



The Church Scroll

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Church Services ~ 8:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am ~ Sunday School ~ 9:45 am

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"Reaching Up and Reaching Out"

April 23, 2009

Coming to FCC on 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.

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.

**"You teach a little by what you say.
You teach the most by what you are."**

—Dr. Henrietta Mears, Christian Educator/Founder of Gospel Light

Please join us in thanking our teachers at a Teacher Appreciation Coffee Hour after the 11:00 am Service

Thank you teachers! Thank you for saying yes!

Carole Adams, Jan Anderson, Lucille Battin, Joan Behen, Robin & Scott Bigham, Ken Blust, Joanna & Sebastian Brown, Karna & Orin Bruton, Kendall Buckmaster, Betty Charnholm, Natalie Clark, Margaret Cleveland, Cheryl & Sean Cooper, CJ Dyer, John Erickson, Keith Fleshman, Teri Garland, Sandra Gross, Marianne Hill, Jeri Lea Hines, David Holler, Leann Hughes, Anne & Israel Hunter, Doris Jackson, Lela Jackson, Doug & Lorna Johnson, Irene Jones, Julie & Bert Kephart, Bert Mackaman, Beth Manzo, Shelly McKenzie, Dale & Donna Mitchell, Ann Mulkey, Karen Parham, Kim Resch, Mary Ann Smith, Katie Stebbins, Nancy Stebbins, Dena & Billy Strehlow, Carol Talley, Julie Towery, Ed Vawter, Nancy Vowell, Jerry Watson, Ferol Weyend, Claire & Keven Widener, Bill Wilkson, Dena Zuber

Bites of Bread from Bob

I Samuel 16: 7 "For the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

These were the words of God to Samuel when he first looked upon King David as a young boy. Samuel could not see the potential in that ruddy faced boy that God saw.

News shows and the internet went alive last week with the story of a lady by the name of Susan Boyle. Susan made a surprising stir on the show "Britain's Got Talent." When she came on the stage, you could hear the audience already starting to "boo" her. The judges were very condescending. I must admit that my expectations were low as well. Susan is a frumpy looking middle age woman. In our culture that idolizes youth and beauty, they were blown away when she opened her mouth and sang 'I Dream A Dream' from *Les Miserables*. She has an absolutely astounding voice. Her singing has touched everyone who has listened to her.

The Susan Boyle story is a great reminder to us all to never write people off. God has placed potential in all of us. A potential that may only be seen by God. As Christians, it is our job to look past the exterior and look to the heart of others.

In case you have not seen the story, it can be found at www.youtube.com by simply searching "Susan Boyle"

God Bless,
Pastor Bob

FREE Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, April 26
after the 11:00 am service in the Library
Your healthcare volunteer is Patricia Robbins.

Choir Potluck

Sunday, April 26
12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

REBUILDERS POTLUCK LUNCH

Tuesday, April 28
12:00 pm in the Chapel

This is a support group for any and all who are rebuilding from any life experiences. Please contact Allison in the church office if you have questions.

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 12 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.

Jim Wagner passed away on April 18.



Our heartfelt prayers and sympathies go out to his wife, Anita; sons, Adam, Joe and JB; daughter, Autumn; grandchildren and Lois Perry, his mother-in-law, .

Dear FCC Family,

Many thanks to all who bought, baked, and enjoyed the goodies at the first annual Handbell Bake Sale!

Your generous support raised \$529.32!!! We will purchase our four bags and other necessities.

Thank you again,
The Handbell Choir

Prayers For . . .

Steve Anderson recovering from a stroke.
Donna Esch, now at Windsor Care Center.
Ed Vawter, having surgery on April 27.

Poems by Donna Thiel

The CWF group are compiling the poems of Donna Thiel. If you have a poem by her, please contact Donna Morris at 503-767-2219. Thank you.



Walt & Doris Jackson are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Matthew, to Pamela McGrath in Waikoloa, Hawaii on March 20, 2009.

After honeymooning in Hawaii, the couple will reside in Anchorage, Alaska.

Ambassador Class

Saturday, May 2, at 5:30 pm

Are you “game” for some fun and food? Then bring your favorite board game and food to share. Couples should bring a main dish and a dessert or salad. Singles should bring one dish of their choice.

All this fun will be at Carol Talley’s home at 890 Kingwood DR NW, Salem. For directions call 503-581-9166.

