



SALEM **First  
Christian  
Church**

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# THE CHURCH SCROLL

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Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am • Children's Church 10:30 am

## General Assembly Live-Stream Worship Service & Potluck



**Tuesday, July 15 at 5:00 PM**

**Albany First Christian Church  
432 Ferry St SW, Albany, OR, 97321**

Enjoy In-Person Live-Stream Viewing and Potluck with your DOC neighbors in Albany. Preachers for Tuesday evening include:

**Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens** serves as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

**Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins** served as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 2005 to 2017.

**Rev. Dr. Richard L. Hamm** served as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 1992 to 2003.

**Rev. John O. Humbert** served as Deputy General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 1977 to 1985.

[RSVP Online Here](#), or email the church at: [fccalbany@comcast.net](mailto:fccalbany@comcast.net). Please include your name, how many are attending, and what you plan to bring for the potluck.

**Find this and other live-streamed Assembly events [HERE](#).**



*Champoeg State Park*



**Regional Church Picnic • July 26**

**11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Champoeg State Park**

(8239 Champoeg Rd. NE, St. Paul, OR, River Site #1)

Potluck Lunch begins at 12:00 Noon

Bring a dish to share.

Sponsored by the New Church Ministry Team.

Parking Pass provided at the picnic site.

Please bring camp chairs if you like.

Chicken, beverages and tableware provided.

Worship with communion.

Enjoy fun games.

RSVP by July 21 to help with food and parking passes – Email the Regional Office at [officeadmin@oidisciples.org](mailto:officeadmin@oidisciples.org), call the Regional Office at 503-226-7648, or contact Bernice Rivera at [bercintro@comcast.net](mailto:bercintro@comcast.net).

*... where love leads community*

**Pastor's Message from  
Co-Senior Minister  
Matthew Harris-Gloyer**

On Thursday, our family travels to Memphis, TN, for our denominational General Assembly ("GA"). We are looking forward to spirit-filled worship, theological reflection with speakers and workshops, and broadening our understanding by engaging with the "Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolutions." A Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution is an expression of the General Assembly concerning a moral, ethical or religious matter confronting the church, the nation or the world. Should a Resolution be adopted, it is nevertheless non-binding upon the local congregations.

Rather, an adopted Resolution is recommended to be studied, prayed over, and discussed within congregations. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is unique among denominations in that authority resides primarily with the congregation. The General Church cannot impose its will, or even the Resolutions, upon Regions or Congregations. This style of governance emerges from a core Disciples identity of every individual's right of access to the Gospel. It is our fundamental desire to be a biblical people and an interpretive people. The membership of local congregations is expected to read and interpret scripture for the living of these days, engaging with the moral, ethical and religious matters that confront church and world.

Some Resolutions may be perceived as controversial. When engaging in controversial topics, and in a Church of such grand and glorious diversity, it is essential to recall our denominational values so that our passions do not overwhelm our compassion and unity. Those values are:

- Jesus is the Christ, son of the Living God, and our Savior



- Open Table
- The call to ministry that is on every Disciple
- The love of unity
- The practice of the justice of God

Find the Values, Mission Imperatives and Covenant on [page 4 here:](#)

A sampling of the GA Resolutions are below. We invite SFCC to be praying for those gathering at GA for

wisdom and discernment. Upon our return we intend to host a brown bag lunch discussion about all of the Resolutions.

[GA-2512 – Silver Chalice Designation](#)

[GA-2513 – Disability Justice](#)

[GA-2514 – Regarding Gender-Based Violence](#)

[GA-2515 – Opposing Project 2025](#)

[GA-2516 – Disciples Peace Fellowship](#)

[GA-2520 – Self-Determination of Canada](#)

Find the full list of [Resolutions and descriptions here.](#)

*Pastor Matt*

### **Something NEW is Happening!**

The Teaching Ministry Team has identified a need in our community, and we are dedicated to addressing that need!

