



SALEM **First Christian Church**

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

May & June



Highlights

Sunday, May 10..... Mother's Day

Sunday, May 24..... Pentecost and Pie Social

Wednesday, May 27 Just for Fun Singers

Sunday, May 31 Memorial Sunday

Sunday, May 31 Veterans Luncheon

Sunday, June 7 Promotion Sunday

Sunday, June 14 Discover FCC Luncheon

Sunday, June 21 Father's Day



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

All ladies are encouraged to wear your beautiful hats!

Pentecost Sunday & Pie Social

Sunday, May 24

Please join us in celebrating the birthday of the Church. Pull out your favorite **RED** outfit to show your colors for the day.

Also, there will be Pentecost Pie after both worship services to enjoy for this special occasion.



Happy Birthday, Church!

SFCC Memorial Day Sunday | May 31

Please note that even though Memorial Day falls on **Monday, May 25th**, the Church will officially honor those of our congregation who have passed in the last year on the following **Sunday, May 31st**. They will be remembered in our usual way of reading their names, a lighting of a candle and the Memorial Tree in the Narthex to add loved ones' names not honored this year.

On this special Sunday, we remember those from our church family who have passed:



Joan Behen
Ruth Hawkes
Debbie Hegr
Ward Hill
Diann Pugh
Dan Russell
Duane Setness
Bobbie Trott
Nellie Watson
Don Wells

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

Saint John Chrysostom was the archbishop of Constantinople in the late 300s AD, and is a very influential "Church Father," often quoted by the "Reformers" of the 1500s AD, like French theologian John Calvin and German Catholic-turned-Protestant Martin Luther. Here is a link of a collection of Chrysostom's homilies called *On Living Simply: The Golden Voice of John Chrysostom*.



Saint John was not called "Chrysostom," which means "golden mouthed," in reference to his famous sermons, until after his death. He was simply "John of Antioch," the city where he was born and spent much of his life. The purpose of Chrysostom's 4th century sermons is to address those "who are troubled by the prosperity of the wicked and the poverty and tribulation of the righteous." That is, he is tackling a challenge to Christian faith presented by an apparent absence of justice. He aims to guide, to "provide the remedies, self-control for the rich and consolation for the poor."

St. John Chrysostom talks about the temptations to both rich and poor. He points out that while the sins of the rich tend to be obvious, the sins of the poor are not as evident, yet just as egregious in the sense that both corrupt the eternal soul of a person and sap the spirit of Christ out of the Christian. This is not to say that rich and poor are equal in their effect upon society. Chrysostom makes distinction between simply wealthy and those he terms "greedy" who exploit the poor and by function of their sin commit theft upon many. The homilies are pastoral, as well as prophetic. In the classic sense of the term, prophetic means to provide a truthfulness that warns of the dangers of sin and invites Christians to repentance and renewal.

It seems that every era of human existence has experienced sin in the forms of greed, envy, injustice, violence, etc. On this May Day month, perhaps we might reflect how such sin has been experienced in our own lives. Where have we been greedy with our money, time or affection? How have we been envious of our sisters/brothers of such-and-

such Christian Church? Have we let covetousness creep in our hearts as we scroll Zillow? The first step of healing and wholeness is to recognize that there is a problem. That doesn't mean you are a terrible person. I invite you to allow grace to enter into your heart, consider how you might become more like Christ, and take a small step towards God in the great project of reconciliation.

I leave you with this excerpt from Chrysostom's homily, "The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man:"

"The sins of the rich, such as greed and selfishness, are obvious for all to see. The sins of the poor are less conspicuous, yet equally corrosive of the soul. Some poor people are tempted to envy the rich; indeed this is a form of vicarious greed, because the poor person wanting great wealth is in spirit no different from the rich person amassing great wealth. Many poor people are gripped by fear: their hearts are caught in a chain of anxiety, worrying whether they will have food on their plates tomorrow or clothes on their backs. Some poor people are constantly formulating in their minds devious plans to cheat the rich to obtain their Wealth; this is no different in spirit from the rich making plans to exploit the poor by paying low wages."

The art of being poor is to trust in God for everything, to demand nothing-and to be grateful for all that is given.

~ Pastor Matt



Helena First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
invites you to an
Installation Service
for
Pastor Gloria Seja

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
311 Power Street in Helena, Montana
Luncheon Following

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you,
but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*



Rev. Paul Allen, Regional Minister for the Northern Lights Region
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
will preside over the installation and celebration.





Happy Birthday!

