

The Church Scroll

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

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“Reaching Up and Reaching Out”

January 7, 2010



Photo Directory

Time is running out! You have just one more Sunday to sign up to have your picture taken for the new church pictorial directory. We are at 165 family units signed up but we still have 56 spaces left. You have to be in it to receive a free copy of the directory. Remember there is no cost to you and you receive a free 8x10 portrait too. Call the church office NOW and put your name on the list or be sure to come to the table in the Narthex Sunday morning, January 10, and sign up there. Remember, the directory will not be complete without YOU!

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Come One Come All to the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off!

It is on Sunday, January 17, at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds go to this year's youth missions to Yakama and Mexico.

We will have a kissing booth, dessert walk, money filled balloons, ice cream and chili! You won't want to miss out on this fabulous event! If you would like to enter your chili or ice cream in our contest, please fill out this form and return it to either Jacki Christian or Cheryl Cooper. Can't wait to see you there!

Bites of Bread from Bob

On January 2 (we were too occupied with the Rose Bowl on the 1st), Julie and I went out to lunch and sat down and wrote out our goals for 2010. That is a challenging and worthwhile task. Thank you Julie for arranging for us to do that.

Below is listed one of my favorite short readings for this time of year:

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned during the last 12 months about life.

All that you sought the past year and failed to find is hidden in me; I am waiting for you to stretch it out again and try with more determination.

All the good that you tried to do for others and did not achieve last year is mine to grant – providing you have fewer selfish and conflicting desires.

In me lies the potential of all that you dreamed but did not dare to do, all that you hoped but did not perform, all you prayed for but did not experience. These dreams slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of an enduring purpose.

“Behold, I make all things new”.

(Rev. 21:5)

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Christ who said, “Behold, I make all things new”. (Rev. 21:5)

God Bless,
Pastor Bob

Sunday Sermons

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

January 10– Pastor Matt Gordon
Scripture focus: Matthew 28:16-20
Matt Gordon and Laurie Dyer will focus on the core value number 2: A Teaching Church.

January 17– Pastor Bob Hanna
Core Value #3 “A Praying Church” Keven Widener and Pastor Bob will share about prayer from personal experience and ways to improve your own prayer life.

DIACONATE Training-

Sunday, January 10, following the 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary.

All deacons plan on attending this short and informative meeting.

Discover FCC on Sunday, January 31

Do You Want to Know More About First Christian Church?

We are hosting a luncheon for you regarding information about First Christian Church. You are invited to stay after the 11:00 am worship for this event.

We will share basic information about FCC-

- what it means to be a member
- how one goes about joining
- a time to ask any questions about the church leadership
- **tour the church**
- meet others new like you!

Please RSVP to the church office at 503-363-9273. The table is ready. Come to the table!

Celebrating our Church Family



Birthdays

January

Laurie Dyer	10	Wayne Smith	17
Mary Ann Smith	11	Don Vowell	17
Sandra Gross	12	Scott Bigham	20
Alicia Bolen	13	Deana Costello	20
Mildred Wheeler	14	Georgena McDaniel	20
Richard Adams	15	George Carlisle	21
Nick Hill	15	Bruce Gilbertson	22
Robert Jenner	16	Matt Gordon	22
Joan Behen	17	Bert Kephart	22
Ken Blust	17	Bobby Nelson	22
Kathy Cunha	17	Jean Blake	23
Ed Gish	17	Lorna Johnson	23
Julie Nightingale	17		

January

Baby Announcements



Lily Louise Ruettgers arrived on December 16. Her weight and height: 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 19 1/2 inches. Mother and daughter are going just fine. Congratulations to Lily's parents, Cara & Jay; big brothers, London and Dalton; grandparents, Mary Lou & Kent Hazelwood; great-grandparents, Catherine & Lee Hazelwood; and aunt & uncle, Wendy & Don Edwards.

Lily also has a birthday buddy. She was born on her great-grandmother Catherine's birthday.

Moses Matthew Edward Gordon is finally here! He was born on December 22 at 12:51 pm. He weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 22 inches long. Moses' mother & father are Miranda & Matt. Both of his big sisters, Ella and Nina, are excited about their new baby brother. Congratulations to the whole family!

Prayers For

Lucille Battin, she is in the Salem Hospital with back pain due to a fracture.

Jenna Hermann, recovering from an appendectomy.

