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"Reaching Up and Reaching Out"

April 16, 2009

Global Mission Celebration

Christian Church in Oregon

May 1, Friday at 7:00 pm

May 2, Saturday at 9:00 am

Albany First Christian Church

This is going to be a time of sharing and learning to engage in our global partnerships.

There will be 'Partnership' and 'How To' workshops. Guest speakers from around the world and the northwest include our own Pastor Bob & Julie Hanna– China; Salem FCC members– Ecuador; Jim & Jayanthi Wilson– Southern Africa; Rebecca Hale– Haiti; Doug Wirt and Bob Shebeck– Congo; Doug, Cathy, Jacob & Rollie Wirt– Mexico; Linda Lees, Ethel Ellingosn and Kay Edwards– India.



Register by April 19: sign up in or call the church office, 503-363-9273. Let us know if you want to take the bus on Friday and/or Saturday.

Cost includes lunch (the cost will be averaged out by how many in our congregation register. The Region's fee is \$10 for the first 10 people, \$5 for each person there after.)

Salem First Christian Church will be hosting
Dave Ramsey's Town Hall for Hope
Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

If you would like to learn more about what is going on with our economy, please plan to attend this free event.

What is Town Hall for Hope? Town Hall for Hope is your opportunity to sit down with people in your community for a nationwide town hall meeting led by Dave Ramsey. Thousands of venues across the country will host the event, broadcasting Dave's live presentation. In the opening half hour, Dave will offer straight talk about the economy, recession, foreclosures and more. He'll carefully explain where we've come from, where we are now, and what we should be doing with our money during this time. Then, Dave will spend an hour answering your questions live!

Bites of Bread from Bob

Danish Philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard one time told a story of a large group of ducks that waddled into church. The duck pastor comes to the pulpit and tells them, "You are ducks. Ducks don't have to waddle. Ducks can fly." He continues, "You are ducks and therefore you can fly. You don't have to be hampered by any geography. You can fly over walls, valleys and mountains. As ducks," he tells them, "You can fly great distances. If you don't like the climate that you are in, you can fly to a better climate."

Following the sermon, the ducks sing a song about flying and soaring up in the clouds. The duck pastor offers a benediction that tells them to "go out into the world as ducks and soar!" After the benediction the ducks proceed to waddle all the way back to their homes.

The message of Easter is not something that we are to hear and then live our lives as if Easter has never happened. Easter is not one day on the calendar. Easter is living your life with the faith and hope that it has brought us.

God Bless,
Pastor Bob

Sermon for Sunday

Pastor Bob Hanna
8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am

"The Benefit of a Good Memory"

Luke 22:47-62

Both Judas and Peter betray Jesus. Judas goes on to hang himself and Peter becomes a great leader of the church.

Why was there such a different reaction to similar betrayals?

Watkins named to Obama's Faith-based Advisory Group

By Rebecca Bowman Woods
DisciplesWorld news and website editor

Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has been named to President Barack Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Watkins, who preached at the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral on January 21, 2009 is one of 25 faith leaders appointed to the advisory council. Its members will serve one-year terms.

The council "will be a resource for nonprofit and community organizations, both secular and faith-based, looking for ways to make a bigger impact in their communities, learn their obligations under the law, cut through red tape, and make the most of what the federal government has to offer," according to a White House statement.

On Monday, Watkins was traveling from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C. for briefings in preparation for the group's formal chartering and first meeting.

Watkins said "I'm excited for Disciples to be represented in a council that has to do with partnerships and working in neighborhoods at the local level. I think that's a natural place for Disciples to have input."

Michael Kinnamon, the National Council of Churches (NCC) General Secretary, praised Obama's appointments to the advisory council in an NCC news release.

"We commend President Obama for seeing the importance of harnessing the moral and political power of faith-based and neighborhood groups," Kinnamon said. "The slogan, 'Yes, We Can,' only has meaning when we say it together."

Thank you for all of the cards, calls, and prayers during my most recent surgery and recovery. We are so blessed to have so many prayer warriors within our midst.

Margaret Cleveland

Prayers For . . .

Steve Anderson (a Timothy from FCC) had a stroke.
Donna Esch, in severe pain.
June Johnson, recovering from a broken leg.

Handbell Choir Bake Sale

Sunday, April 19
 10:45 am-12:30 pm in the Parlor

Come by and purchase brownies, cupcakes, cookies, muffins and other goodies to help support the FCC Handbell Choir with buying handbell supplies.