Often because a large portion of our congregation is retired, we forget about those among us that are still in the work force that need to be spiritually fed during the week. Therefore, in discerning that ALL of our congregation needs to be spiritually fed and the desire to attract new people and young families to our place of worship, we are starting an evening inductive Bible Study this fall. Leanne Griffin has volunteered to be a co-leader; we are looking for someone to be a co-leader with her. Please pray about this need and contact Leanne if you feel led to share God's love through the study of his word with her. You can find her contact information in our latest pictorial directory!





**Happy  
Birthday**

**July 10-23**

Arty Day.....	July 10
Orin Bruton.....	July 11
Lori Mason.....	July 12
Faith Coleman.....	July 17
Joyce Pierce.....	July 18
Audrey Hirsch.....	July 19

**July 13 Flowers**

*Joe & Kim Resch  
celebrating their 39th  
Wedding Anniversary.*

**July 20 Flowers**

*Mildred Webb celebrating  
her daughter's (Joyce Pierce)  
Birthday*



**Worship Attendance**

June 29	in-person	online
8:30 .....	19	
10:30.....	114.....	193
July 6	in-person	online
8:30 .....	19	
10:30.....	74 .....	92

**Prayers For ...**

**Leslie Carlisle**, chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer

**Margaret Cleveland**, health concerns

**Susan Crom**, chemotherapy

**Joyce Frame**, healing from nerve surgery

**Teri Garland**, healing and pain management from two trigger-fingers surgery

**Ilene Kemper**, recovering from a fall

**Lois Kinkaid**, healing from a kidney procedure

**Gene Pilcher**, at Sweet Bye-N-Bye—Coral Ave

**Mike Stebbins**, healing from heart surgery and pneumonia

**Loyst Streeter**, healing from broken ribs

**Terry Witter**, hospitalized with a serious UTI

**Condolences**

**Bobbi Trott** passed away on June 24. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her family.

If you wish to mail a sympathy card to the family (her children: Jill, Jackie and Jim), please mail the card to: Jill Robles, 7076 Ridgemoor DR N, Keizer OR 97303

**Nellie Watson**, passed away on July 7, at the age of 104. Our sympathies and prayers go out to her niece, Tammy and Russ Colgan, and the rest of Nellie's family.



**Save the Date • All Church Picnic  
Sunday, August 17  
River Road Park in Keizer**

## Mark Ridings Retirement Farewell

If you were unable to attend our June 29, Sunday Worship service, please watch it online. What an AMAZING day to celebrate one of our dedicated, retiring staff – Mark Ridings! Following the 10:30 am worship service, we held a Summer Picnic Celebration Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall with 90-plus in attendance. We came together to listen to people share memories of Mark (and Shari – I mean, they’ve been a couple for 47 wedded years!).

Many things stood out, but most importantly from Mark ...

1. “My humanity changed when I took this job.”
2. “Be kind to my wife, Shari, while I’m away for 90 days. I am fine and doing well, so you do not need to ask her that question. I will be back!”



Several made this celebration happen as it is ALWAYS BECAUSE OF YOU we can celebrate life together!

Oh and P.S.

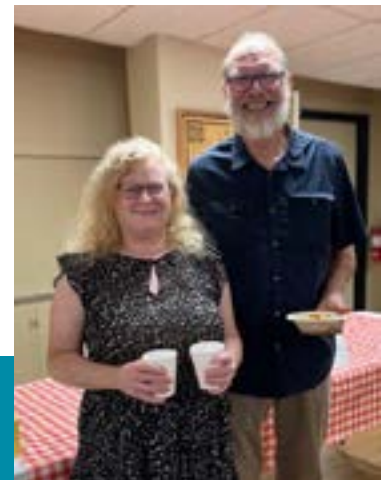
*If there's something weird  
And it don't look good  
Who you gonna call?  
Not Mark Ridings!*

