

Harbinger

A publication of Medford First Christian Church, Medford, Oregon



Events

Worship: Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

ACCESS Food Pantry: Mondays, noon - 2:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Community Dinner: Thursdays, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Treat or Treat: Saturday, October 31, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

All Saints Day: Sunday, November 1.

Special Offering for Higher Education: November 8 & 15.

Church Thanksgiving Potluck: Sunday, November 22.

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 26.

Gather the Greens: Saturday, November 28.

Peace Sunday: November 29.

1st Sunday of Advent: November 29.



Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is planned for Sunday, November 15, following worship. It is very important that all church members attend this meeting, as the 2016 general budget and the slate of church officers and leaders will be voted upon. Please mark your calendar now.

Treat or Treat

This Saturday, October 31

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Safe indoor treating

Free

All children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

Costumes are optional.

Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors!

Sponsored by MFCC



2015 Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call.

The 2015 Thanksgiving Offering will be received Sundays, November 8 & 15.

Time Change

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed this coming Saturday, October 31.



Saints...those down to earth, get your hands dirty for Jesus kind of people. They live among us sharing their wisdom and light. They push and nudge with their kindness and their stick-to-it-ness. They do what seems like menial tasks at times until you discover that they are holding the other in God's care and surrounding them in love as they count noses and record items, while they hand out desserts or cook the soup. They show up at rallies to counter hate and violence. They hold babies and kiss skinned knees and hearts. They only see an honored guest and future friend instead of a strange visitor at their door or sitting beside them in worship. They pick up trash, recycle and turn off lights because they love the creation of God around them. They laugh readily and smile often. They weep with those in grief. They show up. They are extraordinary ordinary folks.

November 1 is All Saint's Day which starts a month when we pause to remember so many and so much and give thanks for each and all. For a moment, we are called to recall with delight the good souls, the cloud of witnesses who sometimes tried our patience, and for a moment graced our lives with a glimpse of God's own face in theirs. They did not necessarily do great things, but they did do "small things with great love", as Mother Teresa often said. Grateful reminiscing beckons us to pause and attend to the ways God shows up in this world in ordinary folk and invites us to join in a holy dance of beloved community.

It is also a month of savoring marvelous things that come from this good earth, and to give thanks to God that we have the brains and capacity to make changes that can assure that it will remain a good earth where its bounty blesses our tables and our spirits with nourishment and beauty. The call is a holy one that sees amidst the turkey dinners and football games a reason to sing and a reason to dance with joy.

We start with memory, infuse our life with gratitude, and end the month with Advent hope. So come, my friends, earthy saints who accompany me in this great journey of thanks-living, let's open a way to celebrate the Jesus followers who have gone before and who work beside us and to rejoice in the succulent things of earth remembering the One who offers blessing even when life resists it.

In grateful partnership,
Mary

Advent ...Christmas ...Epiphany November 29-January 10 **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Advent is coming. Christmas is drawing near. Epiphany discovery is on the horizon.

We can consider laying aside the stuff we think we have to do and focus a moment on the journey that awaits us. We can travel together along the way and listen for hopeful voices. We could practice letting wonder seep into the weariness. We can make room for joy to grow from the sadness. We can start preparing now to be on the road again with old friends, Mary and Joseph and the ragtag band of folks who accompany them.

In the next **Harbinger**, a schedule of opportunities including weekly worship and study along with congregational gatherings will be listed. An Epiphany drama is being planned for January 10, and we will be seeking from our community five persons who will practice and share as the Epiphany sermon. Soon and very soon, we will be "**On the Road Again.**"



Small Steps

Small Steps is seeking donations of child size

musical instruments in good repair. Donations may be dropped off at the center Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information speak with the center's director Teresa Fiuren at (541)774-9326.

It's Butter Braid Time!

The Annual Small Steps Butter Braid fundraiser is in full swing.

You may order Butter Braids (\$13), Puffins (\$13) or Pizza Puffins (\$14).

The last day to order will be Friday, November 6. Delivery will be Friday, November 20. You may order through the church office, Sherrie on Sunday or Teresa at Small Steps. Payment must accompany all orders. Checks should be made out to *Small Steps*. For more information contact Teresa at 541-774-9326.



Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Once again MFCC will host a free community Thanksgiving dinner.

The dinner is planned for Thanksgiving day from 2:00-5:00 PM, and is open to ALL.

Volunteers will be needed to help before, during and after the dinner. Please contact Dale & Chris Redding or Marsha & Buttons Cummings to volunteer.

Red Chalice Chicks

The ladies are planning a luncheon on Thursday, November 12, 11:30 AM, at Elmer's Restaurant, on Biddle Road.

Speak with Sally Williamson for more information.



PRAYER CORNER



CONTINUING PRAYERS

Harrison & Leona Meyer
Nina Brewer
June Hedgpath
Marge Hearrell
Elizabeth Chapman & family
Don House

Silverware Wrappers

Nov. 5: Ron B.
Nov. 12: Dan C.
Nov. 19: Marilyn W.
Nov. 26: Nan & Larry
Dec. 3: Ron B.
Dec. 10: Dan C.



Poinsettia order forms & payments may be placed in the offering tray on Sunday, dropped off or mailed to the church office. MFCC, 1900 Crater Lake Ave., Medford, OR 97504

It's Time To Order Your Poinsettia



The Poinsettias will be used to decorate our Sanctuary during Advent. You may order your poinsettia in the memory or celebration of a loved one or special event. Please fill out the form below and place it along with your payment in the offering tray. You may also drop off your order form and payment at the church office during office hours. **Checks should be made out to "MFCC" with "poinsettia" noted in the memo.** Poinsettias are \$12.00 each. The deadline to order your poinsettia is Sunday, November 8.

Your name(s): _____

I / we would like to order _____ poinsettia(s) at \$12.00 each for a total of \$ _____

In memory of: _____

OR

In celebration of: _____

Annual Cake & Pie Auction

Sunday, November 8

following worship

Proceeds to benefit the general budget.

Please join us for our action packed, fun filled Annual Cake & Pie Auction!



Bakers are asked to contact Sherrie Messer by Friday, November 6,
and let her know what delectable dessert they plan to donate.
Desserts may be homemade or store bought.

Bidders may pay with cash or checks. Checks should be made out to MFCC,
with *Cake & Pie Auction* noted.

You won't want to miss this fast paced, fun event, so mark your calendar now!

Happy Bidding!



Save the Date:

Sunday, November 22, 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, Medford

Community-wide Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Choir members are invited to join the Ecumenical Choir. Kurt Katzmer will preach. Offering will be taken for the MFCC's Community Dinner program.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon presents the 2015 Collins Lecture

The Gospel of Conquest

Thursday, November 19

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon

The annual Collins Lecture provides a forum for clergy and laity to explore contemporary issues related to religion and social ethics.

This year's Collins lecture marks a departure from the traditional lecture format. Three visionary Native American scholars and spiritual leaders will guide us in an experiential exploration of the meaning of the Doctrine of Discovery—the 15th century basis for European Christian claims to the Americas—as it plays out today in relations among church, tribe and state.

The day long retreat will be rich in music, ceremony, contemplation and spiritual growth, starting with a traditional welcome from the stewards of this land.

Legal expert Robert Miller will introduce the historic and legal background of the Doctrine of Discovery. Theologian George "Tink" Tinker, will guide us through the topic of Christianity's role in displacing indigenous peoples. And cultural historian Kim Recalma-Clutesi will weave together the ritual and the academic dimensions of our inquiry.

Cost \$60, which includes lunch and dinner. Meals will be provided by the Native American Youth & Family Center. Registration material may be picked up in the church office. Registration deadline is November 12.

