



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



## **2025 CWF Rummage Sale Missions Fundraiser**

Donations are accepted in the Fellowship Hall. Look for the Rummage Sale donation drop-off signs. **If you need help carrying your donations, please contact the church office in advance to arrange help.** The Rummage Sale runs from Thursday, November 6, through Sunday, November 9. The teams listed below are greatly appreciated and more CWF members are needed in Set-Up, Boutique and Tear-Down.

### **Sorting Team**

Tuesday, September 23 through November 6. Meets every Tuesday 9 am — noon and some Thursdays.

Joan Lloyd, Nancy Stebbins, Tina McArthur, Betty Larsen, Monique Ownby

### **Publicity Team**

Linda Olson, Joyce Richter

### **Set-Up Team**

Sunday, November 2, 11:30 am. Set-up tables and table signs for the sale, move marked boxes of rummage to correct tables.

Rick Ikeda, Linda Olson, Bob Olson, Joan Lloyd, Dena Turner, Dennis Turner, Mindy Force, Pat Force, Tina and Bob McArthur

### **Boutique Team** (special, individually priced items)

Sunday, November 2

Linda Wilson, Arty Day, Linda Olson

CWF members will sign up to be boutique cashiers.

### **Treasurer/Banker Team**

November 6-9

Leanne Griffin with the CWF cashiers

### **Tear-down/Box up/Haul away Team**

Sunday, November 9, 11:30 am

Colette Tennant's Corban University students, Bill Charnholm (truck/trailer), Doug Johnson (truck/trailer), Joe Resch, Doug Austin, Linda Olson, Bob Olson, Tina and Bob McArthur.

Email Linda Olson at [lindadawnolson@aol.com](mailto:lindadawnolson@aol.com) if you have questions or would like to sign up.

### **Family Building Blocks**

Once again, Family Building Blocks thanks you for your wonderful generosity. We delivered 15 full boxes of school supplies! They are very grateful and the children are blessed. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

~The Serving Team



... where love leads community

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

The child is refusing to get out of the car. Crammed into the furthest back seat with a mischievous grin, the child states firmly that they are not going to school. The parent feels the frustration mount, threatening to boil over. By God's grace, a video they'd watched just the other day pops into their prefrontal cortex: "pause power" is not just for kids, it's for grownups too. Taking a deep breath, the parent shows the child that everything is going to be okay. It takes a bit more gentle conversation and the child exits the car and goes in to school.

Millions of families have similar stories as school starts up. For all of you (parents, grandparents, teachers, aides, coaches), I offer my encouragement to keep exercising your "pause power."

I've been reflecting upon the stress and strain that many church members have been confessing to me over the last few months. Some say they feel alone in their worries, while others openly wonder where, and how, they may activate their faith in response to their deeply held moral values. I find that most often my ministry is to invite people to try out their "pause power," albeit not an answer to their questions nor a solution to loneliness. Rev. Vicki Kemper, United Church of Christ pastor in Amherst, MA, wrote a short devotional that spoke God's truth into my life, and I invite you to read it [here](#).

Rev. Kemper quotes Matthew 6:25: [Jesus said,] "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear." Rev. Kemper continues, "Telling someone not to worry is about as effective as telling them to calm down, which is to say: not at all... But in telling us not to worry, Jesus doesn't say there's nothing to worry about. Instead, he acknowledges that things are a hot mess; it's all we can do to take one day's troubles at a time."

Jesus invites us to slow down, observe the birds and look at the lilies. I read this as spiritual pause power. By noticing God's majesty in creation, we may then find our emotional and spiritual grounding. Then, we may choose with all our full capacities where we will direct our love, time and attention.

*God bless you this week - Pastor Matt*



**Weekly Thursday Youth Group** starts up again September 11, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Salem First Christian Church.

Please pray for youth group volunteers: Cindy Nelson, Ron Nelson, Steve Knox, Meno Moses, Kim Free, Matt Harris-Gloyer.

**Salem Youth Collective (SYC)** kicks off the season with a BBQ and games September 21, 12:30-2:30pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (across from Bush Park). All students 6th-12th grade are invited, along with parents / grandparents.

SYC is an ecumenical group of multiple Christian denominations collaborating on youth ministry every 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month. Please pray for this ministry.

### **Bakers' Brigade**

Create community with our neighbors at Howard Street Charter School. Provide cookies for teachers and staff.

**Bake or buy:** 16-24 cookies, muffins, slices of bread, or any "baked" item without nuts.

**Write a card or note** from our church and attach it to the baked goods.

**Deliver the baked items** monthly or bimonthly to Howard Street Charter School's front office.

Send a picture of your goods to Linda Olson. (optional)

To sign up for your preferred month as a volunteer baker see the Serving Team bulletin board.

### **Bakers' Brigade Volunteers (to date):**

September 2025: Linda Olson

October 2025: Arty Day

November 2025: open

December 2025: Bev Ikeda

January 2026: open

February 2026: Faith Janney

March 2026: open

April 2026: open

May 2026: open

June 2026: open



Thank you, Bakers!





