

The Church Scroll

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"Reaching Up and Reaching Out"

December 17, 2009



Advent Faire

Sunday, December 20

Families join us for the Advent Faire for crafts from 9:45-10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for our mission project.

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Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24



Please join us as we rejoice in the celebration of Jesus' birth.

The Family Service at 6:30 pm celebrates Christ's birth with songs of praise, visual aids and participation by children and families in an informal setting.

The Candle Light Communion Service at 11:00 pm features music by the Chancel Choir, soloists and small ensembles and the organ and Handbell Choir, as well as readings from the scriptures of the birth of Jesus.

A communion service and lighting of candles will conclude the worship service.



Matt's Minute

If you are reading this, we need your help. We need your voice. We want to hear your story. Some of you were around when the church created 7 core values for First Christian Church. Some of you (like my family) have come to First Christian Church since they were created. As I understand, the development of these core values was the result of much hard work, prayer and discernment by key leaders at FCC. After Christmas, we will be spending seven weeks looking at each one of these core values. While Bob and I have our own perspective what these mean, we want to know how you feel. We are looking for brave individuals willing to share their story on Sunday mornings by answering one of these questions about our seven core values.

**"We need your voice.
We want to hear
your story."**

So, here's your questions:

1. What is worship? What does it mean to be a worshipping church?

2. What does it mean to be a teaching church? What are some of our most important teachings at FCC?
3. How do we care for our community? Are there ways in which this church has cared for you in times of need?
4. What is your experience of prayer at FCC? How important is prayer to your life?
5. How do we serve our community? How do we serve our region? Our world? What are your experiences of being a servant of Christ?
6. What does it mean to be a welcoming church? How have you experienced the extravagant welcome of Christ at FCC?
7. What does it mean to be a giving and sharing church?

I look forward to hearing from you as we seek to live into our 7 core values. With your help, we can create more pathways to embodying these words at our church.

Peace in Christ,
Matt

Sunday Sermons

8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am

December 20– Pastor Bob Hanna

"Writing a Good Ending to Your Christmas"
Matthew 2:1-12 After visiting the baby Jesus, the scripture says that the Magi returned home another way. The challenge for all of us is to ask, "how after visiting celebrating the birth of Jesus will we go another way?" What will you allow to change in you this Christmas season?

December 27– Pastor Matt Gordon

"Shred" Matthew 6:19-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
On the edge of 2009 and the cusp of 2010, together we will explore the possibility of releasing our past wounds in order to embrace the plans God has for us. As Paul says in his letter to the church in Corinth, "The right time is now. Today is the day of salvation."

January 3, 2010–

This will be the first of a seven week series on the Seven Core Values of Salem First Christian Church. Acts 2:42-47 Our core values come from Acts 2:42-47 and Mark 12:30-31. This sermon will be an introduction into the things we value most.

NUMB3RS at Year End

As the year comes to a close I wonder if the expenses will be covered by the gifts received. Why should I wonder! This is a giving, caring, loving Family of God that supports the many programs that happen here. Are you aware that over 1,500 people come through this building per week attending support groups, delivery of meals, Bible Study and our own weekly activities?

In November the electric bill was \$1,783.80. We also paid for security, insurance and payroll to keep the building open and in good operation. November closed with a negative \$18,025 plus our average monthly expenses of \$55,000. Will we receive giving month of \$73,000? I wonder?

All gifts must be postmarked or received in the church office by December 31, 2009 to help offset the expenses of 2009.

In His Love,
Allison

Celebrating our Church Family



Birthdays

December

Diane Watson	20
Bob Feiring	21
Rick Ikeda	21
Ann Smith	21
Patricia Robbins	22
Carol Jackson	23
Frances Rastorfer	25
Kim Beal	26
Shirley Cartwright	27
Nick Jordan	29
Noelle Keuscher	29
Kathy DeVore	30
Chris Wheeler	30

January

Mady Jones	1
TJ Cunha	2
Dana McBrien	3
Bev Dezotell	4
Keven Melzer	4
Kaitlyn Towery	4
Jackie Hermann	5
Cindy Nelson	7
Stewart Leek	8
Jerry Jones	9
Bert Mackaman	9

Congratulations

Alicia Rux & Justin Bolen were married on December 5. Congratulations to the happy couple. We wish them all the very best.

