

First News *July 1, 2005*

A publication of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Eugene for its families and friends

Oregon Regional Summer Camps 2005

God is Calling

Each camp this summer will explore the theme of listening for God's calling in our lives. Using the Biblical characters of Lydia, the Disciples, Anna, Paul, and Jesus' parents, along with the stories of Jesus, youth will be encouraged to see the saving grace of God in their daily lives.

CYF Camp

August 1 to August 6
(Grades 9-12)

Middle School Camp

August 7 to August 12
(Grades 6-8)

Junior Camp

August 14 to August 18
(Grades 3-5)

Post-High Trail Camp

August 18 to August 22
For high school graduates & young adults

**Donations for
Scholarships
Needed**



**July 3, 2005
Worship in the Park
10:30 AM**

Sladden Park

at N. Adams & Cheshire

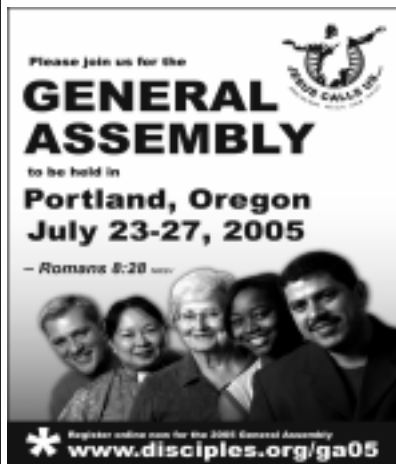
**Come to Worship and stay for a picnic lunch.
There will not be a service at church this day.
Plan to bring something to sit on and a salad or
dessert, barbecue meat will be provided.**



Assembly Guest preachers

Two distinguished Disciple preachers have been assigned to our congregation during the General Assembly. The Reverend Linda McCrae will preach at

the first service on July 24th and the Reverend William English will preach at the second. Linda is a former missionary who worked with refugees in Guatemala and is currently the pastor of Central Christian Church in Indianapolis. Bill English is the pastor of First Christian Church in Stillwater, one of Oklahoma's renewed and growing congregations thanks in part to a contemporary service similar to our New Celebration.



**Registration Forms
Available From
The Church Office
OR
Register on-line
www.disciples.org/ga05**

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Special dates

- * **Church in the Park, July 3, 2005**
Only Service is at Sladden Park
- * **Independence Day, July 4, 2005**
Office will be closed
- * **Interfaith Prayer Service, July 11**
- * **Board meeting, July 18, 2005**
Salad Potluck
- * **Evangelism Seminar, July 20-22**
- * **General Assembly, July 23 - 27, 2005**

July 11 at 7:00 PM

Interfaith Prayer Service

“Interfaith Prayer, Remembrance, and Reflection” provides a special occasion to pray for peace, remember our loved ones, reflect upon the interconnectedness of all beings, and to uplift our hearts and minds. Its purpose is to bring together people from different faith communities in the spirit of harmony, peace, and growing appreciation, and to nurture confidence in the universal power of love and unity that transcends all earthly limitations.



YOUR PLEDGE
This Summer



FCC Men's Chorus to sing Sunday, July 10. For those wishing to participate call the church office or just come to rehearsal July 6, at 7:00 PM.



Board Members! Next Board Meeting is July 18 at 5:30 PM. Salad potluck & meeting.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Beginning in July our outreach ministries will expand to include the *GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY*. This program is due, in part, to the dramatic increase in the number of people seeking assistance. The *GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY* will provide a second team of trained office-volunteers to support current staff. The volunteers will utilize all current resources and provide guidance and counseling towards self sufficiency.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY welcomes inquiries into training and staffing. Our goal is to provide counseling and referral services daily during office hours and Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in being a part of the counseling team please contact: Darey Burkhalter 461-0695



HELP fund our GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY through eScrip.

Safeway is pleased to introduce and welcome the eScrip Program. This fund-raising program has been available to schools

and now has opened to include church programs. All that is needed of you is to register your Safeway card either on line or through the church office.

For each purchase made at Safeway and other participating vendors, a percentage will come back to our church for our Emergency Assistance Fund which supports our GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY.