Hurry, before everything is gone.

See you there!

No Choir practice on Thursday, April 16.

Friendship Day Sewing Circle

Wednesday, April 22
 9:00 am in the Sunshine Room



- Quilting
- Card Making
- Scrapbooking
- Cross Stitching
- General Sewing
- Fellowship and giggles

10 am until 8 pm – IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
 Bring a sack lunch and nibbles to share. There is no childcare provided.

Any questions, call Allison in the church office.

Printer Needed

The membership room is in need of a computer printer. If you have a WORKABLE printer and would like to make a donation to the church, please contact Allison in the church office 503-363-9273.

Celebrating the Congregation

April

Gary DeFilippo	19
Avis Kinkaid	20
Bud Robbins	20
Melissa Houston	21
Donna Esch	22
Evelyn Bauer	23
Maxine Morgan	23
Scott Dalke	24
Mike Myers	24

Please keep in your prayers, those celebrating their birthday next week.

How to Schedule Use of the Church Building

When you or your group/committee/class need to use a room in the church, the use needs to be scheduled with the office and added to the calendar.

Please contact Melissa (a.k.a. Keeper of the Calendar) at 503-363-9273 or email her at melissah@salemfcc.org.

By scheduling building use, it prevents overlapping room use and sees that proper security is made available when necessary. Thank you.

Come to The WOW

(The Way on Wednesday)

Donations are gratefully accepted to cover the cost of the meal.

April 22 Schedule

- 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner, Chicken Burgers and Salad Bar- Rm.106/Fellowship Hall
- 5:30-6:30 pm The Biggest Winner weigh in- Rm. 302/Cornerstone Rm. 6:30 pm meeting starts.
- 5:45-8:15 pm Child Care- for newborns to age 5, Rm. 213/Nursery
- 6:00-7:45 pm AMPT Practice- Rm. 207
- 6:00-7:45 pm Sewing Group- Rm. 124/Sunshine Rm.
- 6:15-7:45 pm CYF & Chi Rho Gathering Time- Rm. 310/Youth Lounge (split at 6:30 pm)
- 6:00-7:45 pm Financial Peace University- Rm. 311
- 6:30-7:45 pm Elders Mtg- Rm. 202/Library
- 6:30-7:45 pm Children's Programming- ages 5 to 5th grade, Rm. 114/Joseph & Son's Workshop
- 6:45-7:45 pm Walking Group- Chalice entry
- 7:45-8:00 pm Closing worship for everyone and all classes- Rm. 207

Mother's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 9

10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

When you were a little girl do you remember your mother or grandmother ever wearing an apron? Was it just for Sunday best? Or did she wear her favorite for every-day? Did she every wet the corner of that apron and wash your face or dry your tears? If you have fond memories of that apron or of your mother, the Mother's Day Brunch is an event that you don't want to miss.



Please join us on May 9, Saturday, at 10:00 am downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We will dine together, laugh together, remember together, sing together, enjoy an apron style show and even share our own special aprons in an Apron Parade. Yes, please bring an apron to wear as you will want to be a part of the Parade.

This is a great time to invite your mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, niece or just your best girlfriend to share in the day.

Tickets will be \$7 and will go on sale this Sunday, April 19, between the 9:30 and 11:00 am services.

Any questions, contact Lorna Johnson at 503-399-8168.

Attention All FCC Men!

Your service is needed. 25 men will be needed to assist with the Saturday, May 9, Mother's Day Event.

Servers, food prep and clean-up is needed. If you are willing to serve, please contact Dale Mitchell at 503-588-7259, or Melissa in the church office at 503-363-9273.

God Bless,
Your Brother in Christ

NUMB3RS

As of March 31, 2009

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	\$59,085	\$134,438
Expenses	60,533	173,699
Negative	\$ 1,488	\$ 39,260

Reserve still available as of March 31, 2009- \$55,237

Youth Updates & Deadlines

- All CYF Youth attending the Lebanon Lock-In please be at the church at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 18, for departure. We will return on Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 pm.
- Mark your calendars! Youth Sunday is May 3!

Coming to FCC Sunday, April 26

The George Fox University Players, an eight person touring drama troupe from Newberg, Oregon, will present "The Other Shore". It is a group of original short plays combining dialogue, narrative, mask, mime, movement and song depicting the challenges and joys of the Christian faith, on Sunday, April 26.

They will give their presentation as part of our regular three worship services. Please plan to come and worship at 8:30, 9:30 or 11:00 am, and welcome them to our church.