### September 11-24

Clyde Weir .....	September 11
Colette Tennant .....	September 15
Carole Adams .....	September 16
Chuck Kinkaid.....	September 16
Doug Austin .....	September 17
Allan Cleveland .....	September 17
Cecilia Larson .....	September 17
Shari Ridings.....	September 19
John L. Warren III .....	September 19
Mason Agee.....	September 19
Nancy Vowell .....	September 20
Gaylon Bledsoe.....	September 21
Patience Fussner .....	September 22
Stephanie Fussner .....	September 24

### September 14 Flowers

*Courtesy of  
Steve and Bambi Rux  
in celebration of their  
50th Wedding Anniversary!*



### Prayers For...

**Leslie Carlisle**, pancreatic cancer

**Allan Cleveland**, sciatic vertebrae surgery  
September 15

**Ron Colburn**, recovering from surgery

**Susan Crom**, pancreatic cancer

**Gary Frame**, healing from being hit by a car

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

**Duane Setness**, health concerns

**Mike Stebbins**, hernia surgery September 22

**Ed Vawter**, recovering from surgery

### Memorial Service for Bobbi Trott

Saturday, September 20

1:00 pm in the Sanctuary

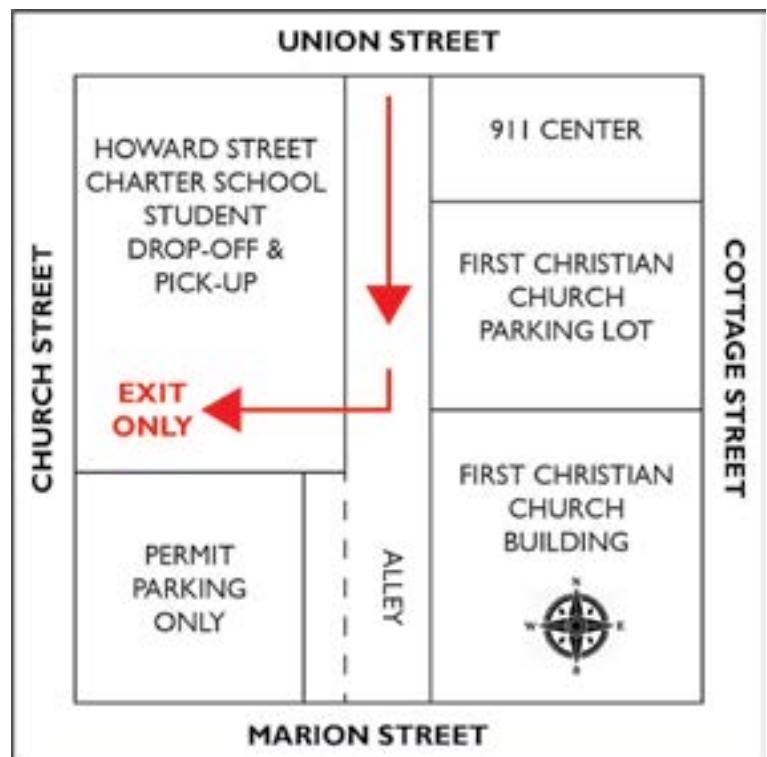


### Let's Be Good Neighbors

Howard Street Charter School is In Session

Remember:

- School Permit Parking Lot– parking is only allowed after 6:00 pm and on weekends.
- No entrance from Church St. to parking lot. Posted as “No Entrance” and “One-Way”.



### Worship Attendance

August 24	in-person	online
8:30.....	15	
10:30.....	70	146
August 31	in-person	online
8:30.....	15	
10:30.....	92	142
September 7	in-person	online
8:30.....	19	
10:30.....	107	83

## 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 19:1: The heavens declare God's glory, and the sky proclaims His handiwork.*



On August 24 many congregants learned about the Co-pastors' recent trip to the Disciples General Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee. They shared highlights of their experience, and also brought to our attention a number of 2025 Resolutions, many concerned with human rights and justice. One major goal of the Green Chalice Certification deals with community outreach, justice, and advocacy for creation care policies at local, state or federal levels. Many of the Resolutions we examined on August 24 dealt with real issues that are of concern in the community. Joining with other faiths and organizations makes a stronger impact upon those making important decisions about the future.

One way to make an impact upon all issues threatening God's creation is EDUCATION.

Here are training sessions to consider to make a positive difference in our future:

### Ecumenical Climate Ambassador Training

September is the Season of Creation and Disciples are partnering with Blessed Tomorrow and eight other denominations to offer this free climate training LIVE online. Join us for a **Christian Climate Training on September 27, 2025 from 8:30 - 11:30 am**. You may also take the training on your own schedule alone or with a group. [Register here.](#)

**Saturday, November 16, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Green Chalice has 100+ Trained Climate Ambassadors leading in their churches and communities. ([Learn more here.](#))

### Salem FCC is approved as a Certified Green Chalice Ministry!

The Green Chalice Team applied for this certification, outlining all of the goals achieved in five different categories of "practices" in our church related to creation care: 1) Building/Office Practices; 2) Ground/Property/Restoration/Conservation; 3) Worship and Education; 4) Community Outreach/Justice/Advocacy; 5) Resilience-Disaster Preparedness/Climate Anxiety/Grief Care.