Thank You

Are you aware of the tremendous help that First Christian Church's Ambassadors' Class has been to your neighbor, HOME Youth & Resource Center? Members of the group have spent many hours at HOME cleaning, building shelves, laying carpet, painting and organizing. They purchased food and prepared our Thanksgiving meal to about 50 youth plus volunteers and staff and are planning to do the same for our December Holiday meal. They've been a WONDERFUL help to us in many ways and have still more ideas in mind.

Please join us in thanking them SO MUCH for giving of their time and energy to help out at our day shelter for at-risk and homeless teens.

Thank you!

Staff and youth at HOME Youth & Resource Center

Prayers For

Nony Hensley (Bob Olson's mother) is at Avamere recovering from back surgery.

Condolences

Chuck Sealy passed away on December 9. Our prayers and sympathies go out to his wife, Dutch, and the rest of his family.

Scott Bigham's grandfather, Ed Hall, passed away December 9. Our prayers and sympathies go out to him and his family at this time.

Thank You *continued*

I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards while I have been sick. I received my transplant on November 2, and was able to be home with the girls for Thanksgiving. I am unable to attend church for a while, but will be back soon.

Thank you and all our love,
Joyce Knights & family

The family of John Brown is so appreciative of all the cards, flowers and remembrances of John. We thank all of you for the love you have shared with us.

We love you,
Norma, Kathy and family

Last Thursday evening our building was open to Family Building Blocks for their annual Family Christmas dinner. Approximately 325 people shared a turkey dinner sponsored and served by Family Building Blocks. In addition to the building use, we recently give about 3,000 diapers to them for daily use and to help their families in need.

Matt and I were talking about the "sea" of wonderful givers we look upon during the services each Sunday morning. (I usually look at the back of your heads.) God has blessed this church with so many talented loving people who continue to support ALL the programs of this congregation. Your church staff is very humbled for the opportunity to serve God and you.

Allison

Mark Your Calendars

Diaconate Sign Up for 2010

Sunday, December 20
Sign up in the Gathering Area,
between the Parlor and Chapel.

Rebuilders Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, December 22
12:00 pm Chapel
This is a support group for any and
all who are rebuilding from any
life experiences.

Christmas at Noon

Wednesday, December 23
12:05 pm, Sanctuary
Organist Christopher Wicks
Harpist Bethany Evans

Family Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24
6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Thursday, December 24
11:00 pm, Sanctuary

Church Building Closed

Merry Christmas 
Friday, December 25


Free Blood Pressure Check

Sunday, December 27
12:00 pm, Library
Lorna Johnson, Healthcare
volunteer

Church Office Closed

Christmas Holiday
Monday, December 28

Church Building Closed

 Happy New Year
Friday, January 1, 2010

YMCA Family Night

Sunday, January 3
6:00 pm

CWF Group Meetings

Wednesday, January 6

- J. Wilson– 10:00 am at Doris Jackson's
- Mary-Martha– 1:00 pm Parlor, Joan Lloyd hostess
- Priscilla– 6:30 pm at Rosealee Clemens
- Rosa Page Welch– 6:30 pm at Julie Kephart's, hostess with Kim Beal, co-hostess. Monthly mission is the Food Bank

Diaconate Training

Sunday, January 10
12:00 pm, Sanctuary

Bring a Can to Feed My Sheep

Sunday, January 10
Barrels are in the Chalice entry
and Narthex.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, January 13
12:00 pm, Parlor

Craft Day

Saturday, January 16
10:00 am-8:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

SAVE THESE DATES!!

January 19 - 23 we will be
photographing you for a new
church directory.

Sign up for your time slot, in
the Chalice entry or Narthex on
Sundays. Or call the church
during the week.

