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



All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Your Caring, and Giving & Sharing Ministry Teams are hosting the annual All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner on **Sunday, November 22**, after the congregational meeting that follows the 10:30 am Worship Service.

If you are home and unable to join us, we would love to bring you a meal! Just call the church office to get on the list: 503-363-9273.

Look for the Volunteer Sign-Up poster in the Narthex to help make this wonderful event happen! Or call Kim Resch for a select spot at 503-507-7205.





2026 Harvest Festival Luncheon

70 friends enjoyed our Harvest Festival Luncheon!

We want to express a HUGE THANK YOU to those who helped make this event a success, especially our chili makers: Melissa Davey, Irene Jones, Clyde Weir, Lisa Barnes, and Barbara Decker! And a big special "Thank You" to Elizabeth Krummel for the children's activities and to our BIBLE BINGO caller, Carol Talley! It was such a fun afternoon!

~Your Caring & Teaching Ministry Teams



CWF "Gingerbread Jingle" Christmas Tea & Treasures Sale

Saturday, December 5

- Christmas Tea & Treasures Sale starts at 11:00 am
- Tea, lunch and program start at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall

Tickets are $18 and will be available on Sunday, November 15, 22 and 29 in the Narthex.

We are accepting baked goods, handmade, any kind of "gift-able" items, special home decor, and Christmas decor right after the Rummage Sale.

Bring your items to the marked table in the back of the Fellowship Hall November 9 - December 4. You may also contact Joan Lloyd or Linda Olson to have your items picked up at your home. Baked goods can be delivered December 3 through the morning of December 5, just before the sale.

Thank you for your kind generosity. We appreciate you! All proceeds from the Treasures Sale benefit local charities.

Looking Ahead at November & December

Saturday, November 14
All-Church Leaf Clean-Up

Wednesday, November 18
Taize Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 22
Congregational Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, December 5
Christmas Tea & Treasures Sale

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16
Christmas at Noon Concerts

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



Our son Kaiden made this marble run at home (with some parental assistance). The run is about as tall as he is, and it's made out of cardboard boxes, paper plates, paperboard tubes and containers, plastic cups, and a good amount of painter's tape. The outside of the structure is decorated further now by more cardboard art with recyclable washi tape.

We often hear the three "R's" in taking care of the planet—"Reduce-Reuse-Recycle." I love that almost all of our marble run came from our recycle bin. These materials got reused and "up cycled" before they will eventually make their way back to the recycling.

Thrift stores, rummage sales, and organizations like Helping Hands— are other ways of practicing reuse. Just because an item finishes its lifetime in one household does not mean that it is ready for the landfill!

Since living in Salem, I have learned about two new-to-me spaces that prevent or delay some landfill endings. One is recycling of clothing and textiles through Union Gospel Mission's donation center. Another is Marion County's Repair Fair and Share events— to bring together community members with skills to help one another fix things that need repair (and might otherwise be thrown out).

The fact that many things can avoid a direct landfill ending, does not mean that they always do, and it does not give us license to accumulate more and more material possessions. That's were "reduce" comes into conversation. Less stuff means less to manage, fewer decisions to make, and more space (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual) for what truly matters.

In addition to managing the physical stuff of our lives, we are called to be stewards of the gifts of our whole lives—with talent, time, and treasure—upon this one precious earth. We are challenged to care for these precious gifts and utilize them in ways that demonstrate God's steadfast love. What an honor! May it be so.

I leave you with this prayer poem by Steve Garnaas-Holmes:

"In Return"

What can you give in return for your life? -Mark 8.37

"In our money-made world we understand transaction.
We're ready to make a deal.
What then do we do with an incommensurate, unanswerable gift?

"What can you give in return for your life?
Only your life, full of what only you can put into it.

"Yet think of what we exchange for life.
The way we trade in real life for the feeling of being liked, or right, or safe, or worthy.
It's a cheap imitation. Don't buy it.

"Receive the gift, cherish it—and give it away.
It will be given again to you, newer, brighter, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, over and over."

~Love and blessings, Pastor Michelle

Thanksgiving Special Offering

Supporting Higher Education

For over 130 years, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made a commitment to nurturing and supporting higher education through the general ministry of HELM (Higher Education & Leadership Ministries). Through relationships with the 15 Colleges/Universities and 7 Seminaries/ Divinity Houses connected to the Disciples of Christ. HELM can continue its mission of developing and nurturing Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world.

