

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

First Notes:

**FISH Sunday, 1st
Sunday of the Month
Board Meeting -
& Potluck**

January 7, 5 PM
Elder's Meeting -

2nd Monday

January 9, 7 PM

Executive Meeting -
3rd Monday, 12 PM

Calling Ministry - 2nd
Monday, 11:30AM

**Administrative
Ministry - 4th**
Monday, 5 PM

Jan 1, New Years Day
Office Closed

Jan 11 Interfaith
Prayer Service

Jan 12-14 CYF Snow
Rally

Jan 15 Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
Office closed

Jan. 28 Annual
Meeting
Resource Ministry -

The story behind Epiphany ~ January 6

Epiphany is the Christian festival celebrated each year on January 6. Along with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, it is one of the oldest Christian holy days.

The festival was first celebrated in the Eastern Church (Orthodox) and was adopted in the Western church by the fourth century. Epiphany commemorates the first "showing forth" or manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, particularly the

Magi or Wise Men. The Epiphany story is meant to explain that Christ was not just for the Jews, but for non-Jews (Gentiles) as well, anywhere in the world.

The eve of Epiphany is called Twelfth Night and relates to the arrival of the Wise Men from the East at the birthplace of the Lord in Bethlehem.

Share the Feast

General Assembly 7/21 – 25 ~ Fort Worth, Texas

Disciples now registering for General Assembly Hundreds of Disciples are already making plans to be part of the 2007 General Assembly in Fort Worth. They are looking forward to:

- inspired preaching
- ideas to transform congregations, and
- opportunities for mission and fellowship.

Registrations for the July 21-25 gathering are arriving daily---electronically, by mail and fax. Rooms in the sixteen designated Assembly hotels are filling up. Shuttle bus transportation from the properties to the Fort Worth Convention Center, site of most of the Assembly events, will help make travel easier.

One event all attendees will not want to

miss is the all-Assembly Fiesta Sunday evening, July 22. It will be a celebration with food, carnival games and fun. Registration is needed. The fiesta will celebrate the church's life during the last two years before Sunday night's State of the Church address by General Minister and President Sharon Watkins.

Mission opportunities, both in the air-conditioned convention center and outside are planned. Child-care, elementary age programs and youth activities are also in the organizational stages. Breakfasts, luncheons and dinners for special interest groups are being scheduled---important fellowship opportunities.

First News - Abbreviated

We are sending out this abbreviated news due to the short week between Christmas & New Years. A full newsletter will be in the mail the 11th of January. If you have news items you would like in the newsletter, let the office know by January 6.

Mark your calendar for **January 28** to attend our annual meeting to approve the budget for 2007.

Sunday, January 7, Willamette University Choir will be singing in both of our Worship Services.

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Middle School News

It's a lock-in!! Saturday, January 6

Bring your friends and let's go roller skating!! Gather at 6 p.m. We skate from 7-9 p.m. at Skateworld. Transportation is provided. Cost is \$10 per person and includes skate rental, snacks and breakfast. Inline skates are an extra \$3 per person. Let Betsy (343-0605) know how many friends are

coming so we can have plenty of transportation and food available.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY!!

Our next evening event is January 19 from 7-10 p.m. Bring your friends for great group games, super food and lots of fun playing board games, pool, foosball, ping pong. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

High School News

INTERFAITH EXPERIENCE

We are attending worship Sunday, January 7 at the Bahai Center instead of our Christian education class. Meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. and travel in the church van. The topic is Unity. Please let Eliza know if you plan to attend the service.

SNOW RALLY INFORMATION

Meet in the church parking lot Friday,

Jan. 12, at 3 p.m. to load. Bring money for Friday dinner, snacks on the mountain and Sunday lunch. The focus is "Follow Me" with keynote speaker Linda Gearhart, Lebanon First Christian Church. There is bowling Friday.

Saturday consists of snow play and skiing/boarding, movies and games. We return to the parking lot about 5 p.m.

Sunday.

A Note of Thanks!

We thank you for your generous gifts at Christmas. Your love & support throughout the year abound without measure. The volunteers that give of their time and energy are what make all things possible.

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