



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



Our Salem FCC Children

Our children enjoyed painting outside on the porch on July 5!
The banner says it all!



All-Church-Picnic!

**Fun! Food!
Fellowship!
Games!**

**Sunday, August 16
11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

River Road City Park in Keizer

Salem FCC will provide:

- Tents for Shade • Burgers • Hotdogs
- Cold Beverages • Tableware

Members, Family & Guests please bring:

- Side Dishes • Salads • Desserts • Lawn Chairs



A Look Ahead at August and September

August 3-7	Regional Youth Camp
Saturday, August 15.....	Women's Kick-Off Brunch (CWF)
Sunday, August 16.....	All-Church Picnic
August 16-19.....	Youth Collective Camp
August 31-September 4.....	Vacation Bible Camp
Sunday, September 6.....	Back to School Blessing
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Sunday, September 13.....	"Kick-Off" Fall Bible Study
Saturday, September 18-19	Regional Women's Retreat

... where love leads community

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

I pray that the summer season is bringing you some moments of Sabbath rest and delight! Amid the challenges that don't slow down, may there be some outside time to enjoy, summer produce to eat, and time with family and friends.



A couple weeks ago, I ventured to the Oregon coast with some friends from college. We met through our "Disciples on Campus" community at Chapman University (a DOC affiliated school). Two of us now live in the Pacific Northwest, and the other friends flew from different corners of the country to be together. One friend exclaimed, "We are a miracle!" While I know we're not the only ones to maintain friendship over some decades and make a point to gather across some miles—it is beautiful to take in the miracle that it really is. Not much about our lives made it "easy" to take the time away and be together; yet, it was so necessary and nourishing.

Since I was traveling by car, I brought with me a framed photograph that typically lives in my office at church. The moment in this photo was captured by me when these same friends gathered for a beach retreat in the spring of my senior year of college. The photo has three sets of feet on the beach, at



water's edge, as the sun is making its way down. I remember being struck by the light and shadows—and the grounded-ness of those feet. It was a candid shot, taken with real film(!), in black-and-white.



Twenty-five years later, as we stood at the ocean, I grabbed my phone from my pocket and I made them pose for a feet pic.

"God, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

*You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.*

*True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction."*

Psalm 23:1-3 (MSG)

What is one tiny miracle in your midst? One old friend, one new friend, a good nature spot nearby, a taste of something simple and delicious...? Take some moments. Savor it. Give thanks for it. Recognize it as the miracle (and commandment!) of Sabbath rest and delight.

*With love, grounded-ness, and delight
~Pastor Michelle*

Salem FCC Community Prayer for August 2026

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us. Please protect us on our travels and adventures as summer comes to a close. Open our hearts and minds (and those around us) to Your Spirit, Your Wisdom, and Your Teachings. Help us to draw nearer to You. Thank You for everything.

In Jesus' name, AMEN.





Dena Turner.....	August 2
Kaylee Rice	August 2
Gene Pilcher	August 7
Annie Gunia.....	August 11
Sharon Colburn	August 15
Betty Charnholm	August 18
Lu Kay	August 20
Teri Garland.....	August 23
Doug Johnson.....	August 24
Steve Rux	August 24
Hannah Vowell.....	August 28
Tom Zook.....	August 31

Worship Attendance

July 5	in-person	online
8:30.....	16	
10:30.....	66	162
July 12	in-person	online
8:30.....	22	
10:30.....	84	208
July 19	in-person	online
8:30.....	21	
10:30.....	77	104
July 26	in-person	online
8:30.....	25	
10:30.....	76	169
August 2	in-person	online
8:30.....	24	
10:30.....	75	99

Prayers for

Cathy Austin, healing from broken hip surgery
 Leslie Carlisle, pancreatic cancer and sepsis
 Susan Crom, pancreatic cancer and sepsis
 Bruce Gilbertson, healing from hip replacement surgeries
 Bev Ikeda, heart concerns
 Nancy Jull, multiple blood clots
 Ken & Sherry Kinkaid, healing from car accident
 Noel Phillips, leukemia treatment
 Shari Ridings, healing from fall and broken arm
 Michael Schnelle, serious health issues
 Wayne Smith, healing from pacemaker procedure complications
 Mark Switzer, healing from foot surgery
 Dennis Turner, recovering from a stroke

