



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

In the heart of Eugene since 1866

October 2019



***Be devoted to  
good works  
and acts of charity.  
-Acts 9:36***



# Fall Stewardship Campaign

devoted to

generosity

October 6-27

United Service and Stewardship Potluck  
Sunday October 27  
10:30 worship 12:00 potluck

The potluck theme is "Tastes of Home" - sign up to bring items in at the table in the back of the sanctuary Sundays in October.

We will need set up and clean up crews as well. Contact Laura Hammond, Chair of Resource with questions.

Youth will sell desserts for a fundraiser for the mission trip.



# October 2019

## Minister Moment with April Cristano



You, dear congregation, are entering the fall routines of church: new leadership roles, committees starting up, volunteer trainings, education hour resumes, pumpkin spice has returned.

I, on the other hand, am exiting these routines temporarily and seeking the routines of sabbath and renewal: resting, playing, curiosity, meditation, spiritual direction. Thank you for your blessings and encouragement and support as I cocoon myself, going deep within the spaces of personal growth and family time.

I have been seriously talking with God about how to create such a system of rest for everyone that works as staff at FCC — how we ought to seriously and thoughtfully integrate sabbath for ourselves and each other without feeling guilty that the work won't get done or that we all have to be giving 110% of the time.

We are a living organism, that needs air, exercise, healthy and diverse nutrition, play, loving care, and rest (see Gen 1 to see even God needs rest). In order for us to rest, we look to our neighbors to carry on the work and then we do the same for them. With proper care for our basic needs we have fuel and strength and stamina for transformation, justice, and Tikkun Olam (Hebrew the repair of the world).

Thank you again for the blessings of your work so that I may rest. When I return I look forward to discussing further how to develop our symbiotic relationships for the health of us all.

**Sabbath is that uncluttered time  
and space in which we can distance  
ourselves from our own activities  
enough to see what God is doing.**

Eugene H. Peterson





All Saints Day is November 1.

Honor a loved one who has recently passed away.

Many of you were inspired by Rev. Dr. Barber's messages at this year's General Assembly, and are asking how to get more involved here.

The Poor People's Campaign is "a national call for moral revival, and is uniting people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality."

Visit their website to sign up and get connected to the national campaign and the Oregon chapter: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

by Mary Robertson

Disciple Women's Circle  
Presents.....  
**Come Passion...**  
**Grow,**  
**Reach,**  
**Share**



**Spiritual  
Renewal  
Retreat  
for  
Women**

**October 11-12, 2019**

Speaker

**Cindy Kim-Hengst**

for more information please go to: <http://www.oidisciples.org/womens-fall-retreat-2018>

**OREGON**



**Poor People's Campaign**

**A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL**





Share in the commemoration of fallen firemen this Sunday October 6, 2019 as we chime the special bells of our clock tower in a moment of silence. We will do this at both the 9 am and 11:15 service.

Our Good Samaritan Room received a thank you letter!

*You are such a blessing*

Dear Good Samaritan Pledge Program at FCC:

Words could never "thank you", your church, or the Lord enough for your recent pledge to help my family during our difficult time. If not for your help and blessing, my family would not have made it through our difficult time and may have lost our home and each other. Thank you so very much, from the bottom of our hearts for your understanding and giving hearts and beautiful blessings to our family. It's something that will never be forgotten by us! May God bless us all, much love and respect, the Zentner Family: Tricia, Chase, Kryan, and baby Kane.





BOSC & COMICE PEARS    FUJI & GALA APPLES

# FALL FRUIT SALE

**\$20 PER BOX**

**22 LBS OF FRESH APPLES OR PEARS**

SHARE A BOX WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR NEIGHBORS  
DONATE A BOX TO FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY

**GET AN ORDER FORM ON SUNDAYS FROM  
YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS**

**FINAL ORDERS/PAYMENTS DUE NOVEMBER 3  
FRUIT DISTRIBUTED SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24**

Make checks payable to First Christian Church.  
Fruit is loaded into your car on 11/24 by the youth group.  
Funds raised provide scholarships for middle & high school youth.



