Joyce Darby (503-581-2056).

So: Women's Fellowship, Luncheon and Program, Talkington Hall, October 5, 12:15 p.m. for lunch, information, and friendship! Call the church office at 503-363-3660 if you plan to attend. We would love to have you there.

Louise Putman

YOUTH GROUP PARENT MEETING

September 25th @ 11:40 in the Mayflower Room.

This meeting is for parents of youth group members who are currently 8th grade to 12th grade. These are the teens who are eligible for a Mis-

sion Trip in June of 2012. The C.Ed. Board would like to have a round table discussion with you about the various options that we have available for mission work, with an outcome of a decision of where it will be by the end of the meeting. Please join us!

Youth Group 411... Hey teens! It was great to see several of you at All Church Camp and at our 3rd Annual Sundae Sunday Challenge. This year's champions are Karina Gonzalez, Sarah Smith-Tripp, Matthew Ensign-Wagener, and Addis Wagener-Ensign! I sure hope no one got sick, but it was an impressive sight to see.

Here are some events that are coming up for Youth Group Sundays!

September 18th - 11:30-1:00pm Pastor Gabrielle & Emma Brewer-Wallin will be hosting a parish meeting with all of you invited. Come to church on Sunday and meet Michelle in the Teen Room **after** service. We will be walking over to "our parish" from this past summer... The IKE Box. So bring some spare change for a treat and be prepared to meet, greet, eat, and get to know our Pastor, and share your thoughts with her. This Sunday is an ALL Youth Group Event...Mid and Senior High.

September 25th – 11:30-1:00pm Meet our new Youth Program Coordinator, and learn more about the UCC! Mid and Senior High are all invited. Wear clothes

you can run around and get dirty in, cause it's all UCC Olympics Day! Show off your knowledge, your panther-like athleticism, and your vast creative abilities. It promises to be a FUN Sunday!

October 2nd – 11:30-1:00pm Mid-High Youth Group (Grades 6-8) will meet in the teen room after service.

October 9th – 11:30-1:00pm Senior High Youth Group (9-12) will meet in the teen room after service.

October 16th – 10:15-11:45am Mid-High Youth Group will meet in the teen room **AFTER** children's time.

October 23rd – 10:15-11:45am Senior High Youth Group will meet in the teen room **AFTER** children's time.

More Details will be sent out in the Youth Group E-Newsletter...so make sure that the church's database has current e-mail addresses for all teens and parents of teens! Thanks!

ALL PARENTS of children ages newborn to High School Seniors! Please be sure to fill out and send in the Learning Hour Registration Form, so that we can keep our information up to date, and therefore be better able to serve you and your children. Forms can be found on the website, or in the Narthex on Sunday mornings thru September.

Just a Musical NOTE from the Choir Director: Remember that the Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7pm-8:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Please use the entrance off of the parking lot which is closest to the choir loft. All are welcome, and we look forward to singing with you.

DING DONG DING! IT'S TIME TO RING!

Calling all bell ringers! Let's get a head start on In-Gathering and the Christmas Season. Michelle would really like to hear from you and see who is interested and what days/times you are available to rehearse. Please email her at michelle@uccsalem.org

DEACONS "DISH"

1) First and foremost, the committee wishes to offer its heartfelt thanks to the Reverends Lynda Clark, Lori Ensign, Dana McBrien, and Bernard (Bernie) L. Turner for their thoughtful kindness and generosity to the church family in recent months. These four pastors volunteered and were commissioned during a worship service to respond to both the joys and the emergencies of the congregation during the time we were without a senior pastor. With the arrivals of both Pastors Chuck Currie and Gabrielle Chavez, those needs could be addressed more easily. The Deacons, on behalf of the church family, want to publicly thank these generous clergy-friends for this immediate and generous response to service.

2) Every week worship is enriched by some sort of lovely arrangement, floral

and other, on the altar/communion table. Members of the congregation are always welcome to provide such focal worship points, honoring and/or remembering loved ones. Signing up to provide flowers is provided on a list that is posted on the separator close to the entry door in the narthex. However, when no one steps in to provide flowers or other decorative tributes, someone steps up to help us all out. When she was here, Pastor Gail usually performed this service. In her absence, Pastor Shelley picked it up for awhile until an Altar Guild could be organized. Persons who enjoy enhancing the visual part of our worship are welcome at any time to be part of this group. Contact Connie Irwin for more information.

3) Plans are being made for the creation of a Parish Visitors Ministry. Stay tuned for details to follow.