Everyone photographed will
receive a free 8"x10" photo and
a copy of the directory. There
will be no high pressure to buy
photos.

Please try to make yourself
available during these times as
it won't be complete without
you!!!

Friendship Sewing Circle

Wednesday, January 27
9:00 am, Sunshine Room
We make and tie quilts for
Family Building Blocks and make
lap robes for the Veterans Hospi-
tal. Questions: Call Lois Kinkaid,
503-362-6594.

CWF Book Sale

February 6, 2010
Never too soon to start thinking
about which books, DVDs,
CDs, videos, games you want to
donate.

For Our Children, Youth & Adults

Jackie's Joys

Wow! What an Auction! The youth cannot thank you enough for your generosity, support and prayers. You are such a warm, loving and giving congregation. We are looking forward to putting your gifts to great use as we build homes in Mexico and help out in Yakima this spring break. We will think of you as we serve.

We had close to 120 donations between the oral and silent auctions and brought in \$2,096! All thanks to you! We wanted to mention that Cinebarre donated all 45 passes auctioned off to Cody Strehlow who went around the community looking for donations for our auction. AMF bowling also donated their passes to Cody. We are serving in a generous community.

Mark your calendars, the Chili Cook Off is coming January 17, 2010! If you have any questions or want to enter your chili or ice cream contact Julie Towery or Cheryl Cooper.

Thank you again!
With a big heart,
Jacki and Youth

Youth Updates:

- No Youth Group or WOW on December 23.
- Wednesday, December 30, is the "Eve" of New Years Eve Party at church from 5:30-9:00pm. We will have dance dance revolution and the Wii! Come for some food and fun!
- Snow Rally participants your forms and money are due to Jacki by Sunday, January 3, 2010.
- All Mission participants. Your \$25 deposit needs to be in NO later than Sunday, January 10, 2010.

"Eve" of New Year's Eve Celebration at The WOW

Come celebrate the end of 2009 with us on Wednesday, December 30, for our "Eve" of New Year's Eve party.

The festivities are from 5:30-9:00 pm.

There will be games, crafts, worship and fun for all ages.

Dinner will be provided as part of our regularly scheduled WOW.



Flickers of Light from Laurie

The family production of "Once Upon a Christmas" was a hit! The families enjoyed "Opening Night" craft activities and presenting Jesus' story together without Saturday rehearsals.

I want to thank: Judy Dyer, Christine Sinibaldi, Nancy Stebbins, Julie Towery, Dena Zuber, Sandra Gross, Matt Gordon, Kim Resch, Collette Tennant, Bob Hanna, Loring Hermann, Joe Dyer, CJ Dyer, Chi Rho Kids, Jacki Christian, Becca Revello, Colleen Revello, Mark Ridings and the families and children.

You are all loved!

Love,
Laurie

December 20 – Please remember families are invited to the Advent Faire this Sunday, December 20, for crafts from 9:45-10:45 am.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for our mission project.

December 27 – JYF Cocoa and Christmas Lights outing hosted by Sandra Gross. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm.

Close to Home and Around Salem

Christmas at HOME

As part of our efforts to be hospitable neighbors and share the love of Christ this season, we will be providing a Christmas celebration at the HOME Youth Center.

HOME is a program of Community Action Resources designed to be a drop-in support center for homeless at-at-risk teens. If you are interested in helping to serve dinner, donate towards Christmas presents or simply come and share with us, please contact Matt.

The Christmas at Home party will be on Wednesday, December 23, at 4:30 pm. Turkey and all the trimmings are being prepared.

DIACONATE- Sign Up for Year 2010

Sunday, December 20, look for sign up sheets in the Gathering Area between the Parlor and Chapel.

Sign up early to ensure you get the month that meets your schedule.

Attention Servers– Sign up for four months and please help by making one of those a summer month. Saturday Fill and Sunday Clean-Up– Please sign up early, these tasks go quickly.

Thank you for choosing this way of serving God and the people in our church. You are greatly appreciated!

Also, Diaconate Training on Sunday, January 10, following the 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary.

Put Your “HandsOn” Hunger!