It's Easy! It's Free! Go to www.escrip.com Click on "sign-up" & follow instructions. Our Group Name: First Christian Church & Group ID: 9614848



**"Circle the Wagons"
 First Christian Church
 All Family Camp ~ August 26 - 28
 Union Rogue Baptist Camp
 near Diamond Lake**



Great things are planned for camp. Last year campers enjoyed the FCC summer olympics brought to us by Sandi & Gregg Ybarra. This year is our first ever Rodeo. The Hayners are in charge of the chuck wagon and you know what good cooks they are. Saturday night is an introduction to line dancing, campfire stories & singing.

Registration material available July 24.

There is a map on the office bulletin board and pictures on our website:
www.heartofeugene.org.



Marline Miller donated a box of books to our Church library. Among the books are a couple about Cane Ridge, the beginnings of our own Disciples of Christ history. "We Are Empowered by the Spirit" by Herbert Morrow, and "This is our Story - Glimpses from Church History"

Another interesting book is "Loving Your Teenage Daughter (Whether she likes it or not)" by Debra Alexander. You'll learn some good points from that book! Or try "From Bad Beginnings to Happy Endings" by Ed Young.

These books and others donated by Marline will be found the book-ends on the work counter in the library. Come in and check one out. (Sign the card from the back of the book and drop it in the metal box on the counter.)

Thank you, Marline for your generous donation.



Our recent Scholarship Fundraising Dinner netted over \$5000 and in addition, endowment donations were made in excess of \$3000. A sincere thank you to all who have supported and continue to support this fine scholarship program. Scholarships are funded by donations, interest on the endowment and a small amount in the annual budget.

This year the Scholarship Committee awarded \$7000 to the following students: Liv Gibbons, Grinnell College; Marianne Malott, Lane Community College; Sonja Lauer, Lewis and Clark College; Josh Andres, Shane Knox, and Lia Berends, University of Oregon; Andrew Middleton, Lane Community College/University of Oregon; Beth Waggoner, Winthrop University; Kasey McCornack, Southern Oregon University, and Christine McAtee, Oregon State University. Sonja Lauer is a high school senior, graduating from Sheldon High School. The others are all continuing college and university students who received continuing assistance from the First Christian Scholarship Fund. We wish them all well on their academic endeavors.



It's that time of year that vacations are happening. Patty is out of the office from July 8 through the 18th. There will not be a mid-month e-mail newsletter during July and August. Weekly e-mails will continue except for the week I'm gone.

Dan will be on vacation during August. Details on those preaching shall be in our next newsletter.

A BIG Thank You to all who gave leadership to our Christian education ministry this past year. Our teachers and assistants were: Patty Osborne, JoAnne Flanders, Betsy Brandenfels, Linda Rothauge, Ida Lompfrey, Laura Powell, Scott Powell, Anthony Eggleston, Sarah Vaughan, Cassandra DiMarco, Kelsey Hertel, Dan Hertel, Gillian Barlow, Michelle Cook, Marilyn Reid., Jamie McCornack, Connie Watkins, John Moore, Bill Pifer, Fred Brandenfels, Mike Kennedy, Allison Purscelley, Jeff Miller, Alan Brandenfels, Erik Free, Eliza Drummond, Robin Cushman, Chris Turner, Judy Bryant and Judy Sieber.

Thank You also to our Vacation Bible School Leadership: Betsy Brandenfels, Michelle Cook, Madeline Bailey, Paulina Bryant, Karen Lindsey, Nika Andres, Connie Watkins, Ida Lompfrey, Jo-Anne Flanders, Frank Reitz, Mary Roth, Jamie McCornack, Sharon Middleton, Tim Powell, Andrew McCornack, Rochelle Andres, DeeDee Wagner, Lesley Middleton, Sarah Vaughan, Cassandra Di Marco, Carol Wahlstrom, Crystal Nelson, Jennifer Miller, Kelly McCornack, Dana Bernard, Bethany Neuhoff, Kasey McCornack, Kelsey Hertel and Rhia Paulson.

Because of their loving commitment, time and energy many of us enjoyed a great year of learning! Please thank each one of these wonderful volunteers and let them know how much you appreciate their ministry with us.