Bill Martins, now recovering at Providence St. Benedictine in Mt. Angel.

Elva Smith, recovering a fall and neck fracture.

Condolences

Toni Conover passed away on December 30. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her family.

Her memorial service is on Saturday, January 9, at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Welcome New Members

Are warm welcome to are newest members.

Annette Galicia, who regularly attends the 9:30 service came forward to unite with our congregation on January 3.

At the 11:00 am service Marsela Ezekias came forward with her son Derrick. Marsela made her confession of faith and was united with our church.

Heavenly Hats Wrapped Up

Over 354 hats and scarves were donated and given away. Thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ who donated. We really appreciate everyone's participation and enthusiasm. It brings tears to my eyes and warmth to my heart.

Donations went to:

Family Building Blocks, Somonka House, Union Gospel Mission, Labish Elementary School (the whole school, Yeah!), HOME, Interfaith Hospitality Network, and to Pastor Bob to give to whomever needed to be warm.

P.S. this does not include what is on the mitten tree!

Love,
Patricia Robbins

Mark Your Calendars

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

Wednesday, January 13
12:00 pm, Parlor

Craft Day

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

Chili Cook Off Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, January 17
12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

Church Office Closed

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 18

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 19
6:00 pm, Parlor

Baby Shower for Moses Gordon

Sunday, January 24
2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



Rebuilders Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, January 26
12:00 pm Chapel
This is a support group for any and all who are rebuilding from any life experiences.

2nd Annual Movie Evening

Tuesday, January 26
6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
See page 6 for more details.

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 Hospital. Questions: Call Lois Kinkaid, 503-362-6594.

Cabinet Retreat

Saturday, January 30
10:00 am, W. Salem Roth's

Discover FCC

Sunday, January 31
12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
See page 2 for more details.

CWF Book Sale

Saturday, February 6
9:00 am-3:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Now is the time to bring in your books, DVDs, CDs, videos, games that you want to donate.
See page 6 for more details.

Board Meeting

Sunday, February 7
12:20 pm, Fellowship Hall

Youth Super Bowl Fundraiser

Sunday, February 7
Order food for your Super Bowl party through the FCC Youth! Pick it up after church! Forms will be available January 17.

YMCA Family Night

Sunday, February 7
6:00 pm

First Aid & CPR Training

Saturday, February 13
9:00 am-2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
This class is open to the congregation and will certify you for two years. The cost is \$25 per person. To sign up or for more details, call the church office.

For Our Children & Youth

A Little Light from Laurie

Happy New Year!

In Children's Church for the 1st -5th grade this week, the children spent some time discussing their Christmas presents and favorite Christmas memories. It was a lively discussion, though with eyes flashing brightly, arms and hands waving in excitement as they each described their new toys and gifts. They even talked over each other in order to be the next to tell about their Christmas joys.

Once we got past all the foo-foo wrapping, and down to the core of the discussion, it became a little quieter. I asked, "what did you do to celebrate Jesus?" After a few minutes of awkward silence, one child spoke up "we gave gifts to others like God gave Jesus to us!" That broke the silence and many began describing the gifts they gave as well.

When everyone had shared as much as we had time for, I told the children that Christmas is not over yet. You should have seen the looks on their faces..."IT ISN'T?!" And of course there were a few disagreements. I explained that Christmas is in all of us and it's up to us to share the gift God gave us.

We left our discussion with an assignment: to honor the gift of Jesus in some way this week by being nice to siblings, or not arguing with parents or teachers, or helping someone in need or just doing something nice for someone else.

Ask your kids and together we can all share God's gift with others this week, this month and even in this new year!

Have a blessed 2010,
Laurie

Update: JYF Game Day coming up soon.
Stay tuned for more information.

Youth Updates:

- Mandatory Parent and Youth Meeting on Wednesday, January 13, in the Youth Lounge at 6:45 pm. Big news will be shared it is VERY important that you be there!
- CYF Snow Rally Youth, please be at the church on Friday, January 15, at 4:30 pm to leave for Hood River. Make sure you have money for dinner on the way and lunch coming home.
- All mission participants- The Chili Cook Off is on Sunday, January 17. Please be at the church at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to help set up. Plan to stay until 2:00 pm for clean up.
- CYF Youth- Mark your calendars. Silverton Prom is coming. Forms will be in the mail this week. The dates are February 6-7. Can't wait to receive your forms.
- Chi Rho Youth- Mark your calendars. Chi Rho Mid Winter is just around the corner! Forms to come later this month. The dates are February 19-21. Hope to see you all there!