INVITATION TO SALLY GODARD'S ORDINATION SERVICE

You all are invited to the Ordination Service for Sally Godard on Sunday, September 18 at 3:00 PM at the Grand Ballroom, 325 NE Third Street, McMinnville.

Sally is grateful for the support and encouragement of the congregation of First Congregational UCC as she has progressed through the ordination process as a "member in discernment" and looks forward to her ministry of justice and advocacy in Yamhill County. She

will continue to work with the dedicated and enthusiastic Peace and Justice Committee of First Congregational UCC of Salem.

ALL CHURCH CAMP 2011

These gorgeous, warm and brilliant September days are Oregon's finest, and what better way to spend the first few than at Camp Adams? This year's camp weekend was relaxing, full of children, good food, a "Junk Jam", teen tent overnight, community building, children's activities, ropes course, the wonderful swimming hole, camp fire with songs, lots of boys-on-bikes everywhere, and just plain ol' great camping camaraderie. We worshipped Sunday morning in the woods with our children serving communion. It was a very nice weekend.

If you have not yet experienced the fellowship of All Church Camp, we extend an extravagant and generous welcome to all! Put it on your 2012 Labor Day Weekend calendar NOW! Commute for the day, stay one night or both, in your own tent/RV or in a cabin (there now are 2 brand new cabins that sleep 10 each), children, no-children, family-of-one, family-of-many, please join us!

Forever S'mores,

Diane Corner

BZR BULLETIN

It is now seven-yes, only seven!- weeks until the annual All-Church Bazaar. Important Dates:

1. Rex Vegetable Soup Base is scheduled for either Saturday, September 24 or October 1. Depending on availability of tomatoes.
2. Quilt Raffle Tickets and Apple Pie Orders will be available starting Sunday, September 25.
3. Jewelry Making is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 here at the church just after the service. More info will be in the next Shalom.
4. Bread Making is Saturday, October 29, in the big kitchen, downstairs. Sign-ups to help at the BZR will also start at the end of September, so mark your calendar for Nov. 4 and 5 to sign up as a cashier or bagger.

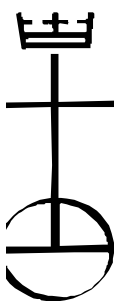
Remember to take advantage of our bounty of local produce and make jams, jellies, and/or preserves and maybe some zucchini bread to freeze until the BZR. We have plenty of canning jars at church for you to use as you process berries, apples, etc.

As always, if you have any questions, just call Jean at 503-585-4769 or Nancy at 503-378-1812. *BZR Lady*

PASTOR SHELLEY'S GOODBYE OCT. 16

Pastor Shelley's last day with us in the capacity of associate pastor is Sunday, October 16. We will have a reception for her after worship that Sunday. So, please mark your calendars. If you would like to contribute to a yet-to-be-chosen gift, please send your donations marked "Shelley" to the church.

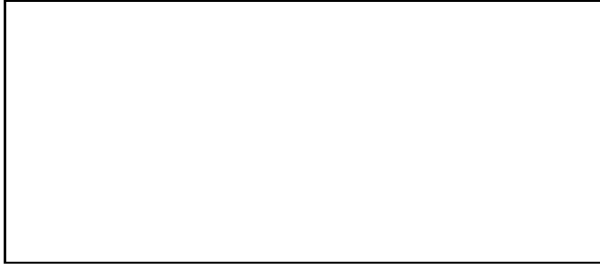
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Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 14	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts until 2 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 15	5:00 p.m.	Parish Meeting @ Gallagher's
	6:15 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 18	11:30 a.m.	Youth Parish Meeting @ Ike Box
Tuesday, Sept. 20	6 p.m.	Book Club Meeting
	7 p.m.	Search Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 21	1:30 p.m.	Former Evening Circle @ Putmans'
	2:00 p.m.	Parish Meeting @ Capital Manor
	5:45 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 25	9:30 a.m.	Adult Learning Hour resumes
	5:00 p.m.	SIHN families arrive
Monday, Sept. 26	6:30 p.m.	Woman Spirit @ Bev 'n Jenny's
Tuesday, Sept. 27	7:00 p.m.	Parish Meeting @ Putmans'
Wednesday, Sept. 28	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts until 2 p.m.
	5:30 p.m.	Taizé Service
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Meeting @ Francois'
Sunday, Oct. 2		Shalom deadline
		World Communion Sunday
		Potluck after worship
Tuesday, Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	Search Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 5	10:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Board Meeting
	12:15 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Luncheon
	5:45 p.m.	Mission and Outreach Meeting
Monday, Oct. 10	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting

Adult Study Mondays at 12 noon
Choir Rehearsals Thursdays 7 p.m.