May 7 - June 3

- Susan Crom.....May 1
- Ron Colburn.....May 4
- Stuart Tennant.....May 5
- Al Evans.....May 8
- Linda Bobnes.....May 11
- Lisa Gallagher.....May 13
- Kaiden Harris-Gloyer.....May 14
- Pat Force.....May 14
- Vern Wolford.....May 18
- Doug Wilson.....May 19
- Bill Charnholm.....May 20
- Betty Larsen.....May 20
- Pat Salas.....May 20
- Steve Fine.....May 21
- Jessica Steele.....May 21
- Stanley Rux.....May 24
- Doris Jackson.....May 27
- Colton Prater.....June 2
- Bennett Bilderback.....June 3
- Jordan Melzer.....June 3



Salem FCC Building Closed
Monday, May 25
In observance of Memorial Day

Serving Ministry Opportunity

The Serving Ministry committee is looking for volunteers to be a part of this committee. Serving is one of our **Seven Core Values**. As part of our worship, we serve outreach efforts and programs within the greater Salem area, our region, across the country and overseas. If you are interested in being a part of the Serving Ministry committee contact Rick Ikeda at 971-304-6480 (phone or text), or email: rtijr@outlook.com. Thank you for your considerations and prayers.

Thank You

My deepest thanks for the many prayers, cards, messages, and hugs during Dan's illness and passing. It is such a blessing to be part of a caring church family during difficult times. I am comforted knowing my precious Dan is with the Lord and is pain free.

~Anna Russell

Prayers for

Leslie Carlisle, pancreatic cancer

Robin Crom, pain from pinched nerve

Susan Crom, pancreatic cancer and bruised ribs from a fall

Nametag Reminder

Please remember to wear your nametag when attending church service. Thank you!

~Rosealee Clemens, Welcoming Ministry Chair

Flowers

May 3

The Crom Family
in honor of Ron Crom's Birthday

May 24

Bob & Linda Olson
in memory of Isaac Clark's Birthday



Worship Attendance

April 5 (Easter)	in-person	online
10:30.....	150.....	261
April 12	in-person	online
8:30.....	23	
10:30.....	58	188
April 19	in-person	online
8:30.....	26	
10:30.....	79	141
April 26	in-person	online
8:30.....	19	
10:30.....	94	187
May 3	in-person	online
8:30.....	18	
10:30.....	84	127

Easter Events Were Well-served and Well-attended!

From the Easter Cross floral arrangement, to the kids' activities, and serving the Union Gospel Mission Easter Breakfast—We Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who helped make our Union Gospel Mission Easter Breakfast a success—we appreciate all your generous donations.

Shout-outs to our volunteers who came EARLY Sunday morning to cook and serve a delicious breakfast to 132 guests at the Mission: Pat Force, Dennis Turner, Kelly Strachan, Rick Ikeda, Betty Charnholm, Teri Garland, Faith Coleman, Cheryl Clendennen, Sandi Skoog, Bob Olson, Linda Olson, Natalie de la Garza, and Dena Turner.

~Your Serving Ministry Team





CWF Spring Event

34 women enjoyed Tea in the Garden with Peter Rabbit & Friends at the CWF Spring Event on Saturday, May 2. Tea and treats were provided as we heard the story of naughty Peter Rabbit from Marilyn Fine, sang old hymns with Mary Ann Smith as accompanist, learned about the many accomplishments of author Beatrix Potter from Linda Wilson and were served tea by Bob Krebs, David Decker & Steve Fine. Thank you to above and to Pastor Michelle for blessing the event and the many who helped before & after...Faith Janney, Anna Russell, Barbara Decker, Carol Talley, Mary Kennedy & Faith Coleman.

Bambi Rux, Linda Olson & Linda Wilson



SFCC Veterans Luncheon & Program

Sunday, May 31, at 11:45 am
Fellowship Hall

All-Church Salad Potluck
Honoring SFCC Veterans

Program by Salem Star Valor Quilters of Oregon, who will present each veteran with a quilt.

Father's Day June 21

The Caring Ministry Team will be acknowledging our men at both services on Father's Day!

Gentlemen, please wear Hawaiian or Island shirts that day! All men will receive a Hawaiian lei as a small gift, as they enter the Chapel or Sanctuary.

Snack Bag Ministry Update!

The plastic bags we received were amazing and we promise they will be used again and again. We are now asking you to add "sorting your sock drawer" to your Spring cleaning. All are welcome except short socks. (We have an abundance of gloves, hats and scarves.) We are blessed that we're always able to provide what they need most—food and water. However, when we see those we serve arrive at the window limping, wearing ill-fitting shoes with holes and wet feet it's hard to turn them down when all they ask for is a pair of socks. Your castaways are their treasures, so thank you for sharing what you no longer need.