*When the toilets clog  
And they overflow  
Who you gonna call?  
Not Mark Ridings!*

*If you're seeing things  
Running through your head  
Who can you call?  
Not Mark Ridings!*



*"Remember, church,  
when Mark returns,  
he will be an  
Ordinary Person  
in the pews."*



**Dear Friends,**  
**Thanks for showing your love and support in this current life transition. Thank you so much for the generous love offering. Shari and I are saving all gifts towards a trip.**  
**One love, Mark**





## Farm To Fork Class

**August 9 from 10 am - 1 pm**

For the final certification process of the **Green Chalice Team**, we have two achievement goals:

1. Learn about the care for land from farmers and gardeners (tour of land stewards)
2. Learn about and serve local foods at meals

We have combined these two goals into one educational and culinary event offered by **Chef Nate Rafn**. The day's agenda is as follows:

- Tour of Minto Island Growers farm; discussion with co-owner, Elizabeth Miller
- Purchase local foods; return to Salem FCC kitchen for instructions/techniques in preparation and cooking local foods
- Sit-down lunch

Cost: \$40 per registrant

If interested, complete a registration form at the Information Center by August 1.



## Snack Bag Ministry

Our neighbors in need are being well fed this summer. Leftover box lunches and cobbler lit up those that were so hungry. Protein bars and snacks are always good to add to our bags as well. We asked for socks and your generosity was amazing. We also had a donation of dry dog food and were able to make over 250 bags for our furry friends. Our numbers average about 40 each day with 3 or 4 hungry dogs. Thank you volunteers and faithful church family. You are all welcome to share the joy in serving others.

*Blessings always, Marilyn, Steve, Riley & Roo Fine*

## Youth Ministry Schedule

July 17: Youth Group @ Keizer

**July 24: NO Youth Group**

July 31: Youth Group @ Keizer

**Aug 7 & 21: NO Youth Group**

Aug 14 & 28: Youth Group @ Keizer

**Sept 4: NO Youth Group**

Sept 14: Youth Group @ SALEM

Questions? Ask Pastor Matt

matthewhg@salemfcc.org, or (816)457-3160

Keizer Christian Church

6945 Wheatland Rd. N, Keizer

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP**

**Join us at camp, August 4-8 !**

There is always room at the table!  
In fact, the table is crowded!  
Join us at summer camp this year to find your seat!

## Suttle Lake Camp

Sisters, Oregon

\$450

Scholarships Available

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### Summer Events Schedule

July 15: General Assembly Livestream & Potluck  
(at Albany First Christian)

July 20: Board Meeting

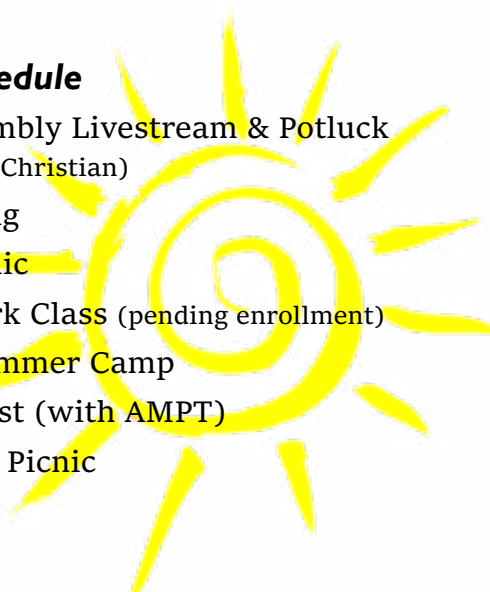
July 26: Regional Picnic

August 2: Farm to Fork Class (pending enrollment)

August 4-8: Youth Summer Camp

August 10: Summerfest (with AMPT)

August 17: All Church Picnic



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The **chalice** symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple, Andrew, is a reminder of the importance of evangelism and the ministry of each person.

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