



The Messenger

March 2017



Christ's Church Methodist & Falls City United Methodist Church & Falls City United Methodist Church

Please welcome these guest Pastors:

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| Sunday, August 6 | Rev. David Morelli |
| Sunday, August 13 | Rev. Kathleen Brinegar |
| Sunday, August 20 | Rev. Carolyn Hampton |



In addition, Pastoral Care is being covered by the Stephen Ministry until we bring on our new pastor. Care is as follows for the first week of August:

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| July 29 – Aug 4 | Sherry Pittam | (503) 838-2667 |
| Aug 5 – Aug 11 | Jo Ann | (503) 838-6603 |
| Aug 12 – Aug 18 | Gail Saxowsky | (503) 551-9525 |

After that, if you are in need of pastoral care, call the office at (503) 838-1724 to reach the next Stephen Minister.

Blessings to you.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

- 9:00am **Fellowship** (FC Friendship Room)
 9:20am **Worship** (FC Sanctuary)
 10:00am **Prayer Room Open**, (CC Prayer Room)
 11:00am **Worship** (CC Sanctuary)
 12:10pm **Fellowship** (CC Friendship Room)

MONDAY

- 7:00am **Lectionary Study** (Independence Grill, 8am)
 12:00pm **Lunch Bunch** (Falls City Friendship Room, 11:40am)
 7:00pm **Young Adult Bible Study** (S. Pittam's)

TUESDAY

- 4:30pm **James2 Dinners**, 2, 3, & 4 Tue. (FC Friendship Room)
 7:00pm **Boy Scouts** (CC Lower Level)
 7:00pm **Committees** (CC Library)
 7:00pm **Adventist Church** (CC Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00am **Lectionary Study** (Pink House, 8am)
 6:00pm **Joy Bells Practice** (CC Sanctuary)
 7:00pm **Choir Practice** (CC Sanctuary) *Summer Hiatus*

THURSDAY

- 6:30pm **Book Discussion** (S. Pittam's) on Summer Hiatus

FRIDAY

- 8:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous**

SATURDAY

- 9:00am **Adventist Church** (9am-8pm, CC)

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

- Aug 2 **Lectionary**, 1st Wed (8am, Pink House)
 Aug 2 **Horizons** 1st Wed (1pm, CC Library)
 Aug 3 **Polk Free Clinic** (cancelled)
 Aug 6 **Falls City Food Bank Collection**, 1st Sun, after worship
 Aug 6 **Worship Committee Meeting** (1st Sunday, after service, CC)
 Aug 8 **Stewardship Team Meeting** 2nd Tue (6:30pm, CC Lib.)
 Aug 8 **PJM – Peace, Justice, & Mission** 2nd Tue (7:30pm, CC)
 Aug 9 **SPRC** CC, 2nd Wed (7am, Independence Grill)
 Aug 13 **Western Compass Meeting** Campus Ministry, (10am, 3rd Thu)
 Aug 25 **Submission Due Date** for Messenger Newsletter
 Aug 25 **Dallas Night Out**, Dallas United Methodist (4-7 pm)
 Aug 26 **Polk Free Clinic** 4th Sat (7:30am, Dallas, Trinity Lutheran Church)
 Aug 27 **Christian Education**, usually 4th Sun (12:30pm, CC Library)
 Aug 27 **Summer Fest**, 4:30 pm, Gentle Woods Park
 Aug 28 **Lunch Bunch, FC**, last Mon (12pm, FC)

Save these dates!

- Sep 10 **Jazz Festival**
 Sep 16 **Run for Hope and Health**
 Oct 7 **Clinic** – Hearing & Vision Screening

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08/08 Heidi Dum
 08/08 Geri Melton
 08/14 Tawnya Kreft
 08/24 Benjamin Major
 08/30 Linda Grund-Clampitt

Is your birth date missing? Please tell the office know so we can correct that omission. Thanks!



Prayer Ministry

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Shelby Case, Poonie Chiles & Joey Hampton, Beth Fleisher, Lisa Fowler, Megan Gipson, Jo Ann King, Jim Smith, Jo Yeager

We offer prayers for those who are maligned, dismissed, and discriminated against, and for those enduring pain and fear.

We offer prayers for discernment as we seek a new pastor for our church.

And Prayers of Thanks and Gratitude
For the ability to give to others.



Announcements

Food Bank Focus for August: School Supplies. This is the time of year that the school supplies, even school clothes or backpacks, is definitely needed. The sales for notebooks, pens, pencils, and paper are happening right now...

The **Free Medical Clinic** scheduled for Aug. 5 has been canceled due to lack of providers. It will be open again on Saturday, Aug. 25, as scheduled and...

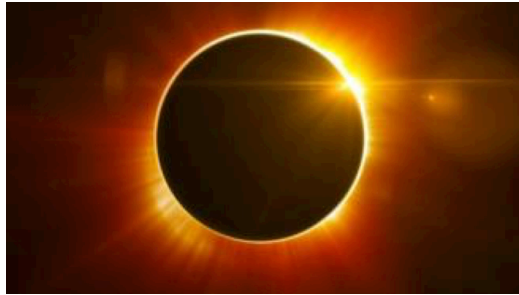
- Aug. 26th clinic will have a special event with people who will be available to assist Polk County residents to get signed up for OHP
- Oct. 7th clinic will be partnering with the Lion's Club and the Central Vision Clinic for hearing and vision screening.

