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



Fellowship of the Towel – Carol Talley

To my precious FCC family, I am truly honored to have been blessed by you with the Fellowship of the Towel. What an amazing gift of love! So many of you do so much in service to our Lord; Hebrews 6:10 promises that the Lord sees and will not forget all you do. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this blessing, and most of all for helping me grow in faith over these years we have worshiped and served together.

Sincerely, Carol Talley



CWF's Annual Rummage Sale Missions Fundraiser November 6-9

Prayers have been answered! Concerns of not having enough rummage for a huge, successful sale are gone. A moving truck filled with Bruce and Judy Gilbertson's home goods from a downsizing move were delivered to the church on Friday, October 17.

A big thank you to Doug Austin, Doug and Lorna Johnson, Cindy Nelson, Joyce Zook, Penny Blackwell, Joan Lloyd, and Arty Day for helping with loading and unloading furniture and boxes for our Rummage Sale. Thank you, Bruce and Judy, for your help and generosity!



Every dollar earned at the sale benefits local charities. Items will be sold by the bag:

- \$10.00 a bag on Thursday and Friday, November 6 & 7
- \$5.00 a bag on Saturday, November 8

Donations are accepted by church members

for bags of items on Sunday, November 9, when the sale is for church members only. Special items will be priced individually and will be marked 50% off (or more) on Sunday, November 9.

If you need help carrying in your donations to the Fellowship Hall, please call the church office to make arrangements.

See you at the fundraising sale!

... where love leads community

Pastor's Message from Co-Senior Minister, Michelle Harris-Gloyer

Since my youth, the celebration of Halloween seems to get bigger and bigger with each passing year. I will admit, I often feel sad when I see more and bigger Halloween decorations—as though it seems to be competing with December/Christmas decor. Because I want more of the world to know **Jesus Joy!** And I want to see far less Scary Shenanigans!

Yet there is no said competition between Halloween and Christmas. So I keep telling myself to relax.

As I reflect on the world that I want to see, I try to get more curious about what is speaking to people about Halloween. The highlights can have a broad scope, no doubt. I've always loved the creativity and joy that costumes can bring. (Having a mom who sewed costumes through my childhood was the best!)

In the month of October, some folks focus on that which terrifies. While the world is scary enough on

its own, I wonder if folks who like to scare and/or be scared intentionally—feel a greater sense of control over their fear when they engage it on purpose and through play.

Because if a Halloween celebration can help us as a people to engage playful creativity, interact with more neighbors, and laugh (or even yelp or scream) through some of our fears—there's a lot of goodness there.



This Halloween, I'll be praying for creativity and community that will lead to gratitude and generosity, that will lead to hope, peace, joy, and the love of God being born into the world once again. May it be so.

-Pastor Michelle



Salem Youth Collective - EZ Orchards

Over 30 youth from seven churches strengthened friendships at EZ Orchards on October 19th. They braved a torrential downpour and endured to relish a sunny, blue sky, a metaphor of a life of faith. Among the fun were a tractor ride, corn maze, pumpkin picking and devouring “traditional” apple cider donuts. (Yum!)

Thank you, Church, for your support of this ministry that is making an impact in our city for kids and their families.

~Pastor Matt



Friendships grow stronger through overcoming adversity.



Running for cover as the monsoon approaches



October 23 - November 5

Charlotte Dezotell.....	October 25
Mary Weathers	October 25
Mindy Force	October 26
Mike Stebbins.....	October 27
Murray McNeil	October 28
Suzanne Witter	October 29

Worship Attendance

October 12	in-person	online
8:30.....	25	
10:30	107.....	182
October 19	in-person	online
8:30.....	22	
10:30	89	122

Prayers For...

- Leslie Carlisle**, pancreatic cancer
- Margaret Cleveland**, healing from knee replacement
- Susan Crom**, pancreatic cancer
- Teri Garland**, bronchial pneumonia
- Jo Anna Jackson**, recovering from a fall and broken wrist
- Gene & Shirley Pilcher**, ease of settling into Boone Ridge Senior Living Community
- Dolores Vance**, diagnosed with Type III Achalasia

Memorial Service for Debbie Hegr

Sunday, November 16

2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Debbie's loved ones in Oregon will gather during this time to honor her memory and celebrate her life.



Candy Donations

Want to add some sugary Halloween happiness for kiddos? Individually wrapped candy donations will support the **Trunk or Treat** event hosted by our DOC neighbors at Keizer Christian Church. Bring the candy to the table outside the Parlor at Salem FCC on Sunday mornings or to the church office mid-week.

Thank you!



Call for Deacons to Serve in 2026

It's time to prepare a roster of deacons for the 2026 year. Even if you've never served before, we welcome you to join the Deacon team. The duties include:

- Serving once a month
- Greeting people before the 10:30 am service and offering communion kits
- Passing the offering plates

The 8:30 am service operates under the leadership of Joan Lloyd and Faith Coleman. They also welcome help.

If you are interested in serving at either service, please contact Barbara Decker, Deacon Chairperson, at 480-231-7343, or email: DavidLDecker@msn.com.





