

Harbinger



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

Pray & Play Day



All Church Ice-Skating

Join us this coming Saturday, January 27, 1:30PM at The Rink, for all church ice-skating, everyone is invited!



Do the Math!

One Day Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 3
9:30AM - 12:30PM
at MFCC

We will be having an Adult Sunday School class during the season of Lent, beginning on February 18th. Join us in the library for a study discovering what Jesus said about possessions and our attachment to them. We will meet at 9am and be done by 9:45 each Sunday until April 1st.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes Program and a gift. This event is open to all women, invite a friend or family member to join you.

Please register at least one week prior to the event so adequate supplies are available.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Program Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 6:00PM
Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 7:00PM

Regional Assembly

May 18 & 19
Portland FCC

More information to come.
Mark your calendars now.



**Small Steps
Mystery Dinner**
Saturday, April 28
Mark Your Calendars Now!





From the Pastor

On Sunday, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oregon and SW Idaho hosted it's first regional Webinar. The webinar focused on how to become a Global Mission Church. We had a group of five of us that attended and we would like to move forward with our congregation officially becoming a Global Mission Church. In many aspects, we already are.

What it will entail to become a recognized congregation is to form a Global Mission Team and then begin a five-step process that includes assessing what we are already doing to support Global Missions, makes an action plan for engaging in God's global mission and ends with the congregation signing a covenant with Global Ministries indicating our commitment to this ministry. This process will involve learning and understanding the ways that the Disciples of Christ are involved around the world in missions so be on the lookout for educational opportunities in the coming months.

We will assess our commitment every three years and change our mission plan focus depending on the needs and desires of the congregation at that time. My hope is that we will be able to complete this initial process within six to nine months.

If you have an interest in being on the Global Mission Team to help implement the plan please contact me and let me know.

I look forward to going through this process with all of you!

~Stacy

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SILVERWARE WRAPPERS

Feb. 2: Ron B.
 Feb. 8: Claudette M.
 Feb. 15: Ted & Kay K.
 Feb 22: Nan & Larry M.
 Mar. 1: Ron B.
 Mar. 8: Claudette M.
 Mar. 15: Ted & Kay K.
 Mar. 22: Nan & Larry M.
 Mar. 29: Ron B. (5th Thursday)

Thank You

PRAYER CORNER



CONTINUING PRAYERS

Harrison Meyer
 Dan & Elizabeth Chapman
 Kathy Peel
 Mary Lou Campbell
 Greg Hansson
 Kathleen Low

Your help can always be used at the Thursday Night Community Dinner. Show up Thursdays at 4:30PM to volunteer.

2018 Easter Lily Order Form

You may order Easter Lilies to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Your lily may be in the memory or celebration of a loved one or special event. Please fill out this form and place it along with your payment in the offering tray. Note "Lily Order" on your check. Deadline to order a lily is February 18. Lilies are \$10 each.

Your name(s) _____

I/we would like to purchase _____ Easter Lilies at \$10 each for a total of \$ _____.
Please make checks payable to MFCC with "Lily Order" noted.

In Memory of: _____

OR

In Celebration of: _____



LENT

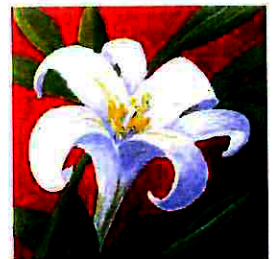
- ▶ Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 14, 5:30PM
- ▶ First Sunday in Lent, February 18, worship 10:30AM
- ▶ Adult Sunday School, 9:00AM, February 18 - April 1
- ▶ Last day to order Easter Lilies, Sunday, February 18
- ▶ Week of Compassion Special Offering, Sundays, February 18 & 25
- ▶ Palm Sunday, March 25
- ▶ Easter Special Offering, Sundays, March 25 & April 1
- ▶ Maundy Thursday, March 29
- ▶ Good Friday, March 30
- ▶ Easter Sunday, April 1, brunch 9:15AM, worship 10:30AM, egg hunt at noon

Voice Recital

Michelle Cipollone and Friends
 Saturday, January 27
 3:00PM

Ashland Presbyterian Church
 All are welcome

Donations will be accepted
 This is a fundraiser for their upcoming Ireland trip



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Monetary donations for our **Family Assistance Fund** may be placed in the offering tray on Sundays. Please note *"Family Assistance"* on your checks. This fund helps local families and individuals facing utility shut-offs and evictions.

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WORSHIP SERVICE: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Minister**.....All the People
- Pastor**.....Reverend Stacy Shelton
- 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