Have You Seen-

Looking for a painting by E. Kaye (Gannon) painted of three wise men in Bethlehem.

It was sold in CWF Rummage in 1998.

If you know who owns the painting or have the painting, would you please call her son, Dr. David Hastings, cell phone- 925-864-4932, home phone- 707-374-5540.



Celebrating the Congregation

April

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| | Kennedy Bigham | 26 |
| | Dick Clausen | 26 |
| | Kathi Karnosh | 26 |
| | Debbi Rehbehn | 26 |
| | Esther Specht | 26 |
| | Kyle Jull | 27 |
| | JoAnne Hill | 28 |
| | Les Sebern | 28 |
| | Barbara Holler | 29 |
| | Linda Jordan | 29 |
| | Gary Clendennen | 30 |
| | Wilbur Jackson | 30 |

May

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| | Kent Hazelwood | 1 |
| | Lee Hazelwood | 2 |
| | Samantha Riggs | 2 |
| | Jennifer Zander | 2 |

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



Come to The WOW

(The Way on Wednesday)

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

April 29 Schedule

- 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner, Taco Bar 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 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

Attention All FCC Men!

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

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

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Evening Bible Study is starting a new discussion group regarding the Holy Spirit. We are reading the book THE HELPER by Catherine Marshall. We meet every Thursday evening at 6:45 in the Library. We will discuss the first section on Thursday, April 30. You are welcome to join us. If you have any questions about this study group, please contact Allison in the Church office 503-363-9273.

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 are \$7 and will continue to be on sale Sundays between the 9:30 and 11:00 am services.

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

Jacki's Joys

Saturday, April 18, was quite a testimony to me the influence this church has on our youth. I had the privilege of not only chaperoning, but also chauffeuring three of our lovely youth to their senior prom on Saturday night.

Their friends wanted to dine in fancy restaurants, ride in limos, and spend the night in couples away from their homes. The cool part was that our youth wanted to dine simply at the Macaroni Grill at Bridgeport Plaza, ride in the church mini van to the prom, and the girls spent the night making sure their dates got home and then had a pajama party at their youth pastor's house!

They all managed to make it to church the next day even with a 4:00 am bed time. That is quite a beautiful picture of who they are as a product of being apart of this church family.

My favorite part was the simple fact that they wanted to take the church van as their mode of transportation. I just think, that is cool! When we drove up to the Salem Grand Ballroom they all rolled their windows down and started to just get excited and proud about how cool it was for them to be in our church's van, with our name posted large and blue for the whole senior class to see! It was a very neat experience for me.

So pat yourself on the back, you all have vowed to help raise these youth and you did good job!

In His Service,
Jacki

Youth Updates & Deadlines

- Saturday, May 2, we are cooking and serving lunch for our Region in Albany. Please sign up with Jacki if you would like to help.
- Youth Sunday is May 3. Please be at the church at 7:00 am ready to go! Potluck at Jacki's house at 1:00 pm for all who participate in the three services.
- Sunday, May 3, registration forms and money are due to Jacki for the CYF Albany Memorial Day Retreat.
- Relationship Class: "Everything Guys and Girls wanted to know" is beginning on Wednesday, May 6. Teachers are Billy Strehlow and Jacki Christian. There will be regular youth meeting for those who would rather not partake in this class.

RESERVE THE DATE

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Walk through the Percy Dezotell building where you can see Percy's creation of a miniature farm.



"I knew we were in trouble when she said, 'Hi, I'm the new Sunday school volunteer. Don't make me page your mother.'"

What I learned at FPU

He who dies with the most toys is still dead. -

Anonymous

This lesson is titled, Buyer Beware. Companies spend a great deal of time, effort, and billions of dollars to get our money. It is estimated that we currently see 3 to 4 thousand advertisements a day. We need to be aware that those who are selling to us can be the enemy of our financial peace of mind. To get control of our financial life, we need to learn to say NO to buying.

Our bodies have chemical reactions to a “significant purchase”, which for most people is anything over \$300. As we move through the stages of the purchasing decision, the heart rate increases, the pupils dilate, and the body releases adrenaline and other excitement chemicals. We get a rush. Be aware of this feeling of high.