What you should know as members of this

congregation is that many of the points counted toward this certification were credits given for the decisions that have been made for many years that reflect concerns for safety, conservation, community outreach, worship and education. So congratulations goes to you who served in leadership positions for these many years! Thank you!

### Community Outreach - with the Environmental Faith Network and SOLVE

Saturday, October 4, 9:30-1:30

Meet at Minto Brown Dog Park at 9:00 am to sign in.

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.

All equipment is provided. A lunch is 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.

Please join in this project of caring for our community and creation. **See the bulletin board to sign up or contact Rosealee Clemens (503) 508-4231, or by email at: [rosealeeclemens@yahoo.com](mailto:rosealeeclemens@yahoo.com).**

### Patience Fussner received her PIN!

As some of you will recall, when you recited from memory the Lord's Prayer, you would be "pinned" for this huge accomplishment from Mrs. Lucille Battin. Mrs. Kim Resch continues this practice to this day!

"It was my honor to hear Patience (aka PJ) recite the Lord's Prayer all by herself! When you see her, give her some love, too. Here's her PIN!"





## Books and Backpacks for Children in Kenya

Nduta Nyoro-Cayton is collecting donations for school children to send to an operational centre located at Emannyonyi in Bunyore, Western Kenya.

Collecting for male and female students, ages 6-16.

Items may be used, in good condition, or new:

- Backpacks—Elementary to high school
- Books—Toddlers to high school (i.e., story books, drawing books, coloring books, chapter books, children's magazines, religious books, etc.) Please no text books.
- Crayons and Colored Pencils are welcome.

**Drop off donations at the church office by Sunday, September 14.**

Gratefully, Nduta



## CHECK IT OUT!

A book for our times by Ruth Fletcher has recently come to my attention: **“THRIVE, Spiritual Habits of Transforming Congregations,”** a book to help us navigate the changing times.

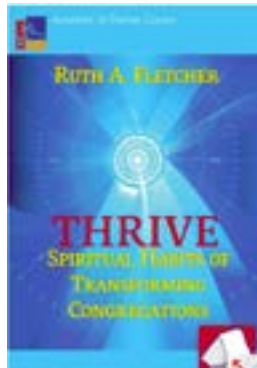
At SFCC we have done studies on practicing Spiritual habits as an individual but Fletcher shows that practicing Spiritual habits as a church might show us new ways of seeing the world around us. One sentence in the introduction caught my attention and seems to be the thrust of this book:

*“Transforming congregations allow themselves to be changed by the power of the Spirit into new creations capable of telling an old story in a way that is relevant to a new time.”*

The author, Ruth Fletcher, is a minister in the Christian Church (DOC) and a regional minister of the Christian Church in Montana. She bases this book on her personal experience and research of Protestant churches across the country. She uses stories from churches as well as stories of Jesus' ministry to illustrate the Spiritual habits of transforming congregations.

Do Check It Out!

~Betty Charnholm, Librarian, “For the Glory of God.”



## Mid-Week Adult Bible Studies Begin

**Tuesday Evenings** at 6:30 pm in the Library. Starting September 16—focusing on the Books of Esther and Ruth

**Thursday Mornings** at 10:00 am in the Library. Starting September 18—focusing on the Book of John

**Friday Mornings** at 10:00 am in Room 305. Starting September 19—focusing on the book “Outlive Your Life” by Max Lucado based on the Book of Acts calling us to make a difference in the world



## Church at the Park

The FCC Teaching Ministry has been considering opportunities to provide adult life-long learning within our church and in our connections to our community and our world. As part of this goal, the Teaching Ministry Team will be hosting two tables at the Church at the Park's “Welcome to the Table” story-telling event Thursday, October 15, in the Spinning Room, 3rd floor of the Mission Mill.

A sign-up sheet will be at the Information Center in the Narthex beginning September 14. You may reserve a seat at the breakfast which opens at 7:30 am and the program begins at 8:00 am. Or, you may reserve a seat at the lunch which opens at 11:30 am with the program beginning at 12:00 noon.

Come to the table and learn more about Church at the Park and their mission to create safe and supported shelter spaces leading to stability and positive transitions and to foster a community where everyone belongs. [Learn more here.](#)

## Recycle Opportunity for Corks

Save your bottle corks and bring them to FCC for recycling. A carafe is located on the donation table near the Chalice entrance. Just drop them in. The corks will be delivered to Willamette Valley Vinyard and donated to artists for various projects.

FCC Green Chalice Team



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### **Name Tags**

As we enter a new season and begin our fall Bible studies it would be great if we could renew our efforts to wear our name tags. (Name tags are located in the Narthex on the magnetic board.) If you need a name tag, advise Melissa Houston or Rosealee Clemens. This small effort can assist with a welcoming opportunity. Thank you.

*Rosealee Clemens, Welcome Ministry Chair*

*address label*

### **Salem First Christian Church Staff**

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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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