~Blessings always, Marilyn and Steve Fine

Save the Date!

Salem FCC Discover Luncheon is coming Sunday, June 14. Details to follow.

Just For Fun Singers Concert

Wednesday, May 27

12:00 pm in the Sanctuary

All are welcome to come and hear
"The Joy of Spring in Song."

Our own Melissa Davey is their accompanist!

Call for Graduates

Are you or a family member graduating this spring from high school or above?

Send the name, school, degree, and a next step (or hope) to Melissa Houston by May 27, and we will list your grads in the June Scroll.

If the graduate is a church member or participant, let Pastor Michelle know if that grad can be present for special recognition in worship service on Promotion Sunday, June 7.
(email: michellehg@salemfcc.org).



Northwest Christian Network in Turner

The Northwest Christian Network—formerly Northwest Christian Convention—links to Disciples roots and will meet in Oregon this summer for its 174th year. [See website](#) or contact elder, Margaret Cleveland, for more information.



Evening Speaker: Jeff Walling
Pepperdine University, Director, Youth Leadership Initiative, Office of Church Relations
Tuesday – Saturday PLUS Sunday Morning
Worship in the Tabernacle.
"Above All" 1 Peter 4:8
*Evening Session starts at 6:30 PM in the Tabernacle.



174th Northwest Christian Convention: June 23-28, 2026



Bottle Drop to Help Green Chalice!

Help Green Chalice and the environment by recycling your bottles and cans! Funds will support Salem FCC Youth Ministry.

First Christian Church now has a Bottle Drop Account. The specific Bottle Drop Bags are available in the Church's main office. The recycling box to collect cans and bottles is positioned in the corner of the Chalice entry with more recycling information. More details will be coming in the June Scroll.

Questions, contact Rosealee Clemens, Joyce Zook or Laura Hildebrandt.

Green Chalice Update

“Living our Faith by Caring for God’s Creation”

Earth Day E-cycle Success!

On Wednesday, April 22, the Green Chalice team partnering with Garten Electronics and IT Asset

Disposition services held their first Earth Day E-cycle Event.

We put out a call not knowing what kind of response we would get. Together,

we collected over 700 pounds of electronics! The team is grateful and proud of our congregation for this tremendous collection. It is truly a win-win situation for all involved. This is how your “spring cleaning” affected our community: **ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY**—None of the donated electronics will end up in landfills—protecting our local soil and waterways from hazardous materials. **SOCIAL EQUITY**—Providing jobs to people with disabilities. **ECONOMIC VITALITY**—When people with disabilities work, they pay taxes so the economic benefits touch the whole community. **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT**—Revenue generated through Garten Services is reinvested locally to expand programs, services and opportunities for people with disabilities. Thank you to our “collectors” Gene & Roselee Clemens, Linda Wilson and Joyce Zook. A special shout out to our “ad hoc” member Doug Johnson for providing his time, truck and trailer for collection and transporting over 400 pounds of electronics to Garten.



Little Habitat Garden Tour

On April 24, attendees learned the names of Lisa’s native plants she selected to mix with some ornamental plants to achieve many color spots in the landscape. After viewing the design and native plants of her garden and enjoying the fragrance of her herbs in a secluded, private section that she created, we couldn’t resist the tasty refreshments



prepared with the help of her grandson, Matt. Matt also helped with the garden beds. Lisa provided lots of information and resources to explain how you, too, can create a “little habitat” in your own small or medium-sized yard.

Marion County Soil Conservation District emphasizes how important it is to have these habitats close together to allow our pollinating friends easy access for plenty of food close to their home. The pollinators are essential in the production of people food, a good reason for us all to care for these creatures of God’s creation!

Planting Trees

On April 24, Dena Turner’s students at Stephens Middle School helped to plant about 30 trees at the Stephens-Yoshikai Park between Stephens and Yoshikai Elementary School. The students provided a land acknowledgement statement and a



history of Stephens School in four different languages in the opening ceremonies. There are now over 100 (mostly native) trees planted there to increase the canopy (shade cover) of Salem. This project is part of the City’s Climate Action Plan. Salem City officials were present to receive



recognition from an Arbor Day representative for being a 50-year “Tree City!” Everyone who attended left with a T-shirt emblazoned with this title.

~Green Chalice Team





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