Flower Calendar

Our lovely 2009 Flower Calendar is up on the bulletin board by the church offices.

There is a year of Sundays available to you to share with the church family your celebrations and remembrances. Please consider signing up to provide Sanctuary flowers.

Thank you.

Sunday Updates

April 12, 2009

GIVING

General- \$32,739.64

Building- \$10

Easter Offering- \$1492

ATTENDANCE

6:30- 55 / 10:30- 600

An Opportunity to Hear Archbishop Tutu

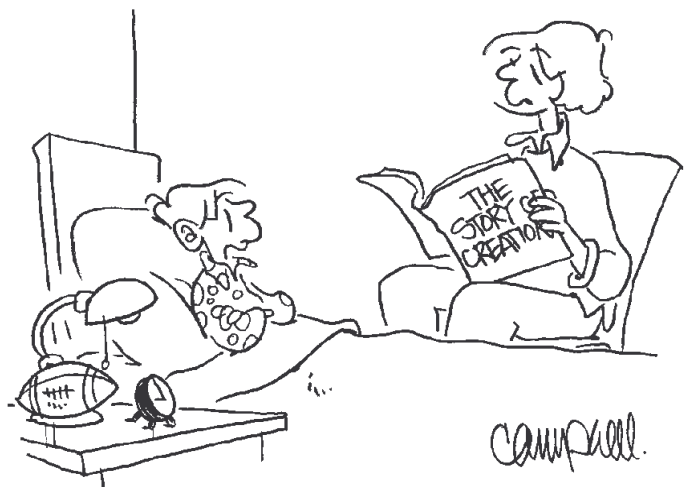
Archbishop Tutu is coming to Portland the evening of Monday, May 4, 2009 at The Chiles Center on the campus of the University of Portland. He will be speaking on "Transformative Power of Reconciliation in Society."

This opportunity is sponsored by the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Desmund Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus from Cape Town, South Africa was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to chair the Truth and Reconciliation commission—the body set up to probe gross human rights violations during apartheid in 1996. Since that time Archbishop Tutu has been a visiting professor at several universities and has published several books.

Our church, Salem FCC, has purchased a block of tickets for this lecture. We will provide transportation to the lecture and return.

There are only 14 tickets left! If you would like to attend this lecture, please contact the church office. The tickets are \$20 per person and a ticket will be held for you when you purchase your ticket from the office.



"Of course there's nothing to the theory of evolution. If there were, mothers would have more than two hands by now."

RESERVE THE DATE ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Provided.

What I learned at FPU

Last week's lesson was about credit bureaus, collection practices, and what to do if you are in a crisis and cannot pay your creditors.

First of all, do not worship at the feet of the almighty FICO score. This is a number that is used to predict your credit risk. It is based on your past debt. It has nothing to do with winning financially which is about saving money and staying far away from debt. But your credit report is your reputation, so make sure it is correct by ordering a free copy annually and correcting any errors.

If you are in a financial crisis and cannot pay all your creditors the full monthly payment, Dave recommends having a plan and over-communicating with your creditors rather than sticking your head in the sand in embarrassment. Use the Pro-Rata plan. First of all, make a budget of all your basic necessities, such as food, clothing, shelter, transportation. Then, find out how much you have left over to pay your debts. Make a list of your creditors and the amount of debt owed and then calculate the percentage each amount is of your total debt. Then multiply the percentage by the amount of money you have available. To each of your creditors mail a check for the payment amount you are able to send them, a letter explaining your situation and your plan to work through it, a copy of your budget, and a copy of your Pro-Rata Debt List which shows that each creditor is being paid fairly. Of course, your creditors will not like being paid less than the required minimum payment, but if you keep sending them checks, they will keep cashing them.

Irene Jones
Resource/Stewardship Chair



A Little Light from Laurie

Flickers of Light from Laurie-

- **Pastor's Class** begins this Sunday, April 19, 12:30-2:30 pm in Pastor Bob's office. Please bring a sack lunch and willingness to learn and participate.
- **JYF outing, April 26, 12:15 pm.** We will be painting flower pots for shut-ins, enjoying a sack lunch together and then heading off to the Dallas Aquatic Center at 1:00 pm and returning by 5:00 pm. Cost is \$4 per child and \$6 per adult. If you have a child or grandchild that is in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, and they are interested in joining our Junior Youth Fellowship activity, please call Laurie at the church by Wednesday, April 22. In order to travel to Dallas Aquatic Center, it is required to sign up by the deadline so we can have adequate transportation and supervision. Also, if you don't already have a permission slip/medical release form on file with us, or need to update your information, you can pick one up in the church office.
- **Teacher Appreciation, April 26, coffee hour.** We understand that people don't volunteer to teach *for* the glory, but they do so *to the glory of God*, and we are very thankful. Please allow us to show our appreciation in this small way. If you have taught an adult, youth or children's class this last year (April 2008 to present) or during Vacation Bible School 2008, you are invited to join us for refreshments after church in the Chapel for a Special Coffee Fellowship in your honor. We will run the list in next week's Scroll. Thank you volunteers!