Every November, the Church dedicates a special offering to support these institutions. The collection goes straight to the institutions and enables them to offer scholarships, expand programs, and offer assistance through faith-based services. This year's special Thanksgiving Offering will be received on **Sunday, November 15.** Please consider a generous donation as we come together to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of students. Thank you.



November Birthdays

Colton Resch ..... November 1
Brad Hirsch..... November 3
Margie Talley ..... November 6
Chuck Austin..... November 9
Rachel Krummel .....November 10
Barbara Herndon .....November 12
Elizabeth Hirsch.....November 16
Michelle Harris-Gloyer .....November 18
Carla Gifford .....November 18
Loyst Streeter .....November 19
Colleen Vawter .....November 25
Judy Gilbertson .....November 27
Laura Hildebrandt.....November 29
Dakota Jull .....November 30

Worship Attendance

October 11	in-person	online
8:30	13	
10:30	78	104
October 18	in-person	online
8:30	17	
10:30	76	126
October 25	in-person	online
8:30	19	
10:30	82	180
November 1	in-person	online
8:30	9	
10:30	77	102

Prayers for

Leslie Carlisle, pancreatic cancer

Margaret Cleveland, health concerns

Noel Phillips, leukemia treatment

Allison Pfaff, recovering from car accident

Condolences

Carole Adams passed away on October 10. Our prayers and heartfelt sympathies go out to Gina and the rest of the family. Cards may be mailed to: Gina Reynolds, 384 Woodway DR, Blountville TN 37617.

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all for your calls and prayers during the biopsy – it went well! Especially thankful for Pastors Matt and Michelle. The Elders, what a thoughtful note from all of you to find upon my return home!

~Teri Garland

Gratitude



Ron Nelson power-washed the Courtyard steps recently just in time for the Rummage Sale to have a clean looking area to gather. Many Thanks!

Happy 95th Birthday, Chuck Austin!

Chuck's big birthday is on November 9. We wish him a big Happy Birthday on his special day!

Baby Announcements

Kathy Boles became a great grandma again on October 5th. Miles Graybeal joined his brother Knox and parents Kyle and Kahli in Tennessee.

Kim Fuller also became a great grandpa to a beautiful little girl Artemisia. Her parents, Chris and Kaya Fuller, live in Anchorage Alaska.





Pastor's Class

Christian Community & Communion

Sundays, November 8, 15, and 22

10:30-11:45 am (during regular Children's Church / 10:30 Worship Service time)



I've been working up a two-part pastor's class for upper elementary kids through middle school and high school youth, and I'm excited about it! Part One will include three sessions and focus on **"Christian Community & Communion."** Part Two will include a few sessions during Lent of 2027 that will focus on **"Bible, Beliefs, & Baptism."** Participants will be invited to discern a possible journey to baptism.

This is such a special age and season of life! Young people bring wonderful questions and come to faith with more resources at their fingertips than ever before. At Salem FCC, we welcome those wondering minds and hearts into a safe space to explore their faith. We nurture their God-given roots of faith foundation to grow deeper and branches to grow strong.

Part One is recommended as a foundation before Part Two, but is not required. These sessions will take place during regular Children's Church time on Sunday mornings, during the 10:30-11:45 am time block. There will still be a Children's Church option for younger children and/or children not participating in the pastor's class.

Pastor's Class will use a resource called ***"A Place for You,"*** written and illustrated by Daniel Erlander, and supplements provided by me. Please RSVP to me so I can have enough supplies for everyone. Looking forward to it!

~Pastor Michelle

Taize Prayer Service

A Time for Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving

On **Wednesday, November 18, at 6:30pm** you are invited to a **Taize Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving**. In quiet peace, prayerful music, and candlelight we will take time to thank God with Scripture, prayer and silence. This is an opportunity to join with others in peace and prayer to give thanks to God for our blessings.

Sabbatical

Are you familiar with the term "sabbatical"? At various times during 2027, we, the church, will be fulfilling our Co-Senior Ministers' "call agreement" by providing paid sabbatical time, sometimes referred to as "active rest." We will hear more from them as their sabbatical plans draw nearer.