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

To sign up please email  
[eugeneinterfaithbreakfast@gmail.org](mailto:eugeneinterfaithbreakfast@gmail.org)  
or contact Joshua @ 508.207.2428

# Sunday Interfaith Breakfast

*Saturdays between 9am-12pm  
volunteers prep materials and tables.  
All ages welcome.*

*Sunday shifts vary with set up at 6:45  
am and clean up ending at 10:30 am.  
Minors 16+ welcome to volunteer with  
a parent/guardian.*





## Plastic recycling for #'s 2,4, and 5 is almost upon us.

Info: I have signed FCC up as a "Community "Collector", meaning that we can accept approved plastics from our congregation and the community at large. It needs to be 2 cubic yards, collected into prepared bags furnished by Master Recycler staff at Glenwood

We will collect on Saturday morning Oct 12th, 19th, and 26th from 9 to 12 am at the south door of the church in the parlor and Sunday the 13th and the 20th at our recycle bins and hallway with overflow going to the parlor- 8:30-12:30 where we can receive materials from members as well as from the public.

We will only accept materials that are properly prepared—paper and plastic labels removed. And clean.

In the following Monday or in that week we will load up and deliver the materials and take them to Glenwood, when they schedule us.

We need volunteers to assist with the collecting. Please connect with Phyllis Weare or with Yvette Diggs (Office Administration) to volunteer. Please do so no later than October 9th.

Thanks!

Phyllis Weare







## Community Recognition Night

Building Community, Sharing Kindness  
Working Together

Dan Bryant will be recognized for his work in the community at two events this month. Wellsprings Friends School will be honoring Dan and former Mayor Kitty Piercy at their annual "Toast and Roast" on October 16. Paul Neville and Tony Corcoran will be "roasting" Dan at this fund raiser for the school. An elegant Dinner will be prepared by Guest Chef Ibrahim Hamide, recently honored himself as an "Inspirer of Peace" by the Nobel Peace Laureate Project. The dinner will be held at Lane Community College's Center for Meeting and Learning. Tickets are \$75. For more details or to RSVP, go to [www.wellspringfriends.org](http://www.wellspringfriends.org), or call 541/686-1223.

The Jewish Federation of Lane County will present their Community Service Award to Dan at their annual dinner on October 27. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici will give the keynote address. The dinner will be held at the Ford Alumni Center at the University of Oregon. Tickets are \$80. To RSVP go to [www.jewishfedlc.org/celebration](http://www.jewishfedlc.org/celebration) or call 541/484-2541. Pre-registration required by Oct 18.



# How it all works together...

There are many hands that make light Staff, volunteers, committees, contractors etc. This year we have taken on both you can see and projects are imperative to the structural integrity of our church home. Some of these project speak to the desires of our heart and other speak to the require love and care of such an amazing structure.

Our lovely Rain Garden was completed in September of this year. We had many great minds, lots of grants, and many volunteers help in getting this project completed. Many wonderful hands have assisted Phyllis Weare and Karen Duncan with tending to our gardens. We re-stripped the parking lot and it looks amazing, the back of our home is getting a new coat of paint and detailing that has long been needed. We are working on (in the long view) having the rest of the building done. The grand view will match our amazing Dr. Martin Luther King mural on the south side of the building that was completed in September of 2018. You will see new things around our home pertaining to safety coming the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020. We have had our carpets cleaned and are maintaining their cleanliness as well as taking preventative measures to keep them in good shape. The pew cushions and carpets have been cleaned as well. The windows have been power-washed and the church address in now on the front gate. The compressor that was non-functioning for 9 months has been replaced and the entire HVAC system is being brought up to speed. The heat on the 3rd floor is back on as well as the AC. We will also be replacing signage that has long been in need of care and updating. We are getting new branding to help identify our volunteer staff and security workers and give an updated an welcoming image to who we are. Mildred's bench was moved back to the courtyard as it has been Grace Chapel for some time. Power washing of the building, painting of the basement, and a deep cleaning of our kitchen are all some of the projects that have been completed this year.

