



SALEM **First  
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# THE CHURCH SCROLL

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



## ***All Church Picnic Was a Bash!***

What beautiful weather God provided for our All-Church Picnic! If the count was correct, we had 57 brothers and sisters and kids having lunch together! Many thanks for our BBQ extraordinaires, JD and Arty Day and all who brought delicious dishes to share! The kids enjoyed their fun, messy activity! And BIBLE BINGO was a hit! The Caring Ministry Team wishes to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our set-up and tear-down team: Bob & Linda Olson and granddaughter Goldie, and Joe Resch and grandson Colton! The hands work well with the feet of Jesus!





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

### **"Smoking Brakes"**

The gas warning light blipped on eight miles ago, just as we turned onto a dirt road leading to the trailhead. The gas station I intended to stop at, 20 miles ago, was permanently closed. Certainly, I thought, there will be another one shortly. There was not. The air-conditioning was turned off five minutes ago to conserve fuel on this 87-degree day. Nonchalantly, I down-shifted into second gear on the wooded switchback and took a peek into the rearview mirror to see the campers oblivious to the distinct aroma that was building inside the cabin of the twenty-year-old minivan. Quietly, I nodded to my copilot, "You smell that?" They subtly nodded affirmation. Fortunately, there was a pull-off. Calmly, I instructed the teenagers to exit the vehicle.



Immediately, the natural helpfulness of these kids kicked in. One youth moved quickly to open the hood. Two others attempted to ask AI assistants, "What to do when there is smoke pouring out of your car?" One adult checked the oil and it became an impromptu teachable moment for those unfamiliar with the various vehicular fluids. By the combined powers of teenagers and adults, a plan was formed. As we waited, three separate good samaritans stopped to inquire about our welfare. To pass the time, three teenagers performed the sword fighting scene from a recent school musical with sticks acquired from the side of the road. Eventually, the smoke dissipated, the brakes having cooled, and we drove on. Led by a teenager's phone navigation, we limped into a gas station in Depoe Bay, and we all exhaled a sigh of relief.

I love this story because it reminds me that sometimes in life, we need the help of friends and neighbors to overcome challenges. At our best, being in Christian community can help everyone rise to the occasion, each one offering of themselves their skills and experiences. We are better together.

Thank you, Church, for supporting DOC Regional camping. Here are some key points from the 2025 Camps:

## **DOC at Suttle Lake**

- Theme: "Crowded Table," everyone is invited!
- 43 youth, 10 adults
- Activities: Boating, archery, hiking, excursion to Sisters, crafts, friendship bracelets, warm fuzzy notes, big field games, yummy food
- Morning and evening worship with Christian songs, keynotes, skits, prayers, and communion
- Key moment: last evening worship at the top of Dee Wright Observatory

## **Youth Collective at St. Paul's Episcopal church**

- Excursion model
- Theme: "Belonging: Noticed, Named & Known"
- 11 youth, 4 adults
- Denominations: Disciples Of Christ, United Church of Christ, Episcopal, Presbyterian
- Activities: Hike, beach, crafts, "compline" (evening prayers from Episcopal tradition)
- Key moment: working as a team to box up 2,800 pounds of green beans and garbanzo beans at Marion-Polk Food Share

*-Pastor Matt*



In addition to Salem FCC's Thursday evening Youth Group, SFCC has a relationship with the Salem Youth Collective (SYC). SYC is a partnership of multiple mainline Protestant Salem/Keizer churches. Regular school year gatherings for grades 6-12 begin in September. Events are usually 2nd and 3rd Sundays 12:30-2:30 pm. Contact Pastor Matt for more details.

## **Noticed, Named, & Known — A Framework for Belonging (for Adults and Youth)**

**Sunday, October 12 from 12:30-2:30 pm**

Salem Youth Collective gathering for youth— plus a workshop designed for parents, community members, church staff and pastors, congregants, and anyone who loves young people!



### August 21 - September 10

Teri Garland .....	August 23
Doug Johnson.....	August 24
Steve Rux .....	August 24
Tom Zook.....	August 31
Marianne DeStefano-Hill .....	September 1
Sawyer Slauson.....	September 1
Randy Schnelle.....	September 3
Eileen Shinn.....	September 3
Anna Russell .....	September 6
Mark Switzer .....	September 6
Gary Mudge.....	September 9
Judy Shuttuck .....	September 10

### Congratulations & Gratitude!

Congratulations to both Rev. Michelle Harris-Gloyer and Rev. Matthew Harris-Gloyer as they enter their third year as Co-Senior Ministers with Salem First Christian Church. This also marks their fourth year of service with SFCC, starting as Associate Pastors in September, 2021. Thank you for continuing to lead and inspire us.

