

Harbinger



A publication of Medford First Christian Church, Medford, Oregon
A community committed to love, acceptance & spiritual growth

Join us for adult Sunday school at 9am, now through March 25th. We will be exploring what Jesus' words and actions tell us about possessions. Through readings and conversation we will be exploring concepts like worry, abundance, scarcity and giving. Please join us!



Easter candy donation may be dropped off in the church office. Candy should be small enough to fit inside plastic Easter eggs.



A Prayer Vigil is planned for noon, Friday, March 30 - midnight, Saturday, March 31.

One hour time slots are available. See Pastor Stacy on Sunday to sign-up for a slot or two.

Remember to bring fresh flowers to church Easter morning. The flowers will be used to decorate the cross during worship. Flowers may be store bought or from your garden.



- Adult Sunday School, 9:00AM, library, through March 25
- Palm Sunday, March 25
- Easter Special Offering, Sundays, March 25 & April 1
- Maundy Thursday, March 29
- Good Friday, March 30
- Easter Sunday, April 1, brunch 9:00AM, worship 10:30AM, egg hunt at noon



Wednesdays through Lent, at 1:30pm. All are welcome to join in. Meet in the Pastor's office just before 1:30pm.



The Small Steps **Mystery Dinner** is planned for Saturday, April 28. Please mark your calendars now!

Daylight Saving Time begins this coming Sunday, March 11. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March 10th.





From the Pastor

Friends,

Last Saturday the women of our church and the Grants Pass Christian Church gathered together here for an event called "Pray and Play," hosted by the regional church. We were joined by regional church staff, Cathy Myers-Wirt and Liz Cronin as well as regional church volunteers, Rene Windsor-White and Debbie Harry. We had a lovely day together, praying and playing. And eating. And talking.

One of the games we played was called Spiritual Bunco. As we rolled the dice in groups of three we also shared things we experienced in abundance in our lives, areas where we witnessed grace and places where we longed for more hope. I love to play games and I love to talk about spiritual things and this was right up my ally.

My group of three consisted of three very different women, of three different age groups whose circumstances in life are very different. One of the things I noticed about us was that we have a ton in common with each other. I am often amazed at how simply being a child of God is enough to bring people together.

As we go through this time of Lent and possibly some self-reflection, let us also remember that we are in this together. We may look different, sound different and act different, but we still have so much in common with each person we encounter, simply because we are children of God.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Stacy

Silverware Wrappers

Mar. 15: Ted K.
Mar. 22: Nan & Larry M.
Mar. 29: Ron B. (5th Thursday)
Apr. 5: Ron B.
Apr. 12: Claudette M.
Apr. 19: Ted & Kay K.
Apr. 26: Nan & Larry M.

Program Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 6PM

Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 7PM
Summer Camp Scholarship Fundraiser: Sunday, April 15



Regional Assembly

May 18 & 19
Portland FCC

Mark your calendars now.
For more information go to
www.oidisciples.org and follow the links.

CARE NOTES AVAILABLE

A new resource for elders, the congregation, and community dinner guests is displayed and located on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. Titles range from topics on loss and grief to addiction, living with cancer, depression, dementia. "Take one and take heart. Give one and give hope."

Prayer Corner



Ongoing Prayers

Harrison Meyer
Kathleen Low
Dan & Elizabeth Chapman
Betty Vales
Greg Hansson
Kathy Peel
Sally Williamson
Trish Trickett

TOSS YOUR TOXINS

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off
Saturday, May 5 ONLY
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
\$5 for the 1st yard
Rogue Transfer & Recycling
8001 Table Rock Road
Questions? 541.779.4161
roguedisposal.com

What to bring:

- Cleaning supplies (like window cleaners, drain cleaners, bathroom cleaners and any products containing bleach or ammonia)
- Old pesticides and insecticides
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Weed killers not currently approved for use
- Paint removers
- Old or toxic wood preservatives
- Light ballasts
- Batteries
- Thermostats containing mercury

What not to bring:

- No paint
- No florescent light tubes
- No medical or biological waste
- No asbestos
- No propane tanks
- No anti-freeze
- No explosives
- No radioactive material
- No ammunition
- No commercial or industrial waste
- No waste in containers larger than 5 gallons
- No 55 gallon drums
- No metal canisters/fire extinguishers

Household Paint

Paint will not be accepted. Oregon enacted a law requiring paint manufacturers to safely manage leftover paints. There are a few local paint stores available to accept paint year around. You no longer need to wait for a special collection event. Go to www.paintcare.org and enter your zip code to find a participating paint store. It is suggested that you call the store before you take your paint to them to make sure they have room to accept what you have to drop off.

The Re-Use Table

Site chemists will be on hand to sort through everything that comes in - setting the "still useable" items on a special table. These carefully chosen items are yours to take - free. Stop by and see what is available.

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Invite family, friends, neighbors and
co-workers to church this
Lenten Season.

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Minister.....All the People
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Minister of Music & Accompanist.....Janet O'Donovan
Song Leader.....Kathy Williams
Business Administrator.....Katherine Goin
Bookkeeper.....Chris Peters
Small Steps Director.....Teresa Fiuren
ACCESS Pantry Co-Managers.....Denise Frelin & Buttons Cummings