Elaine Andres

BITS & PIECES



Golf Tournament Results

The scores were tallied, and Pinky Murphy and his crew won for a 2nd year in a row with a score of 29! See pictures & complete scores on our website: <http://www.heartofeugene.org>

Greetings from Colorado! (June 23)

I'm travelling in New Mexico and Colorado doing Music Therapy at camps for children with special needs.

You can see me on TV in the Eugene area four times a week for the next two weeks, talking about Music Therapy and even singing and playing the harp! Look on Channel 29 (the local cable TV station that shows City Council meetings and such) for the Healing Connections show. It comes on Sunday evenings at 8pm and three other times each week as well.

Judith Ivy



Prime Time Class will meet in the Parlor from July 10 through July 31, to be more accessible to all people.

Prayer Calendar: Frances Hyland; Roger Aydelott; Larry & Becky Biggerstaff; Jim Copenhaver; Mabel Decker; Frances Holmes; Bonnie Roth; Ruth Bascue; Vivian Templar; Rowena Morgan; Tony R. Alexander; Beth Berge; Louise Hastings; families in financial crisis and families dealing with addictions.



Minister's Moment

I did not know it at the time, but the first General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which I attended was also the very first one, and as it happens, it was also the last time the Assembly came to the Pacific Northwest. It was the summer of 1969 and the Assembly was held in Seattle. Prior to that Disciples met in an annual convention which allowed all participants to vote. Under the leadership of our own Ronald E. Osborn, the convention approved the "Provisional Design" (our form of by-laws) at the 1968 convention in Kansas City which adopted the current delegate model for the biennial assembly. (Anyone can attend, but only selected delegates can vote.) Thus the gathering in Seattle the next year was an historic occasion in the history of our church. I was pretty much oblivious to all of that, I was just a young teenager who was more excited to see the Space Needle than 8,000 Disciples gathered in a basketball arena. My sole memory of the assembly itself was a list of soldiers killed in Vietnam read continuously by older youth from one spot high in the arena throughout the entire event. Those were tumultuous times for our nation and church. Somehow we survived it all.

Here we are again, now 36 years later. Once again the Design (we dropped "Provisional" from the title some time ago) is a major discussion point with a proposal for a major rewrite. And once again we are a nation conflicted over matters of war and peace. For most of those 36 years I have been involved in one way or another with our denomination beyond the local congregation, from summer camp to overseas ministry. The list of prominent people I have heard speak at Disciple events include such folk as Jimmy Carter, Desmond Tutu and Andrew Young. Other less notable but equally inspiring speakers have included church leaders and theologians from around the world. I even spent a weekend with the Reverend Jesse Jackson at a Disciple event, only this Reverend Jackson was much younger and shorter than the one you know and is a Disciple pastor in Oklahoma. My point is simply this, if you want a better idea of who the Disciples are, what the larger church does and how the church works in the rest of the world, there is no better opportunity than the one we will have later this month.

In addition to revisions to the Design, two other internal business items are apt to draw much attention. The first will be the election of the first woman, Rev. Sharon Watkins, as General Minister and President, the highest position in our denomination. That in and of itself, is a significant milestone to celebrate. There will be little to celebrate for the second, the report of the National Benevolent Association in the midst of bankruptcy. There are just a handful of social issues up for discussion this year. These include a study document on "Just Trade" and resolutions on "Hate Speech", the "Living Wage", the crisis in Sudan, the wall in Palestine, interreligious engagement and just a couple of others. The Reverend Dr. Samuel Kobia from the World Council of Churches is this year's most prominent speaker (Tuesday evening).

Our Helping Hand Ministry will have a display in the "VisionFest". Many of our members are helping with other tasks. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about some of the other opportunities which will be happening before the assembly. It promises to be one, big celebration of Disciples with a unique mixture of business, pleasure, inspiration and mission. And it is not too late to sign up! Registration can be done on line (www.disciples.org) or call the office for a form. Oregon Disciples get a \$30 discount. Don't wait another 36 years for another opportunity like this, sign up today! *Dan S*

Look what is going on at the General Assembly

Essence...Journey Toward the Heart of Worship - July 21 - 23, 2005 DoubleTree Hotel Disciples who are passionate about worship will gather together to learn, connect and stretch their shared understandings of worship. This intense two-day conference includes practical workshops, cutting edge forums and an array of model worship services. What's more, ample time is given for the registrants to interact with one another as they strive to capture the essence of worship. Visit www.disciples.org/ga05 to register and for additional information.