Every sabbatical is unique. The origin of sabbatical traces its roots to the Biblical concepts of Sabbath rest. During a sabbatical, pastors are asked to step away from their many church-related responsibilities to provide time for their own spiritual growth and renewal. As well as assuring time for uninterrupted rest and family bonding, portions of sabbaticals often include activities such as study, research, writing, and/or participating in spiritual retreats.

Sabbaticals provide benefits for pastors and their churches. For pastors, it offers opportunities for them to be spiritually, emotionally, and physically renewed, and to return to their church family invigorated. For the congregation, the pastors' time away provides opportunities for congregants to hear messages from visiting pastors, retired ministers, elders, and other lay individuals, adding variety to sermons, Bible teachings, and pastoral care. It also provides time for the church to grow spiritually by using the gifts God gives us to serve one another. After the sabbatical, the church has grown by exercising its spiritual potential and has its pastors back energized and refilled with the Spirit. Everyone is blessed!

If you have questions, feel free to ask either Co-Senior Minister Harris-Gloyer or anyone on the Pastoral Relations Committee: Betty Charnholm, Mindy Force, Ron Nelson, Steve Knox, or Carol Talley.

~Pastoral Relations Committee

Ministry Initiative Grant: Richmond Elementary Volleyball Club

Thank you for awarding our project the Salem First Christian Church Ministry Initiative grant funds. With your support we have been able to improve our Richmond Elementary volleyball club into a volleyball team!

Last year we only practiced volleyball skills after school. This year, thanks to your grant, we have been able to enroll our team into the Boys and Girls Club Fall Volleyball League and provide our students an opportunity to compete against other teams. We also were able to purchase each player a set of knee pads so they can come to games prepared with proper equipment. (The amount given was $606.78.)



It's awesome to not only see them improve in their volleyball skills, but to see them learn how to play as a team. They are doing the team cheers, celebrating each other, and building relationships. It has been great to see the support from our school community as well. Our team has been featured in our school-wide assemblies and last week we had some players and the head coach from the South Salem High School volleyball team come to our practice and to take the time to play and coach our players!

The opportunity this grant provided means so much to our students who face many barriers to participating in extra-curricular activities. Removing the financial barrier for participation gives our students a chance to gain some experience that may lead them to play school sports in middle school. Team sports help create characteristics that foster being a part of something bigger than yourself, including communication, hard work, and perseverance. We appreciate your support!

~Emily Trussell

Honoring Loss and Joy During the Holidays

NBA's Older Adult Ministries is hosting the webinar **Honoring Loss and Joy During the Holidays** on Wednesday, November 18, at 9:00 am PT (12:00 pm ET/11:00 am CT noted in sign-up). Naming sadness and finding ways to honor it can bring joy back to life. Co-leaders Rev. Lina Eddy and Rev. Kimberly Weir will provide a gentle guide through a journey of sharing about the challenges of the holidays, offer ways to find comfort in busy days, and invite you to share your thoughts.

NBA stands for National Benevolent Association, which is the health and social services ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Leaf & Lunch

All-Church Leaf Clean-Up & Soup Lunch

Saturday, November 14
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Bring Gloves and a Rake (if you have one)

Join us for a day of Service, Fellowship and Homemade Soup.

To sign up email Dena Turner at: denaturner5@hotmail.com.



Thank You from Calvary Baptist Church

From Calvary Baptist Church in Brewer, Maine:

Dear Pastor and Church Members of Salem First Christian Church,

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generous gift to the Senegal Fund in memory of Pastor Dan Russell (Anna Russell's son).

Because of Dan's ministry in Senegal, many have had the opportunity to hear the Good News of our Lord and Savior. Your gift will help to continue Dan's work with the Senegalese people and especially with our partner church in the village of Ngollar.

Please know that we have notified Dan's wife, Cheryl, of your kindness.

May God Bless. Beth Duplisea, Administrative Assistant

Green Chalice

SOLVE Clean-Up

Thanks to six of our "creation care specialists" at Salem FCC, we joined a few other congregations in the community to do a SOLVE clean-up of the Salem downtown area on October 3. Pictured here (among other participants) are: Penny Blackwell; Joyce Zook, Joan Lloyd, Kelly Strachan, Irene Jones, and Holly Lauritzen. Four teams of three-four individuals recovered approximately ten full SOLVE bags of trash from the city streets. The Salem Environmental Faith Network hosts this activity each year. A Green Chalice team representative meets with SEFN each month to plan education and creation care events in collaboration with other churches in the community.



