



January 15, 2006

Electronic First News

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

First Christian Church/ 541-344-1425

Combined Service And Annual meeting January 29, 2006



Worship begins at 10:30 AM

Plan to stay for a soup lunch and our annual meeting.

All are welcome to attend

Church membership is not required for this meeting.

If you can donate a pot of soup, please call Patty in the church office.

"BE A HELPFUL NEIGHBOR IN 2006"

"Be a Good Samaritan Volunteer!"

Each week 15-20 people seek financial assistance in our church office. Most often they need much more--a helpful neighbor to listen and offer non-judgmental care.

We need 10-15 volunteers once or twice a month offering a few hours as a Helpful Neighbor to free up our church staff to their main responsibilities.

Two information sessions will be offered on Sunday February 12, 2006 following both worship services--located in the church office conference room.

Your interest, questions and concerns will be welcomed.

The GSM staff

Contact Darey Burkhalter if you have questions Home Phone - 461-0695

Youth Happenings

Chi Rho (middle school youth) Our next meeting is Sunday, January 15 when we discuss the meaning of Epiphany. Bring your sack lunch and join us at noon!

CYF (high school youth) are going to the Annual Snow Rally in Hood River on Friday, January 13 and will return Sunday, January 15. Be sure to check your list of what to bring!!

Thank You!

Thelma Kitterman wishes to express her gratitude for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during her recovery.

American Winners of the Nobel Peace Prize



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

When: Sunday, January 22
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Where: First United Methodist Church,
1376 Olive, Eugene

Who: John Attig,
Nobel Peace Monument Director
Topic: American Winners of the Nobel Peace

Prize. Attig will describe the plans for the physical monument, plans for the education, plans for the education program, and examples of the kinds of persons who win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Sponsor: United Methodist Women. They are inviting other church women's groups and will open the meeting to the public. All are welcome to attend and bring family, neighbors, co-workers, students, and friends.

Regional Assembly in Pendleton

Former General Minister and President Keynote Speaker

Out of a pastoral heart with a depth of experience, Dr. Dick Hamm will share with our Regional Assembly as we examine ways to strengthen established congregations.

A Logical Sequel

In our 2004 regional assembly we highlighted the ministry of planting new congregations and in 206 we will follow up by focusing on the ministry of strengthen our existing congregations.

Something for Everyone

The regional youth council is at work planning youth activities, the Commission on Program Planning is mapping the program, and our host congregation is coordinating the local arrangements.

Pendleton Awaits Us

Pendleton First Christian Church and Pastor Marc Mullins will be ready.

Mark your calendar now

April 28-29 2006

"Renewed Day by Day"

*Theme for the
2006 Regional
Assembly of the
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
in Oregon.*

Women's Garden Party Prayer Dates

March 4, Lebanon 9:30 – 12:30
March 5, Springfield FCC 2:00 – 5:00
March 19, Grants Pass 2:00 – 5:00
May 20, La Grande 9:30 – 12:30
More Garden Parties will be posted
on the regional website
<http://www.oregondisciples.org>

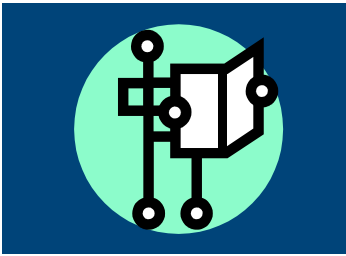


Dream On, Sisters!

*June 21-25, 2006 in
Indianapolis,
Indiana*



Mix in '06 is a one time historic gathering of the Disciples of Christ ICWF Quadrennial Assembly & The United Church of Christ National Women's Meeting!



Our Vision Statement

God has called us to be a light to the world in the Heart of Eugene. We commit ourselves to live as spirit filled, Christ-like people, growing in the Community of God as envisioned by Jesus, strengthening our relationships with God, with each other, with our families and with our world.

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"Creating a Culture of Peace"

Nonviolence Retreat

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and the Peace & Justice Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon will present a creative peacemaking nonviolence retreat March 10, 11, and 12 at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church, 2800 SE Harrison St. in Portland.

The retreat is open to all and will introduce the nonviolence principles of Jesus of Nazareth, Gandhi, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. and others. The retreat is based on a curriculum of the spirituality and practice of transformative nonviolence. Trained nonviolence facilitators will help retreatants understand:

- The experience and dynamics of violence
- The experience and dynamics of active and creative nonviolence
- Nonviolent social change and commitment to action
- The Building and Sustaining of Community

- Practical planning for nonviolent action in daily life

The "Creating a Culture of Peace" retreat will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. A commitment to attend the entire retreat is required. The retreat's wholistic approach is directed toward nonviolent personal, interpersonal and social transformation based on a curriculum developed by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and inspired by the Peace e Bene Nonviolence Service.

The cost of the retreat will be on a sliding scale, to \$150.00. Lunches, snacks and materials are included in the fee. Please register by March 1 by calling Marla McGarry-Lawrence or Leslie Sackett at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 503-284-7141 or by e-mail to MarlaML@stmaa.org.

Bulletin Announcements

Entertainment Books are Still Available The choir still has five entertainment books to seel. (It proved not cost-effective to return them.) They're a great value at \$30 each. Talk to Nancy Anderson or leave a note in her box.

"Mental Illness and the Faith Community"
Wednesday, January 18, 3:00 pm at First United Methodist Church. A panel of top notch faith leaders will explore Spiritual Awakenings and Social Stigmas. Put this date on your calendar, we want members from different faith communities present for this presentation.

Memorial Service Scheduled for Chuck DeAutremont on Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 AM on our sanctuary.

Greater Eugene Sacred Choir needs more singers! 6 pm January 19 at Garden Way Church, in Eugene. All ages are welcome. For more information check out the website at www.geschoir.org

A Winter Gift 4:00 PM January 22 at First United Methodist Church (1376 Olive St. Eugene). Please be our guest at a benefit concert for Strings of Compassion, featuring the harps and voices of the music thanatologists of Sacred Heart Medical Center Sacred Heart Hospice. The music thanatologist brings beauty and peace through harp and voice to the bedside, meeting anxiety, grief, and suffering with the therapeutic qualities of music. Relax for an hour and renew your spirit. For information about the concert, or Strings of Compassion, call 685-1748.