Elders Conference

Elders from all Disciples' congregations are called to recognize what it means to "Become Spiritual Leaders." Through this one-day, pre-Assembly conference elders will be challenged and empowered in their roles as spiritual leaders. Joseph Driskill is the keynote speaker. Pre-registration required (registration fee includes lunch).

Global Ministries/Disciples Peace Fellowship Pre-Assembly Event - DoubleTree Hotel
Theme: " Jesus calls us to pursue what makes for peace" Date/Time: Friday, July 22 begin at 1:00 pm to Saturday, July 23 conclude at noon. Cost: \$60.00 Description: A critical examination of the church's role in pursuing peace in the world. Noted church leaders engaged directly in peace-making ministries will keynote this event. Ticketing Instructions/Reservations: Email Onea Winkle at owinkle@dom.disciples.org to request a reservation form or visit <http://www.globalministries.org/ga05.htm#preassembly>.

NEW 2005 National Evangelism Workshop DoubleTree Hotel – Lloyd Center July 20–22, 2005 Pre–Event before General Assembly "Cutting Edge Methods & Inspiration!"

Hear nationally known speaker!! David Emery sharing how his congregation in two years has doubled in size and stewardship and is shifting its organization from committees to ministry teams and small groups for discipleship.

James A. Forbes, Jr., pastor of Riverside Church in New York City and one of the twelve "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world!

Linda Miller who works for the Ken Blanchard Companies as an Executive Coach of Christian churches and organizations such as Boeing, Disney, Microsoft, Adobe, etc.

Bob Rognlien, senior pastor of a Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in CA who leads a "collaborative community of experiential worshippers."

Attend a variety of practical workshops on ways to grow our congregation! And now here's the REALLY GOOD NEWS!!!

ATTEND AND SAVE MONEY! CONTACT ELAINE TODAY!! Elaine Andres is in charge of securing a group of volunteers to serve as speaker hosts (pick up and deliver to the airport), greeters for general sessions and workshop hosts. For a few hours of your time, you can attend the entire seminar for ONLY \$20!! Call today for details!!! Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to serve and learn!!



Oregon Disciples History and Polity Class

Christian Church in Oregon is offering a history and polity course built around General Assembly this year. The first sessions are June 20-21 at First Christian Church in Junction City. Following is an overview of the course.

OUTLINE FOR 2005 DISCIPLES HISTORY AND POLITY COURSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OREGON

This course will be offered for licensed ministers and for lay members who wish to learn more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The class will not be offered for academic credit. However, this course will satisfy the Disciples History and Polity requirement for licensed ministers in the Christian Church in Oregon.

The course consists of six units, including five classroom units, and attendance at one or more events related to the National Evangelism Workshop, July 20-22 or the General Assembly of the Christian Church, July 23-27 in Portland. Students will prepare for each session by completing a reading assignment. Licensed ministry students will choose one of the classroom units for making a presentation on one of the topics of the day.

Dates: June 20-21, at least one day to be chosen from July 20-27, and September 17
Costs: \$50 (including books and two meals) plus any event registration fees

Topics covered include the following:

- 1) **Founding of the Campbell-Stone Movement, 1810-1866.** This session will be in the classroom on the afternoon of June 20.
- 2) **Middle Period, 1866-1917.** This session will be in the classroom on the evening of June 20.
- 3) **Twentieth Century: Divisions and Restructure, Ministries and Manifestations.** This session will be in the classroom on the morning of June 21.
- 4) **2005 National Evangelism Workshop and General Assembly.** Students will participate in at least one event of the National Evangelism Workshop or the General Assembly and report upon one of the General unit ministries.
- 5) **Disciples and Diversity.** This session will take place in the classroom on the morning of Sept, 17.
- 6) **Worship, Governance and Future Directions.** This session will take place in the classroom on the afternoon of September 17.

Required Reading: Duane Cummins,
A Handbook for Today's Disciples.

Mark G. Toulouse, *Joined in Discipleship:
The Shaping of Contemporary Disciples Identity.*