August Flower Donations

August 2 ~

From Betty Larsen celebrating August birthdays

August 16 ~

From Kathy Boles in memory of her mom, Dorothy Dalke

August 30 ~

In honor of Susan & Ron Crom's Wedding Anniversary



In Memory of Pastor Dan Russell

Our church will be sending a \$1,000 gift to the "Senegal Fund" of Calvary Baptist Church in Brewer, Maine where Pastor Dan Russell served. This fund is from the Serving Ministry designated funds and was suggested in Dan's obituary as a way to honor him.

We will send this check at the beginning of September. If you would like to contribute to this gift you are welcome to do so by designating it as a part of your offering or as a separate gift. Thank you.

~The Serving Ministry Team



GREEN CHALICE

The redeemable container fund is at \$106!

A tribute to trees, providing shade in the heat of this summer. Poem by Drew Jackson:



THE WAY TREES BREATHE:

*The trees tell more...more about the love of God,
than most of us, made in image and likeness, the way
they give breath indiscriminately;
the way they cast a cool canopy on whosoever wills to
come and sit under their branches;
the way we cut them down to make space for things
more fleeting;
they way they still sprout, despite us.*

CWF Kick-Off Brunch

Saturday, August 15 • 11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

All ladies of Salem First Christian Church are invited to attend a wonderful "Kick-off" to the new season of **Christian Women's Fellowship**. Please come to a complimentary

brunch on Saturday, August 15, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to find out about each CWF group, upcoming events, and installation of our new officers. Casseroles, sweet breads, fruit, juice, tea, and coffee will be served. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Lazarus sisters and Melissa Davey.



Last day to sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex is August 9. Mary Kennedy and/or Sandi Skoog will be in the Narthex to help with sign-ups and getting information on diet restrictions and child care needs. If you are unable to sign up at church for the event, you may call the church office with your information.

We look forward to seeing you on August 15 for brunch. If you don't already belong to a CWF group, we hope you will soon be a new member!



2026 CWF Rummage Sale News

The annual CWF Rummage Sale, our biggest mission's fundraiser, is on for 2026!

We will sell items by the bag, so get ready for awesome bargain shopping! Special items in our "Twice Blessed Boutique" section will be individually priced.

The sale is set for:

Thursday, November 5

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

Sunday, November 8, for church members only

Our clean-up team will load up and clean up after church on November 8.

Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, September 20. Furniture cannot be accepted until just before the sale because of storage issues.

We would love to have hand-made items and foods for the boutique section of the sale. Donations may be placed in marked area at the back corner of the Fellowship Hall. Food items will be collected the day before the sale begins.

We are very happy with the amazing donations that come in each year!

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE THE FOLLOWING:

- NO Book Sale items (puzzles, books, stationery, C.D.s, etc.)
- NO chipped, broken, or items with missing parts —or missing instructions if item is unidentifiable
- NO stained, ripped, or unwashed clothes

Group small, similar items in a Ziplock bag.

We are looking forward to another fabulous sale to help our church and our community! Every penny earned is donated to local charities.

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.



“Kick-Off” Fall Bible Study

Fall Bible Study is just around the corner. Beginning Sunday, September 13, SFCC will undertake a ten-week series on the **TEN COMMANDMENTS**. The worship service messages and Sunday school classes will focus on how these ancient writings can have meaning for today. Joining the Seekers Class or the Ambassador Class during Fall Bible Study provides an excellent opportunity for discussion and small group fellowship while digging a bit deeper into the scripture. Get your fall season off to a great start by participating in SFCC’s look at the **TEN COMMANDMENTS**.

Caring Ministry

The Caring Ministry Team is seeking additional team members!