All of us could spend as much as we make, no matter how little or how much. We need to have power over purchase. Here are some guidelines:

1. Wait overnight before making a purchase.
2. Carefully consider your buying motives. Know the difference between needs and wants. No amount of stuff equals contentment or fulfillment. You shouldn't medicate unhappiness with purchasing.
3. Never buy anything that you do not understand how it works.
4. Consider the “opportunity cost” of your money. Once you've made the purchase, you cannot use that money for something else.
5. Seek the counsel of your spouse or a friend who is not afraid to hold you accountable.

For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Irene Jones
Resource/Stewardship Chair

Quilt Raffle to Honor Violet Groth Vaca

All of the proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets is going to the Caluqui Child Care Center in Imbarurra, Ecuador dedicated to the memory of Violet.

Look for Bev Ikeda this Sunday, April 26, in the Narthex to buy a ticket for you opportunity to win the beautiful quilt.

The ticket prices are:

- 1 for \$5
- 3 for \$10
- 6 for \$15
- 10 for \$20

For more information about the Center check the website: <http://globalministries.org/lac/projects/caluqui-child-care-center-of-i.html>

The raffle tickets will be available to purchase sporadically on Sundays, from now until September, when the drawing will take place.

From- *“What Kids Say About Life, Love, and God”*

Family Life-

Jimmy's parents decided it was time to advise him that a new baby would arrive by Christmas. Not knowing exactly how to break the news, they decided to take the indirect approach.

They asked, “Jimmy, if you had a choice, which would you rather have, a baby sister or a baby brother?” Jimmy replied, “I'd rather have a baby pony.”

Sunday Updates

April 19, 2009

GIVING

General- \$4961.93

Building- \$25

Easter Offering- \$280

ATTENDANCE

8:30- 47 / 9:30- 76 / 11:00- 218

Sunday School- 109

What is- Women's Action Web?

Christian Church in Oregon women's Circle presents the Women's Action Web--"A journey for women to learn about hunger ministries in Oregon Disciples of Christ Congregations" The event will be held July 10-14, 2009.

The Women's Action Web is a five day program beginning with dinner on Friday night and concluding before lunch on Tuesday. Participants will stay at the Evangelical Center in Milwaukie and will venture out each day visiting congregations that meet the needs of Hungry Oregonians as part of their Christian witness.

Please see or call Susan Latham for details, 503-364-8807.

PS: this is a fun and growth changing experience!



Check It Out!

Some books just touch the heart and "Tear Soup" by Pat Schweibert is one. The story tells how Grandy, who has suffered a big loss, blends together healing ingredients as if making soup. The author writes, "for many years the recipe for tear soup had been forgotten." But then Grandy got a taste of a well-seasoned tear soup one of her friends made after her child died. "As soon as Grandy tasted the rich flavor of that carefully made soup she promised herself never again to assume that quicker was better." Because of her own great loss, Grandy knew "this time her recipe for tear soup would call for a big pot. With a big pot she would have plenty of room for all the memories, all the misgivings, all the feelings and all the tears she needed to stew in the pot over time."

There is a copy of this picture book in the Children's Library. However, when Bobbie Moore offered a donation of another copy I just knew it needed to be in the adult library as well. Even though "Tear Soup" is in picture book format, it teaches all ages a powerful lesson about healing from any kind of loss. There are additional "cooking tips" in the back of the book as well as resources for finding help.

Thank you to Bob & Bobbie Moore who donated "Tear Soup" in memory of Eunice Chloe Mann, affectionately known as Big Mama. Bobbie added this personal note, "She loved having children visit when their parent or grandparent came to serve Communion."

This is an oversize book, so look for it on the oversize shelf above the Christian Living section of the library. Do Check it Out!

Betty Charnholm
Librarian

P.S. The Capital City Chapter of Church Librarians is holding its April meeting at First Christian Church on Saturday, April 2h. The guest speaker is Barb Boswell, author of "Everytime I Turn Around I Bumb Into God." If you would like to hear this speaker you may join us from 10:00-11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Just for KIDS

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages. "Translate" the verse below using the code.

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-Proverbs 3:13

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Elders Serving This Sunday

8:30 & 9:30 am— Carol Talley
11:00 am— Doug Johnson, Walt Adolf, Wayne Smith, Rick Ikeda, David Holler

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

Linda Jordan

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

Lucille Battin, Cecilia Larson, Barb Leisman, Sharon Weir

COFFEE HOUR

Neva Clausen and family

FLOWERS

From Blanche Davis in memory of her husband, Wilbur L. Davis.



**Teacher Appreciation
Coffee Hour**
Sunday, April 26

See cover for more details.

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