All of theses projects have been at a reduced or zero cost. Using grants, volunteers, and companies that have offered discounts in many cases. Phyllis Weare and Karen Duncan with their gardening efforts and our youth team assisting on special occasions. David Frisinger and the Vision Builders team working tirelessly to paint the offices of Yvette (administration) and Melody (bookkeeping) as well as dozens of other much needed projects. Mel & Leitha Menegat, Glenn and Leah McKarrow, The Ybarra family, and many, many others. Thank you all so much for your tireless efforts and loving contributions. We are truly grateful.



## Let's Talk Pronouns

Isn't it so lovely to feel like we are being seen and recognized for who we truly are? So many of us take this for granted if our idea of who we are fits in with long-held social norms. As a Cis woman (a woman who was assigned the gender of female at birth, which also matches the gender I feel inside), I benefit from the privilege of being seen and treated as a woman in society. I can access spaces and enjoy freedoms and safety that some of my friends may not be able to access so easily or safely because our society has not yet fully welcomed them in all spaces.

As Disciples of Jesus, we are called to share love and grace to all people. One way we can do this is to recognize ways we can amend our speech and actions to be more inclusive of various gender identities. Knowing and using people's correct pronouns communicates respect and safety. We can use our language to increase inclusivity in our church and community to help people feel they have a safe place to be. There are many different gender identities. Some people were assigned a gender at birth that does not match the gender they feel. Some people do not feel they match either side of the male/female binary of gender that has been long accepted socially. Still others feel like both genders or that their gender can change from day to day, and there are even more ways of experiencing gender that I am learning all the time.

We can't assume we know someone's gender identity based on how they look. How someone dresses or styles their hair does not necessarily communicate their gender. Being referred to as a gender that doesn't match how you feel can feel invalidating and can erase a part of the person's identity.

The efforts of trans and non-binary people and their allies for more gender inclusive language was rewarded recently when the Merriam-Webster Dictionary officially added the singular gender-neutral pronoun "they" into the 2019 dictionary. Using "they" singularly may feel odd to you at first, but it can be learned and it is now an officially recognized English pronoun, changing the modern English language significantly to be more inclusive. With practice, we can help normalize the usage of this pronoun and others (there are even more!).

First Christian Church of Eugene cares about inclusivity and safety of all our members and visitors. Board members and staff are currently working on creating a way to communicate our correct pronouns on our name tags. Until we are able to complete that, we encourage you to begin offering your pronouns when you share your name or information about yourself. Some ways you could do this would be to add your pronouns to your signature line in your email, on your social media page, on name-tags for events, and in conversations. Don't assume you know someone's pronouns. Instead ask, "What are your pronouns?" When we all do this together, it helps reduce stigma that trans, non-binary, and people of other gender identities feel and it creates a welcome space for all. Start paying more attention to how you speak and see if there are other ways you can change your vocabulary to be less gender-based.

Please watch your church newsletter for more articles regarding inclusivity and how you can help everyone feel welcome. Please talk to me or one of our pastors if you have a suggestion on how we can make our church more welcoming for everyone.

Amy Metzger, FCC Board President





# Spiritual Formation

First Christian Church

## FALL CLASS: ABORTION IS A RED HOT NATIONAL ISSUE ONCE AGAIN

Our denomination has consistently taken a pro-choice stance on a woman's access to abortion. However, Disciples congregations and Disciple members do not necessarily agree with each other on when life begins — or the more difficult question: When does personhood begin? As faith people how do we form our beliefs and make decisions on such crucial issues? People of faith draw our beliefs and make our decisions on the basis of four authorities: Scripture, Tradition, Reason (includes knowledge emerging from researched science), and Experience (personal and communal). This study will explore abortion through these four authoritative sources. During this 6 week session we will seek a theological perspective on abortion; that is, a perspective shaped by God's intent for life.

Sharon Warner is professor emerita of Educational Ministry and a former Dean at Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky. She is also an ordained Disciples of Christ minister, was a former professor at Northwest Christian College, and was an elementary school teacher in Roseburg, Oregon.