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:30 a.m. MFCC-Sanct., FH, Lib., Nurs.</p> <p>10:30 Korean Presby.-CH, FH</p> <p>1:45 p.m. AA- Sanct., FH, CH</p> <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>Day Light Savings Time Ends- Set Clocks Back 1 Hour</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6 p.m. FH - Chorale</p> <p>ACCESS Food Pantry noon-2 p.m.</p> <p>FH- RV Chorale 6 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 p.m. AA - CH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Bell Choir practice</p> <p>7 p.m. Korean - CH</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice</p> <p>Elders Meeting 5 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5-7p.m. Community Dinner</p> <p>7 p.m.-AA, sanct., FH</p> <p>Silverware-Ron B.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>UPC-CH. 7 p.m.</p> <p>AA-sanct. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bill out of town</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:30 a.m. MFCC-Sanct., FH, Lib., Nurs.</p> <p>10:30 Korean Presby.-CH, FH</p> <p>1:45 p.m. AA- Sanct., FH, CH</p> <p>Bill out of town</p> <p>Cake & Pie Auction</p> <p>Last day to order poinsettias</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6 p.m. FH - Chorale</p> <p>ACCESS Food Pantry noon-2 p.m.</p> <p>Bill out of town</p> <p>FH- RV Chorale 6 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 p.m. AA - CH</p> <p>Board Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Bell Choir practice</p> <p>7 p.m. Korean - CH</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice</p> <p>Men's Lunch 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5-7p.m. Community Dinner</p> <p>7 p.m.-AA, sanct., FH</p> <p>Red Chalice Chicks 11:30 a.m. Elmer's</p> <p>Silverware-Chapman</p>	<p>13</p> <p>UPC-CH. 7 p.m.</p> <p>AA-sanct. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Mary out of town</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Mary out of town</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:30 a.m. MFCC-Sanct., FH, Lib., Nurs.</p> <p>10:30 Korean Presby.-CH, FH</p> <p>1:45 p.m. AA- Sanct., FH, CH</p> <p>Cong. Mtg.</p> <p>Mary out of town</p> <p>Thanksgiving Special Offering/Higher Education</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6 p.m. FH - Chorale</p> <p>ACCESS Food Pantry noon-2 p.m.</p> <p>FH- RV Chorale 6 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 p.m. AA - CH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Bell Choir practice</p> <p>7 p.m. Korean - CH</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice</p> <p>FH-11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Soroptimist Luncheon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5-7 p.m. Community Dinner</p> <p>7 p.m.-AA, sanct., FH</p> <p>Mary-Bill out of town</p> <p>Reiki Circle 1:30-4 PM-LIB</p> <p>Silverware-Marilyn W.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>UPC-CH. 7 p.m.</p> <p>AA-sanct. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Mary-Bill out of town</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mary-Bill out of town</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:30 a.m. MFCC-Sanct., FH, Lib., Nurs.</p> <p>10:30 Korean Presby.-CH, FH</p> <p>1:45 p.m. AA- Sanct., FH, CH</p> <p>All Churches Thanksgiving Potluck</p> <p>Thanksgiving Special Offering/Higher Education</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6 p.m. FH - Chorale</p> <p>ACCESS Food Pantry noon-2 p.m.</p> <p>FH- RV Chorale 6 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 p.m. AA - CH</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Bell Choir practice</p> <p>7 p.m. Korean - CH</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice</p> <p>Mary-Bill out of town</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2-5 p.m. Thanksgiving Community Dinner</p> <p>7 p.m.-AA, sanct., FH</p> <p>Mary-Bill out of town</p> <p>Silverware-Nan & Larry</p> <p>Thanksgiving-Office Small Steps Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>UPC-CH. 7 p.m.</p> <p>AA-sanct. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Mary-Bill out of town</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Gather the Greens meet 10 a.m. church parking lot</p> <p>Mary-Bill out of town</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:30 a.m. MFCC-Sanct., FH, Lib., Nurs.</p> <p>10:30 Korean Presby.-CH, FH</p> <p>1:45 p.m. AA- Sanct., FH, CH</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Stone Soup/Red Chalice Chicks Host FH</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6 p.m. FH - Chorale</p> <p>ACCESS Food Pantry noon-2 p.m.</p> <p>FH- RV Chorale 6 p.m.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>1 Alicia Orr</p> <p>12 Nina Brewer</p> <p>16 Claudette Moore</p> <p>20 Nancy Mason</p> <p>22 Roger Kockx</p> <p>30 Judy Kockx</p>				

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