Thank You from Marion-Polk Food Share

First Christian Church,

It seems to me, even now, we have much for which to be thankful. With the help of donors like you, we have food in our warehouse and, daily, it is reaching those who are hungry.

Just as important, we have the support of hundreds of volunteers who assist in collecting food and who also give thousands of hours of their time to prepare food boxes and meals that ultimately reach those in need.

We are blessed to be part of a generous community like this. All across Oregon and our nation, charities are being challenged like never before to find resources to achieve their missions. I know some are struggling to do so.

While we don't have a great stockpile of food, we do have roughly 240,000 pounds in our warehouse. That's enough to supply our network of 80 charities for almost three weeks, and that means, for now, they can assist the hungry individuals, children and families they serve in the two counties.

Your recent contribution of \$1130.84 does make a difference. Each donated dollar is enough for MPFS to collect a distribute five more pounds of food. Donations also fund classes that teach life-long skills to low-income families. Classes like cooking, gardening and food preservation bring lasting hope and self-sufficiency to those who need it most.

Please know that your generosity is not only a gift to someone in need, it is also helping to build a better tomorrow for all of us here in your Marion and Polk counties community.

Sincerely,
Ron Hays
President
Marion-Polk Food Share



Check It Out!

Four books from "*The Lineage of Grace Series*" by Francine Rivers are now on the New Book Shelf in the library. Women who played a key role in the lineage of Jesus; Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba and Mary are brought to life through Francine's artistic imagination. At the same time, the books are true to facts given in scripture and carefully researched historical data. Thank you Judy Brown who donated and recommended these four historical fictions.

"*Unveiled*" is the story of Tamar, daughter-in-law of Judah. Even though she was sinned against and sinned herself, God chose to use her shame to bless her and to show grace and forgiveness to all! Her story assures us that no person or action is beyond the reach of God's mercy!

"*Unashamed*" tells how Rahab was exploited by men who saw only her beauty and how she held fast to her belief in an all-powerful God. The author's historical accuracy helps the reader understand the world in which Rahab lived.

"*Unspoken*" tells of Bathsheba's journey from innocence to despair and of the God who restored her and called her His own. Bible study questions in the back of the book can be used for further understanding.

"*Unafraid*" is the story of Mary. Using the biblical account of Jesus' life as a framework, Rivers adds imaginative stories of how Mary suffered, even though she remained obedient to God.

Look on the New Book Shelf for these novellas and Do Check Them Out!!

By the way, Francine Rivers has also written five books on men of the Bible called "*Sons of Encouragement Series*". Our Church Library has "*Sons of the Prophet*" (call # Fiction 813.2 RIV). This book about Amos is the fourth in the series and was donated by Delores Seeds.

Betty Charnholm
Librarian

Elders Serving This Sunday

8:30 & 9:30 am— Wayne Smith
11:00 am— Becky Johnson, Craig Johnson, Doug Johnson, Walt Adolf, Alan Brown

April Deacons

8:30 am Service— Sheila Dent, Suzi Simonson

9:30 am Service— CJ Dyer, Ron Nelson

11:00 am Service— **Arleen Olson**, Kathy Boles, Gene Clemens, Rosealee Clemens, Helen Clevenberg, Arty Day, Ed Gish, Bert Kephart, Julie Kephart, Dale Mitchell, Bob Olson, Keith Olson, Linda Olson, Collette Tennant

Choir: Earnest Freeman, Bill Wilkson

SATURDAY FILL

Margaret Cleveland

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

Cheryl & Gary Clendennen,
Bev Ikeda, Linda Jordan

COFFEE HOUR

Margaret Cleveland and family

FLOWERS

For Mom & Dad's anniversary,
from Nick and Shawn Hill.



Handbell Choir Bake Sale Sunday, April 19

See page 3 for more details.

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