Prayer Collage Image Cutting Session

Friday, October 24, from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Parlor

Join a small group to hang out with one another while we cut out striking images from magazines—preparing for an upcoming Prayer Collage Workshop.

More details to come on the Prayer Collage Workshop to be held January 24, 2026 at the YMCA. It will be hosted by SFCC Praying Ministry Team!

We are still collecting magazines with medium to large size photo images. Please bring magazines to the church library.



Friday, October 31st
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wear your favorite costume and join us for Tricks and Treats!

Keizer Christian Church
6945 Wheatland Rd N
Keizer, Oregon

Harvest Luncheon & Cake Walk!

Sunday, October 26 • 11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Chili luncheon provided with an optional hot dog menu for kids!

The Caring Ministry Team is hosting a **Harvest Luncheon & Cake Walk** for our church family and their friends following the 10:30 am Worship service in the Fellowship Hall. All you have to do is **Come & Enjoy** the meal which is being prepared by six fabulous cooks!



CWF Christmas Tea & Treasures

We are now accepting handcrafted "Treasures" and donations for the December 6 CWF Christmas Tea.

Please consider creating a project for the annual CWF Christmas Tea & Treasures Sale fundraiser. We are collecting handcrafted treasures, items suitable to give as a gift, and Christmas decor—now through Friday, December 5.

Cookies, cakes, and pies are needed for the bake sale portion of our Treasures Sale. Deliver baked goods to the Fellowship Hall Thursday, December 4, through Saturday morning, December 6.

You may give your donations to Linda Olson or Joan Lloyd, or mark the items as "Christmas Treasures" and leave them on the marked table in the back corner of the Fellowship Hall (by the CWF room). Linda or Joan can also pick up items at your home.

Green Chalice Minto Brown Clean-Up

Salem FCC members joined in the SOLV "Clean Up" of Minto Brown Park on October 4 (A project of EFN, the Environmental Faith Network of Salem). It was a perfect day for enjoying the beauty of nature! Ten volunteers from Salem First Christian Church joined several other Salem congregations, using bags and grabbers from SOLV. After a couple of hours covering various trails and wilderness areas, we returned with bags of trash. Recognition for the most trash found, went to Ron and Cindy Nelson, as they returned with a full packed bag of trash.

Before having lunch, Patti Sloan, leader of EFN and Susan Smith, active member from UCC, and Rev. Robin Lunn, Salem UCC led us in a St. Francis Day Vesper Service.

The Green Chalice Team thanks you for participating in this project: caring for God's earth, and interacting with other earth care teams in the community to unite and become more impactful in our efforts!

Check out the Chalice Entry "Sharing Table." Directly above it hangs our newly issued plaque documenting that we are a certified Green Chalice Congregation and Ministry. The certification was done by Rev. Carol Devine and Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri, Co-Ministers of the Disciples' Green Chalice National Program. We are the first certified Green Chalice ministry in Oregon, although several other Disciples Christian Churches are working towards their accreditation.

Next to the plaque, please find the "manifesto" describing the purpose, aims and goals of being a Green Chalice Ministry. Many thanks to Joyce Richter, Melissa Houston, and Doug Johnson for their assistance in the displays.



The assembling stage at the Minto Brown "Clean Up" on October 4. Pictured here from left to right: Eugene Zeppa, Joyce Zook, Jessica Steele, Cindy Nelson, Sandi Skoog, Bill Charnholm, Penny Blackwell, Hannah Vowell, Nancy Vowell, and Ron Nelson.

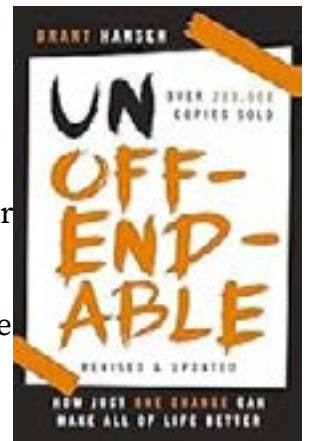
What a bunch! Ready to go....

Joyce Zook



CHECK IT OUT!

A new book is available in our FCC library this week. I found it to be applicable and helpful in this world which I, and maybe others, find to be so full of minor and major injustices. The book is called "Unoffendable" written by Brant Hansen. A major theme the author addresses is "Letting go of our 'right' to be offended and how that could be the most simplifying, refreshing, stress-relieving, life-giving thing we can do."



The author touches on many ways we can be offended, giving personal examples. Brant uses scripture to show how Jesus, who could have so easily been offended in so many ways, showed love and forgiveness instead. Quite frankly there were parts of this book which offended me, but the more I read, the more it touched my heart and my mind. This is a book you can open to any page and say, "Wow, I never thought of justice, understanding others, trusting God to be God, etc., like that!" You will find "Unoffendable" on the New Book Shelf in the library. Do Check It Out and share it with others.

Betty Charnholm, Librarian, "For the Glory of God."



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November Holiday Closures

The SFCC Office will be closed November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

The SFCC Building will be closed November 27-28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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