### A Note from Accounting:

Your Giving Statements are available to pick up at the Information Center in the Narthex on Sunday. You may also pick them up from the Accounting Office during the week; just contact Laura Hildebrandt at the church ahead of time.

### Worship Attendance

August 10	in-person	online
8:30.....	21	
10:30.....	90	114
August 17	in-person	online
8:30.....	18	
10:30 .....	87	92

### Prayers For...

**Leslie Carlisle**, bladder infection and pancreatic cancer

**Ron Colburn**, recovering from surgery

**Susan Crom**, pancreatic cancer

**Teri Garland**, health issues, comfort and strength

**Nancy Jull**, healing of shoulder surgery

**Jonna Lee Neff**, heart issues

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

**Duane Setness**, health concerns

**Mike Stebbins**, healing for heart and vision



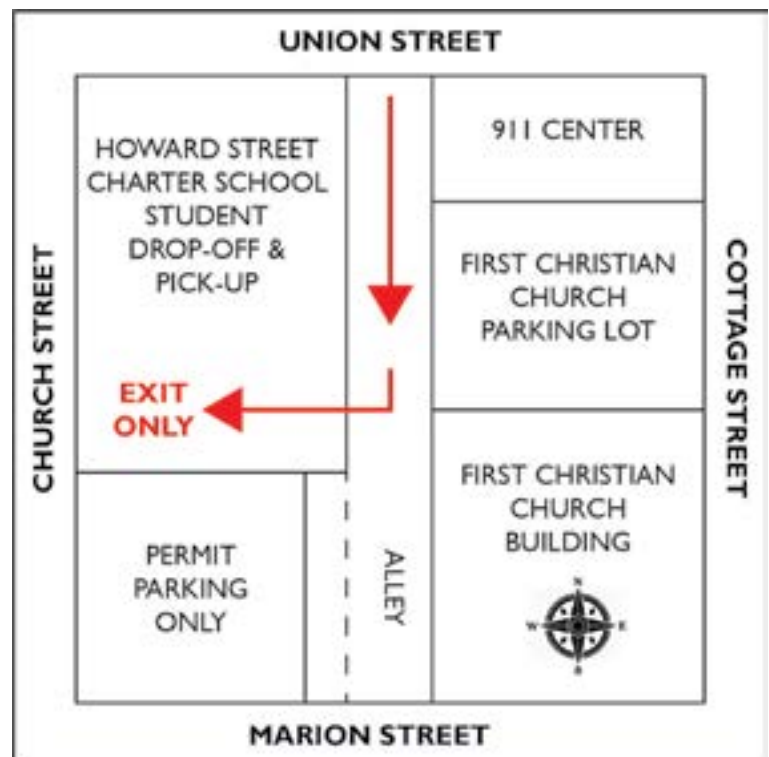
### Let's be Good Neighbors

### Howard Street Charter School Is in Session!

Please remember these parking lot rules:

School Permit Parking Lot– parking is only allowed after 6:00 pm and on weekends.

No entrance from Church ST to parking lot. You will see posts that read **No Entrance** and **One-Way**.







### **Join our School Supply Drive to benefit Family Building Blocks**

Family Building Blocks, a local non-profit organization, is providing specialized prevention services at no cost to families facing overwhelming life circumstances. Therapeutic classrooms for children is just one of the important services they offer. A therapeutic classroom provides a safe, nurturing environment to support healthy development and healing from trauma for children ages six weeks to five years. This year, our school-supply drive will focus on helping them receive the items they need for success!

**Please drop off items on the table in the Narthex by August 31.** Monetary donations to purchase supplies are also accepted and appreciated.

Thank you for helping us take care of our community! We are the hands and feet of Jesus.

*The Serving Ministry Team*



### **Congratulations, Deb Lamp!**

We have a TIMOTHY among us! Her faith's turning point started with she walked through the door here at Salem First Christian Church in November, 2013. While living in both Salem and Shedd, Oregon, Deb regularly attended the 9:30 am worship service until her return to education and her service as hospital Chaplain presented travel challenges. BUT... Deb and her wife Kiz-Marie (Mo) Lamp-O'Leary found church family with Albany First Christian Church.



Let's shower Deb's ordination with our presence, prayers and best wishes! Please join us on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm at Albany First Christian Church!** Her mailing address is: 30949 Green Valley Road, Shedd, Oregon 97377.