Take action against hunger in your community. Attend “HandsOn” Hunger Action Series every Thursday in January from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm. The meetings are FREE and will be held at the Center 50+ in Salem.

The series is taught by Susan Latham and attendees will receive a free book.

Christmas Card Boxes



There are alphabetical ‘mail slots’ in the Narthex where you may put Christmas cards for your friends at First Christian Church.

Please be sure to check there regularly and pick up YOUR cards from others in our FCC family.

Come to The WOW (The Way on Wednesday)

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

NO WOW on December 23– Merry Christmas

December 30 Schedule

- 5:00-6:00 pm Walking Group– Chalice entry
- 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner, Two Soup options, Sub Sandwich Bar and Salad Bar-Rm.106
- 6:30-6:45 pm Opening Worship– Sanctuary
- 6:45-7:00 pm Rules and Instructions for the night
- 7:00-8:00 pm Stations– Board Games, Cards and Dominoes, Foot Spa Treatments, Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, Crafts
- 8:00-9:00 pm High Energy GAMES!

January 6 Schedule

- 5:00-6:00 pm Walking Group– Chalice entry
- 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner, TBA and Salad Bar-Rm.106
- 6:30-6:45 pm Opening Worship– Sanctuary
- 6:45-7:45 pm
Children’s Activities to age 5- Rm. 213
AMPT Practice– Rm. 207
“NOOMA” Study Series– Rm. 206
Youth Gathering Time– Rm. 310
Children’s Programming grades 1-5 Rm. 113

Housekeeping

Serving Sunday, December 20

ELDERS

8:30 & 9:30 am– Diane Watson
 11:00 am– Wayne Smith, Phil Patterson, Doug Johnson, Dave Holler, Walt Adolf

DECEMBER DEACONS

8:30 am Service– Anita Wagner
 9:30 am Service– Rick Morris, Colleen Revello
 11:00 am Service– Arty Day, Sandra Gross, Avis & Jim Kinkaid, Arleen & Keith Olson, Linda & Bob Olson, Dave Rehbehn, Roy Yung
 Choir: Joan Behen, Mary Ann Smith

SATURDAY FILL

Margaret Cleveland

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

Cheryl & Gary Clendennen,
 Bev Ikeda, Linda Jordan

COFFEE HOUR

Bobbie & Bob Moore,
 Donna Morris, Rick Morris

HOLY GROUNDS

Rebecca Revello, Sherina Walle

Serving Sunday, December 27

ELDERS

8:30 & 9:30 am– Rick Ikeda
 11:00 am– Scott Towery, Doug Johnson, Lela Jackson, Walt Adolf, Becky Johnson

DECEMBER DEACONS

8:30 am Service– Anita Wagner
 9:30 am Service– Rick Morris, Colleen Revello
 11:00 am Service– Arty Day, Sandra Gross, Avis & Jim Kinkaid, Arleen & Keith Olson, Linda & Bob Olson, Dave Rehbehn, Roy Yung
 Choir: Joan Behen, Mary Ann Smith

SATURDAY FILL

Linda Jordan

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

Cecilia Larson, Barb Leisman,
 Sharon Weir

COFFEE HOUR

Keven & Claire Widener

HOLY GROUNDS

Cheryl Cooper, Colleen Revello

MONTHLY & SUNDAY NUMB3RS

As of November 30, 2009

	November	Year to Date
Income	\$79,772	\$588,197
Expenses	<u>\$51,714</u>	<u>\$606,222</u>
Month of November Positive	\$28,058	
Year to Date Negative		\$ 18,055

December 6, 2009

GIVING
 General– \$12,456.77
 Building– \$70
 Thanksgiving Offering– \$20

ATTENDANCE

8:30– 31 / 9:30– 86
 11:00– 237
 Sunday School– 111

December 13, 2009

GIVING
 General– \$8,844.82
 Building– \$28
 Christmas Offering– \$25

ATTENDANCE

8:30– 23 / 9:30– 81
 11:00– 250
 Sunday School– 118



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