A Jazz Festival at Kathleen vineyards is being held from 1 - 5pm on Sep. 10. Contact the Dallas Free Medical Clinic for tickets at 503-831-0551.

The **Run For Hope and Health** is being held on Sept. 16. For more information on the Run, please go to the Salem Free Clinics website for more information or to sign up to participate (www.salemfreesclinics.org). If you are interested in volunteering at the Run, just send me an email. – Gail Saxowsky.

Upcoming Events

ECLIPSE



NEWS

On August 21st, 2017 our community will be in the path of totality for the first total solar eclipse to touch the continental US since 1979. There is a lot of excitement over this event that will be just under two minutes long. We are the lucky ones, we don't have to travel to see the eclipse, unlike the expected million people that will come to see the event in the narrow, 70 mile wide, path across the state. With the influx of visitors nothing is going to be "business as usual" in the few days leading up to and for a couple of days after the eclipse. Below is a partial list of things that you should do, plan for or expect to happen. Plan on getting any supplies you will need in the 4-5 days around the eclipse a week or so ahead of time.

To Purchase

- Groceries, including water
- Fuel/Gas,
- Medications,
- Pet/Animal Supplies,
- Anything you regularly use in a 5-7 day timeframe

To be aware of

- Traffic-will be very heavy with. Back ups, closed roads. Gridlock
- Cell phone service may be limited. Internet connections may be difficult.
- Plan ahead if you have to go to work that day-maybe take an eclipse day?
- Possible power outages

Also

- Enjoy – there won't be another coming across the state for a very, very long time.
- **Be safe view only with eclipse glasses.**
- Spread the word to neighbors, friends, and to those that may not have a lot of contacts outside of their homes



Community Connections



Conflict is Normal.....

Here is something that you may not know. Conflict is both Normal and Neutral. Everyone has conflict...sometimes they are big things like choosing a different job, moving, or working through family or marriage differences. Sometimes they are smaller things like trying to choose what clothes to take on vacation, what to make for dinner or which restaurant to choose. The truth is that we all experience conflict every day. It is normal. But my experience tells me that when we think about the first thing that pops into our minds when we hear the word “conflict”, the vast majority of us think of something negative like fighting, arguing, politics, war and many others. Few people think of positive things when they consider conflict. When something is no longer working we have a conflict, but that conflict provides us with the opportunity to try something different. When we try a venture and fail, we learn things about what is needed to succeed the next time. Conflict is in and of itself neutral, it is how we respond to conflict that can make it a positive or negative experience. Notice that I used the word “respond.” That was very deliberate on my part. When we respond we are making a choice informed by thought and deliberation. Many times people use the word reacted as though that were somehow not a choice. Let me assure you that a reaction is also a choice but it is most often a choice that is driven by emotion (anger, fear, frustration, impatience etc.) The difference between a thoughtful response and an emotional reaction is the often unintended consequences of a choice made without consideration of what happens next.

Community Mediation Services is a program that helps people resolve conflict. We don't fix your problems for you but we help you think through the situation and possible resolutions and work things out with the person(s) you are in conflict with. While we don't solve your conflicts, we do empower you to make informed choices about how you might go about living at peace with that neighbor, that friend, child or parent. When you are able to say the things you need to say AND hear the things you need to hear, people in conflict are often able to find a solution that works for all the people involved.

Often times the cause of a conflict is two people looking at the same set of facts or circumstances but coming up with very different versions of what they are seeing. Your perspective is unique to you, but sometimes when we are able to communicate what we understand or see and hear what someone else understands or sees, we can learn that someone can see things differently but that it does not make either of you right or wrong, just different.

My friends, if we begin with the knowledge that conflict is both normal and neutral and it is how we respond that makes it either a positive or negative experience, then we can choose to use the conflicts we encounter as opportunities to build stronger relationships, take advantage of potential solutions and experience life without the fear of the unknown tying us down.

— Ken Braun, Community Mediation Services



Denomination News

Way Forward Commission update

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Recent Gambel Mission, Part One: the first part of the story

Eight people gathered in Anchorage, Alaska from a variety of lower 48 locations to continue their trip to Nome and then to the village of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island. They are working on the new Presbyterian church building that will double as a community center.

A couple of interesting things happened on the last days before flying, we were notified that the building supervisor for the project had had a medical event that will not allow him to accompany the group in their building process. Thus the team met with some interested individuals from the Presbytery to help understand the details of the project. Denvy's quote "we now have a set of the plans for the building... and were told to do what you can..." Then after arriving he said, "Well it's nice to have the plans but the building that is here doesn't really match the plans anyway... and there is no one to explain..."

But the group is working on wiring, sheet rocking, and even made a new box for the honey bucket. I'm sure there will be much more to tell and pictures to see after they come back to OR.

We can get some text messages back but pictures or emails haven't come through, yet. And Denvy did get a call through today for a short time.



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Values, Vision, & Mission

CCMP Mission Statement is “to discover, proclaim and share the love of Jesus Christ through prayer and worship, ministry, service, & our action as individuals.”

Falls City UMC Mission Statement is “Feeding people mind, body, & soul.”



Editor’s Corner

If there is righteousness in the heart
There will be beauty in the character;

If there is beauty in the character
There will be harmony in the home;

When there is harmony in the home
There will be order in the nation;

When there is order in the nation
There will be peace in the world.

– Sai Baba