### **Coffee Fellowship**

Got a smile? And maybe a cookie? We are in need of Coffee Fellowship hosts and hostesses for the following Sundays: August 31; October 12 and 19. If you have not yet served, give it a try. If you have, how about serving again? This is fine fellowship, folks, and it is a simple and effective way to serve on Sunday mornings.

Call Virginia Krebs for particulars: 503 375-2821.



### **General Assembly Lunch & Learn**

**Sunday, August 24, 12:00-2:00 PM**

Presentation and Conversation

Pizza Provided or BYO Sack Lunch



Are you curious about the topics and events at this year's Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly? After the 10:30 AM worship service on August 24th, join us for an informal get-together in the Fellowship Hall to see photos and hear some highlights of that event from Pastors Michelle and Matt. There will also be time to learn more about the [2025 Resolutions](#), the process for their development, and to get curious about them within our church community.

Pizza will be available, but please feel free to bring your own lunch. Personal lunches may be stored in the basement kitchen refrigerator.

## Back-To-School Blessing

### Sunday, September 7, 10:30 am Worship

We will offer a blessing for all students, teachers, and school staff. No need to bring your backpack, although you are welcome to, if you like.

As we kick off a new school year, it's a great time to start a new morning prayer routine. Try this one:

*Morning Prayer • A Body Blessing*

*Take three deep breaths.*

*Placing your hands on each BODY PART, pray:*

**GOD BLESS MY...**

*MIND to grow wise in knowledge of you*

*SHOULDERS to help carry the troubles of others*

*LEGS to go on in hard times*

*FEET to carry your good news*

*EYES to see beauty*

*EARS to discern truth*

*MOUTH to speak encouragement*

*HANDS to do good works*

*(Give yourself a HUG)*

*ARMS to hold the lonely*

*HEART to love you and all you have made  
in the right order*

*Amen!*

## Fall Bible Study & Teaching Opportunities

Do you teach, or are you considering the possibility of teaching an adult Sunday school class? A perfect time to say "Yes!" is FCC's Fall Bible Study. This year, starting Sunday, September 7, we will be considering two Old Testament Books: Esther and Ruth. Fall Bible Study, as a church, is an exciting time when we unite our focus and dig deep into the same study. For teachers, a full curriculum of optional weekly lessons is available in the church library along with other resource materials. Please pray about your call to teach and feel free to check out any of the available resources.

~Your Teaching Ministry Team



## New Evening Bible Study Starting this Fall

The Teaching Ministry will be starting an inductive Bible study on the books of Ruth and Esther in the evening this Fall. We will be studying the two books that our Fall Sermon Series will be centered on. It will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We kick off on September 16. Please sign up on the clipboard at the Information Center in the Narthex so Leanne Griffin can prepare the proper amount of materials!

## Green Chalice Farm to Fork

On August 9, a dozen FCC members and friends visited Sally Herman's beautiful Salem farm to get a better understanding of the availability of local foods. She has a true "food forest" with trees and pollinator plants in amongst the fruits, vegetables and critters! Growing seasons, varieties of produce, and livestock care were included in the lively chatter. From there, the group returned to the church kitchen to learn from chef Nate Rafn how to use the local ingredients in four different dishes. (Along with some of his "secret" Chef tricks!) It was a delicious and informative day, and we all returned with full, satisfied bellies and recipes to share with others!

A bonus outcome of the day: Elisabeth Pierce who attended the Farm to Fork class signed up to be a member of the Green Chalice Team!







**The praise - and the temperature - kept rising as our very own AMPT Praise Team participated in the 18th Annual SummerFest gathering Sunday, August 10th.**

### **Congratulations to our Green Chalice Team and Salem First Christian Church!**

"On behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we extend congratulations to First Christian Church of Salem, Oregon, for becoming a **Certified Green Chalice Ministry**. Green Chalice celebrates the fact that you are living out your faith by caring for God's creation and leading the denomination and your community in authentic ways.

"Green Chalice applauds the exceptional work of your Green Team and your comprehensive approach to creation care. We are particularly impressed by your energy efficiency efforts, non-toxic cleaning choices and plastic reduction. Your commitment to planting native trees, sharing garden grown food and cooking classes is inspirational. Your connections with other organizations and partners reveals your commitment to collaboration and your understanding of resilience in the faces of challenges. It beautifully exemplifies how creation care and neighbor love intersect.