## LIBRARY: THE FIRST OREGONIANS AND THE JESUS WAY

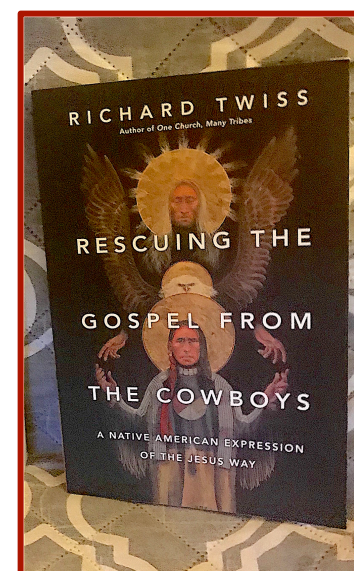
Karen Duncan, FCC librarian, invites everyone to browse new books on North America's indigenous people and Christianity at the library in October. The library is on the sanctuary floor and is open on Sundays before and after services and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4.

Karen is retired from many years at the University of Oregon in the Registrar's office and University Archives. She enjoys studying history, theology and participating in the resistance.

CATALOG: [librarything.com/catalog/FCCEugene](http://librarything.com/catalog/FCCEugene)

## ABORTION IN LIGHT OF OUR FAITH: When Does Life Begin?

with Sharon Warner.  
10:15 AM class on Sundays beginning October 13







# Spreading Kindness Campaign

In May 2018 one hundred fifty people gathered in Eugene for the purpose of making the greater Eugene/Springfield area a kinder place for us all, and for achieving the "City of Kindness" recognition for our joint cities. Acts of kindness engage citizens in our community to spread peace and make our cities healthier and more enjoyable for everyone. Because our faith experience is aligned with spreading kindness and love, First Christian Church is joining as an official supporter of this campaign.

Here are some ways you can help spread further the campaign of kindness in our community:

1. Volunteer in one of our community outreach ministries such as Interfaith Breakfast, Helping Hands, or Good Samaritan, to bring kindness to disenfranchised people of Eugene.
2. Share a kindness with someone and record your story of kindness at the campaign website to be counted towards the goal of making Eugene an official City of Kindness. Share your story here: <https://www.spreadingkindnesscampaign.org/personal-kindness/submit-an-act-of-kindness/>
3. Place a "Choose Kindness" yard sign or sticker in a prominent location at your home or on your vehicle.
4. Consider attending the Choose Kindness Celebration event Sunday, November 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m., at The Shedd in Eugene. This is free event with guest speakers and break out sessions. Childcare is available if reserved in advance. Please see posters located on bulletin boards around the church or find out more on the campaign website: [www.JoinSKC.org](http://www.JoinSKC.org).





# future story 2.0

## Future Story 2.0 Update

The Future Story 2.0 committee met again after an August vacation recess. They heard progress reports from the Building/Property task force and the Vision task force. The Building/Property group has contacted Arbor South to look at the stability of the building. They are working up various scenarios regarding staying in the building vs relocating and the budget of those alternatives. These will be presented to the congregation once all the data has been collected, probably not until January. The Vision task force has suggested that as a congregation we look again at our Vision Statement that was written 10 years ago and decide if this still represents us. We will focus on our Vision this fall.

In this regard, we would like to know. Would you rather meet in a small group discussion at church or in a home?

## Future Story Discernment

The Future Story 2.0 committee is organizing a number of home meetings in October to review the vision for our congregation that was established in 2008. There will be a sign up in the worship services on the first two Sundays of October. Watch for sign up information in your e-mail as well. In addition there will be a meeting before the unified worship on October 27th for anyone not able to attend one of the home gatherings. These meetings will give members an opportunity to review and respond to the vision that emerged out of our discernment process led by Dick Hamm in 2007-08. The primary question for discernment in this process is to ask, How is God speaking to us for this time through this vision? Does it need to be updated or changed in any way? All members of the church and those interested in our mission are encouraged to participate in one of these meetings.