Youth Super Bowl Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser is on Sunday, February 7.

Order food for your Super Bowl party through the FCC Youth! Pick it up after church! Forms will be available on January 17.



Close to Home and Around the Region

CWF Book Sale

We need your books, games, puzzles, videos, CDs, DVDs and tapes for our annual sale. Please bring these donated items to the Fellowship Hall as soon as possible, so they may be sorted for the sale!

Set up– Friday, February 5, from 12:00-5:00 pm

Book Sale– Saturday, February 6, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall

Proceeds go to Christian Women's Missions Projects.

Contact Judy Erickson at 503-362-5389 or cell ph# 503-798-5455.

Come to The WOW

(The Way on Wednesday)

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

January 13 Schedule

- 5:00-6:00 pm Walking Group– Chalice entry
 - 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner, Diner Style Meatloaf, Vegetarian *Mmmm-Loaf* 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

January 20 Schedule

- 5:00-6:00 pm Walking Group– Chalice entry
 - 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner, Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheesy Ziti 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

An Evening with Julia

We are going to experience the 2nd Annual Movie Evening.

MOVIE: "JULIE AND JULIA"
 ON: TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
 IN: FELLOWSHIP HALL
 TIME: 6:15 PM
 COST: FREE



PLEASE BRING YOUR VERY SPECIAL HORS D'OEUVRE TO SHARE (Something Julia would be proud to present!)

Beverages will be provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a special friend and neighbor to a fun activity at the church.

Any questions? ask Anna Russell or Allison Pfaff.

Building Dedication

Sunday, January 24, at 4:00 pm

First Christian Church in Portland invites us to a special building dedication. They are at the corner of Southwest Park and Columbia streets. Refreshments will be served.

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.

Housekeeping

Serving Sunday, January 10

ELDERS

8:30 & 9:30 am– Becky Johnson
 11:00 am– Carol Talley, Gene Clemens, Dave Holler,
 Walt Adolf, Phil Patterson

JANUARY DEACONS

8:30 am Service– Bob Adams, Joan Lloyd,
 Suzi Simonsen
 9:30 am Service– Sebastian Brown, Tara Hill,
 Cody Strehlow
 11:00 am Service– Ione Adolf, Kathy Boles, Sheila
 Dent, Sandra Gross, Debbie Hegr, Walt & Doris
 Jackson, Dave Rehbehn, Joe & Kim Resch
 Choir: Mary Ann Smith

SATURDAY FILL

Mary Weathers

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

Linda Jordan, Donna Mitchell, Shari Ridings

COFFEE HOUR

Bert & Julie Kephart & family

HOLY GROUNDS

Colleen Revello, Rebecca Revello

Serving Sunday, January 17

ELDERS

8:30 & 9:30 am– Doug Johnson
 11:00 am– Walt Adolf, Orin Bruton, Rick Ikeda,
 Craig Johnson, Wayne Smith

JANUARY DEACONS

8:30 am Service– Bob Adams, Joan Lloyd,
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Margaret Cleveland

COMMUNION CLEAN UP

Gary & Cheryl Clendennen, Bev Ikeda

COFFEE HOUR

Eileen Shinn, Jonna Neff, Laura Rolen

HOLY GROUNDS

Rebecca Revello, Sherina Walle

SUNDAY NUMB3RS

December 20, 2009

GIVING

General– \$11,946.12
 Building– \$5
 Christmas Offering– \$971

ATTENDANCE

8:30– 34 / 9:30– 62
 11:00– 282
 Sunday School– 127

December 27, 2009

GIVING

General– \$40,112.23
 Building– \$10
 Christmas Offering– \$122

ATTENDANCE

8:30– 26 / 9:30– 64
 11:00– 195
 Sunday School– 34

January 3, 2010

GIVING

General– \$9,496
 Building– \$18

ATTENDANCE

8:30– 44 / 9:30– 73
 11:00– 243
 Sunday School– 113

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Diaconate Training-

Sunday, January 10, following the
11:00 am service in the Sanctuary.

Discover FCC on Sunday, January 31

See page 2 for more details.

CWF Book Sale

Saturday, February 6

Now accepting donations.

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