"We also celebrate your integration of creation care into congregational life through VBS, Sunday School classes and worship services that help connect scripture and faith with environmental action.

"Your work extending into the community shows how environmental stewardship becomes a powerful witness and community-building tool.

"The impact your Green Team can make within your congregation and the community in Salem will be profound and not only serves to care for creation in your church and town but will also serve as an

example and witness for creation care for others.

"... We look forward to hearing about the new things that First Christian Church is doing as you continue your journey to support our sacred planet and love our neighbors. May your journey be blessed."

*Grace and Peace, Rev. Carol Devine and Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri, Co-Ministers, Green Chalice*

### **Green Chalice Team — A Creation Care Ministry**

**We covenant to:** Worship God with all creation and pray for the healing of the earth, rest in God's good creation and invite others to delight in nature.

**Psalm 145:13** "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations."

**A Workshop: "Beginning a Journey to Eloheh,"** will be held **August 30, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**, at the First Congregational Church UCC (across Marion Street) provided by renowned indigenous scholars and activists Randy and Edith Woodley. They will delve into the ten core values of the **HARMONY WAY**: harmony, respect, accountability, history, humor, authenticity, equality, friendship, generosity, and balance. The **WAY** is shared across more than 45 indigenous nations and offers a path toward personal well-being, community healing, and ecological justice. This workshop is an invitation to rethink our relationship with the Earth, reconnect with ancestral teachings, and cultivate a life of balance and purpose. Lunch and snacks are provided. Cost is \$25 or what you are able to pay. To reserve a spot, contact: 503-363-3660 or [office@uccsalem.org](mailto:office@uccsalem.org).

### **Community outreach with the Environmental Faith Network (EFN) and SOLVE**

Green Chalice Members have joined with EFN (eight different faiths in Salem) to combine efforts to care for creation! This is an ecumenical project to work with SOLVE to "clean up" Minto Brown Park area. **Saturday, October 4, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.** Arrive at 9:30 am at the Picnic Shelter. (All equipment is provided.) **Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm** in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the whole of creation. This caring project is for all ages, and youth are especially encouraged to participate! **If you can volunteer with this project, please notify Gene or Rosealee Clemens.** Eight different denominations/faiths will be participating.





## CWF Annual Rummage Sale

The Annual CWF Rummage Sale, our biggest missions fundraiser, is on for 2025! We will sell items by the bag, so get ready for awesome bargain shopping! Special items in our “Boutique” section will be individually priced. The sale is set for:

- Thursday, November 6
- Friday, November 7
- Saturday, November 8
- Sunday, November 9—open to church members in the morning and clean up after the 10:30 am service

**Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, September 21.** Large items must be delivered on Sunday, November 2. Place donations in marked area in the back of the Fellowship Hall. **If you need assistance unloading your donations, please call ahead.**

We are very happy with the amazing donations that come in each year. As usual, please do not donate the following:

- NO Book Sale items (puzzles, books, stationery, CDs, etc.)
- NO chipped, broken, or items with missing parts—or missing instructions if item is unidentifiable
- NO stained, ripped, or unwashed clothes
- NO unbagged miscellaneous junk drawer stuff. Instead, group similar items in a zip lock bag.

We are looking forward to another fabulous sale to help our church and our community! We greatly appreciate all of our church members who agree to serve and help with the CWF Rummage Sale. It takes many hands to make it a success.

Contact Linda Olson with Rummage Sale questions: [lindadawnolson@aol.com](mailto:lindadawnolson@aol.com).

## CWF Kick-Off

There were 37 women having a “bee-autiful” time on Saturday, August 16th. It was the Christian Women’s Fellowship Kick-Off for 2025/26. The theme was from Proverbs 16:24 “*Kind words are like honey...sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.*”

Thank you, Linda Wilson, for our theme, decorations and program ideas. A delicious lunch was provided by our four small groups who brought salads, bread sticks, and desserts. Mary Ann Smith and Colette Tennant wrote and performed a very entertaining skit. Linda Wilson created a challenging game. Lisa Barnes performed the installation of our Executive Board Officers and small group leaders. Thank you Brian Smith and Shawn Hill for room setup. Thank you to all who came to help decorate the Fellowship Hall and to those who helped with clean-up. It was a sweet beginning to a successful CWF year of Bible Study, fellowship, fundraising, laughter, meals together, and lots of fun! Thank you to all who attended and made this a successful event!

*Bambi Rux, CWF President*







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### **Building Closed**

The Church building will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.



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Senior Minister: Rev. Michelle Harris-Gloyer

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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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