Disaster Preparedness



Mark Wardell presenting "Disaster Preparedness" on October 6

Green Chalice Team arranged a "Disaster Preparedness Class" for our congregation, with the help of Laura Hildebrandt, our church finance officer, who is also a member of the community CERT program. Mark Wardell, who is a team leader of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and also a lead communicator and presenter of information for community groups, provided many fliers, forms, and information for class members on October 6.

Mark provided a number of key "ingredients" for being prepared:

- Build community resilience: Gather information about neighbors; what are their skills and what tools do they have? Communicate regularly.
- Assemble a "Go kit", with essentials needed in case evacuation is necessary.
- Oregon Emergency Management Program: the "2-weeks Ready Program," which has eight steps to consider:
  1. Think about, talk about, and organize ways of being prepared.
  2. Write out specific instructions for your preparedness plan; include:
  3. Food for household members and pets; where to store/check outdates
  4. Water for each person/pets; approx. 1 gal./ person/day; replenish ea. 6 mo.
  5. Handling waste: 5 gallon receptacles
  6. Where is shelter if the home is damaged?
  7. First aid supplies (beyond basic kits)
  8. Tools for valve shut-offs; methods/equipment to purify water

CERT teams are "Neighbors helping Neighbors!" When disaster hits, our local services (emergency, communications, and utilities) will be overwhelmed. CERT teams have access to "Caches" of supplies needed for emergencies. Currently there are shortages of caches in Salem. More CERT-trained persons will help to expand the caches. If you would consider becoming a CERT team member, a class will begin soon after the beginning of 2027. Laura Hildebrandt can provide details, or email: Contact@SalemOregonCERT.org.

The Salem Environmental Faith Network is interested in working on coordination of preparedness in the downtown churches—perhaps identifying what each church can offer in resilience if a disaster produces long delays and/or results in homes being destroyed.

Being prepared and caring for neighbors is a wonderful response to the commandment (one of the greatest)—to love our neighbor!



Christmas At Noon Concerts

Continuing the tradition, Salem FCC invites you to a Holiday Delight of Free Concerts! Join us Wednesdays at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary, December 2, 9, and 16.



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Shari Ridings Co-Chair
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Doug Johnson
Sandi Skoog

Elders: 2027
Orin Bruton
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Wayne Smith
Mary Ann Smith
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Doris Jackson

NOMINEES FOR 2027 DEACONS

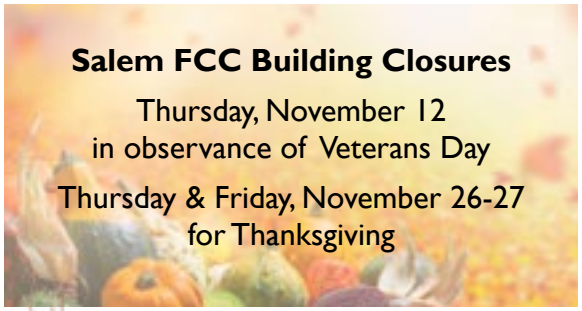
Prepared by Barbara Decker, Chair of the Deacons

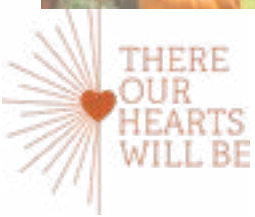
Austin, Kristi
Blackwell, Penny
Boles, Kathy
Charnholm, Betty *(8:30 service)*
Clendennen, Cheryl *(8:30 service)*
Clemens, Rosealee
Evans, Anita *(8:30 service)*
Fleming, Connie
Gilbertson, Bruce
Hirsch, Audrey
(substitute for Deacon Chair - Communion prep only)
Holler, Barbara
Johnson, Lorna
Krebs, Virginia
Lloyd, Joan *(8:30 service)*
Olson, Bob
Olson, Linda
Rux, Bambi
Strachan, Kelly
Streeter, Loyst
Talley, Carol
Tennant, Stuart
Wilson, Doug
Wilson, Linda
Zook, Joyce

10:30 service — 19 nominees
8:30 service — 4 nominees
Substitutes — 1 nominee

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Estimate of Giving cards are due November 8.

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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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