Our goal is to enhance the social aspect of our faith church community. We have two spots open for the team. Pray about it, as you might just be the person we need at this time!

For more information, please reach out to Kim Resch 503-507-7205 or Nduta Cayton 503-522-3080.



New Chairs!

We invite you to sit and enjoy the two new chairs located just outside the Parlor entry. Thanks to the “Herb Dalke” Memorial Funds.



SFCC Choir

Do you like to sing? If so, we invite you to participate in the SFCC Choir this season! Our rehearsals are from 6:00 to 7:30 pm every Thursday. The first practice will take place on September 3rd.

If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Lisa Gallagher at the church or email: lisag@salemfcc.org. We’d love to hear from you!



Sharing the Gift of Music

Please join us in celebrating Elizabeth Hirsch’s Piano Recital Sunday, August 9, 2:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Elizabeth, along with her teacher, Amy Harris, and her dad, Brad Hirsch, will be performing a variety of beautiful, musical pieces. All are invited.

~ Audry Hirsch and Orin Bruton

Mid-Year Offering Statements

Attention First Christian Members!

On Sunday, August 9, I will be in the North hallway, by the Marion Street door, handing out Mid-Year Offering Statements to church members who haven’t yet picked them up. After that Sunday, I will put the rest of them in the mail to you. We appreciate all of you who do pick them up as it saves on postage costs.

Blessings to all, Laura Hildebrandt

The Church Scroll POSTAGE

Each year the Post Office requires that we ask you to make a “subscription” contribution for the Scroll. We are asking for a minimum of \$5. Thank you.



SALEM YOUTH COLLECTIVE SUMMER CAMP

AUGUST 16-19, 2026

Overnight Lodging: St Paul's Episcopal in Salem

- Day Trips
- Ecumenical Worship
- Swimming
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Service Projects
- Lots of Fun!

SIGN UP HERE



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.salemyouthcollective.org

Check It Out!

The Library Committee is weeding out books from the library to make room for new and more up-to-date books. Weeded books are set out on the back counter, free for the taking between now and September 1st. Look for this sign!



These Books Are Leaving the Library



They are Free to a New Home.
Take One or More.

Check it out often because additional weeded out books will be added now and then.

*Betty Charnholm, Library Ministry
For the Glory of God!*



#KidsConnect

Vacation Bible Camp

Aug. 31- Sept. 4

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Outdoors on the beautiful grounds of Westminster Presbyterian Church



Registration:



**For more info: westpreskids@gmail.com
www.salemwestpres.org/childrens-ministry**

Payment:



Salem FCC is joining up with ecumenical church partners for Vacation Bible Camp! This five-day morning camp experience will take place at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, nestled in a little forested nook, just off Liberty Street in Salem. The cost is \$10 per child, \$20 maximum per family.

The children will use their brain power as they connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages! Each day includes worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, brain-building challenges, and active games. Let's build a better world filled with the love and peace of God!

If you would like to serve in a festive, faith-inspired environment with children for a few hours or a few days at the end of the summer—Vacation Bible Camp has a place for you! Contact Pastor Michelle for more information.

Westside Disciples Women's Retreat
September 18-19, 2026

DALLAS FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1079 SE Jefferson St, Dallas, OR 97338

Something Beautiful

Join us Friday night for soup dinner and a short devotional time.
Saturday activities include Worship, Workshops, and Pray and Play
(Childcare available on Saturday)

- © COST: \$40 for full retreat, \$30 for Saturday only
(\$10 discount for early bird registration by August 13)
- © Registration link scan the QR code below.
- © Deadline: September 4, 2026

For more information, please
contact the Regional Office at
(503) 226-7648 or
officeadmin@oidisciples.org



What to bring:

- © *Money for putting in blessing boxes, special offering during worship, and shopping at "One Fair World."*
- © *Your reusable tote bag, water bottle, and favorite coffee cup/travel mug.*

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10



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**The SFCC building will
be closed Monday,
September 7, in
observance of Labor Day.**



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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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