**As of August 31, 2019**

Year to date budgeted income: \$323,497.36

Year to date actual income: \$349,433.17

**Actual income greater than budget by \$25,935.81**

Year to date budgeted expenses: \$323,497.36

Year to date actual expenses: \$314,300.03

Actual expenses less that budgeted by: \$9,197.33

**Total income greater than total expenses \$35,133.14**

Looking good!



Happy Birthday October

Nancy Comer	October 3
Mel Menegat	October 3
Rhiley Ybarra	October 3
Kerry Crow	October 5
Rhett Ybarra	October 5
Karen Sturms	October 6
Wanda Henson	October 8
Marily Reid	October 8
Glen Gibbons	October 9
Rhoman Ybarra	October 10
Dick MBusic	October 12
Onyx Kretschmann	October 12
Arlene Peightal	October 12
Teffany Hefner	October 16
Karen Duncan	October 17
Eliza Drummond	October 18
Paul Blaylock	October 21
Lisa Kaufman	October 21
Alana Berhow	October 22
Linda Dorsey	October 22
Kelly McCornack	October 22
Connie Kennedy	October 23
David Follingstad	October 27
Nancy Hayner	October 30
Lorin Loomis	October 31



**OCTOBER 2019 FCC SERVICE AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE**

		6-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct
<b>9 am Traditional Service</b>					<b>UNITED SERVICE-10:30 am</b>
<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>Offering Communion</b>	Rick Johnson Stephanie Hershiser	Michael Kennedy Connie Kennedy	Sonny Bettelyoun Patty Osborne	Sandy Ybarra Dow Cobb
<b>DEACONS</b>	<b>CP</b>	Rex Bradley Anthony Brimberry	Matthew Coady John Weare	Jamie McCornack John Weare	John Metzger Jonah Metzger
	<b>CC</b>	Lori Smith Bill Smith	Beverly Henderson Laurie Geiger	Rex Bradley Rhoman Ybarra	Teffany Hefner Conrad Tjemsland
	<b>OT</b>	Matthew Coady Delilah Smith	Lori Smith Bill Smith	Conrad Tjemsland Anthony Brimberry	Beverly Henderson Abigail Rotholz
					Hannah Oristano Annie Tobin
<b>11:15 am New Celebration Service</b>					
<b>ELDER</b>		Stephen Landale	Karen Sturms	Mel Menegat	
<b>DEACONS</b>	<b>CP</b>	Paul Blaylock Jeannie Hagy	Sophie Navarro Benjamin Thompson	Abigail Rotholz Avery Puhn	
	<b>Route 2 Route 3</b>	Rick Johnson Mel Menegat	Connie/ Michael Kennedy John Haze	Patty Osborne Sonny Bettelyoun	Sandi Ybarra Dow Cobb

**CP= Communion Prep; CC = Communion Clean Up; OT= Offering Tray pickup**



# October 2019 General Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 -12:00 PM102Helping Hnds Rm -7:00 PMCallNaomi's Circle	2 -9:00 AM213Letter Writing to Politicians -9:00 AM800Vision Builders -2:00 PM213Librarian Meeting -4:30 PM257Music Staff Mtg -6:00 PM312Bell Choir Rehearsal -7:30 PM201, Pkg - OakChoir Practice	3 -7:30 AMTheoSpiritual Formation Grp -12:00 PM102Helping Hnds Rm -4:30 PM200NC Rhsl	4 -2:00 PM257Sunday Breakfast Committee -7:30 PM200, 213, Pkg - OakSopurk Kahlsa Concert	5 -10:00 AM120Brkfst Setup
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## Mission Statement

We believe in love of God for all people

We gather as a worshipping community of faith to follow Jesus Christ

We delight together in what God is doing through us to bring: healing within brokenness; unity within diversity; joy within grief; and power within weakness

Our mission is to strengthen relationships we have with God, with each other, with our families, and with our world.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation and people of all orientations, and gender identities are welcome in the full life and ministry of our church.

We are a global ministries church and we join and with global and local partners to work for justice reconciliation and peace.

We are a Green Chalice congregation and we strive to demonstrate the fullness of God's Shalom through living out our faith by caring for God's creator.