



### **Values, Vision, & Mission**

**Mission Statement for Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United** is *"to discover, proclaim and share the love of Jesus Christ through prayer and worship, ministry, service, & our action as individuals."*

### ***Pause for Contemplation***

**While we are searching for a new Pastor, we will have the following guest speakers**

- Oct 1 - Rev. Steve Hammond
- Oct 8 - Rev. Kathleen Brinegar
- Oct 15 - David Mote
- Oct 22 - Roger Newell
- Oct 29 - Dennis Dusek

As a congregation we have chosen to serve the Lord with hospitality toward our neighbors. Who are our neighbors? All of humankind. With that as a guiding beam, we seek through our missions and worship service to extend ourselves to those seeking assistance, and to our church family through sharing and caring for one another.

**Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United**  
**The Messenger, October 2017**

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

- 10:00am **Prayer Room Open**, (CC Prayer Room)  
 11:00am **Worship** (CC Sanctuary)  
 12:10pm **Fellowship** (CC Friendship Room)  
 • 5:00pm **Created for Happiness Class** (CC Sanctuary & Friendship)

### MONDAY

- 7:00pm **Young Adult Bible Study** (S. Pittam's)

### TUESDAY

- 4:30pm **Service for Residents** (Independence Health Center)  
 7:00pm **Boy Scouts** (Lower Level)  
 7:00pm **Committees** (Library)  
 7:00pm **Adventist Church** (Sanctuary)

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

- 7:00pm **Book Discussion** (S. Pittam's)

### FRIDAY

- 8:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous**

### SATURDAY

- 9:00am **Adventist Church** (9am-8pm, CC)  
 12:00pm **NO MORE – Rally for Peace and Justice** (Noon in front of Polk Co Courthouse) For more info call 503-931-4224  
 • TBDpm **Advent Study Potluck** (Call Sherry for week's location)  
 • Christian Education will provide rides for both Happiness and Advent groups for those who need transportation

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

- Oct 1,8,15,23,29 **Created for Happiness Book Study** (Sunday's 5-7)  
 Oct 8 **Worship Committee Meeting** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, after service, CC)  
 Oct 4 **Horizons 1<sup>st</sup> Wed** (1pm, CC Library)  
 Oct 4 **Lectionary, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed** (8am, Pink House)  
 Oct 7 **Polk Free Clinic 1<sup>st</sup> Sat** (7:30am, Dallas, Trinity Lutheran Church)  
 Oct 3 **PJM – Peace, Justice, & Mission 1<sup>st</sup> Tue** (7:00pm, CC)  
 Oct 7 **Free Medical Clinic – Hearing & Vision Screening**  
 Oct 8 **Family Preparedness (CERT) Training**  
 Oct 10 **Stewardship Team Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue** (6:30pm, CC Lib.)  
 Oct 11 **SPRC CC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed** (7am, Independence Grill)  
 Oct 19 **Western Compass Meeting** Campus Ministry, (10am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu )  
 Oct 22 **Christian Education, usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sun** (12:30pm, CC Library)  
 Oct 25 **Submission Due Date** for Messenger Newsletter  
 Oct 28 **Polk Free Clinic 4<sup>th</sup> Sat** (7:30am, Dallas, Trinity Lutheran Church)  
 Oct 29 –Nov 5 **IHN Hospitality Week**

### Save these dates!

- Nov. 27 The Charge Conference / Annual Meeting (7:00pm)  
 Dec. 10 Christmas Concert (3:00pm)

**Christ's Church (CC)**  
 Methodist & Presbyterian  
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 10/09 Beth Ritchey  
 10/17 Jake Major  
 10/17 Jacob Major

*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:

Poonie Chiles, Lisa Fowler, Megan Gipson, Jo Ann King, Jim Smith, Jo Yeager

We offer prayers:

- *For people who have been evicted or made homeless by the ever changing forces of nature.*
- *For the survivors and victims of Hurricanes, Forest Fires, and Drought in our world today.*
- *For the many volunteers and rescue workers Who are stepping up to provide essentials of life and safety for others.*
- *For our nation, and world, which is suffering an upsurge of hate and racism directed against some of us*
- *For the ability to stand up for justice by exercising our rights to speak up and out for others, no matter what the circumstances.*



## **And Prayers of Thanks and Gratitude**

- *For the joy and happiness which comes from embarking on a new journey*

**Nick Erstgaard**, our Western Compass coordinator, is recovering from being injured in a car/bicycle accident. He had a concussion and internal injuries, and required wrist surgery. Please keep him in prayer. Denvy is covering Western Compass while Nick is recovering.

## **Values, Vision, & Mission**

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Food Bank Focus for October: Paper Products ☺

**The Free Medical Clinic** scheduled for Oct. 7th will be partnering with the Lion's Club and the Central Vision Clinic for hearing and vision screening along with Screenings for Hearing, Glaucoma, Blood Glucose, & Blood Pressure. Spread the word!



### Megan Gipson's Celebration of Life Party!

Come one! Come all! Everyone is welcome! This celebration of Megan's wonderful life, by people from all walks of life, children and elders alike, will be held at the church on Nov. 5 from 2:30-6:00 PM. Bring memories and stories of things you'd like to share with and about Megan. (Funny stories are welcome.) Come and have fun. Live music by long time friends!!! A great Taco bar (you are invited to bring your favorite taco topping to use for Taco Bar. Imagine what delicious treats will be available. Plus, craft activities will be available for children and anyone who is interested!!! If you forget the date, just remember it's on the day that Daylight Savings changes so you'll have more time to come celebrate!



### Grief Recovery Weekend

Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death or a divorce? A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held the weekend of October 13 -15 (Registration by October 2 is recommended). Contact Jo Anne for more information: 503-476-4796 or email her at [joanne.paxton@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.paxton@gmail.com). You can also visit [www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org](http://www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org). The program will be offered again in March 2018.

The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for 2 nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangement may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available. Single rooms are available for an additional \$20.

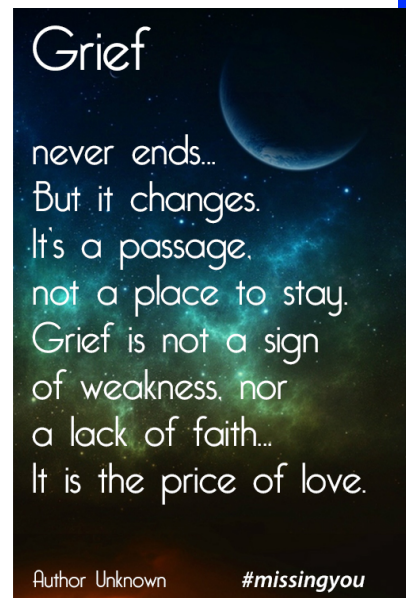


### John Doan Concert

**Harp Guitar Concert: 'Beyond Six Strings – 20 Strings of Magic'**

Trinity Lutheran Church presents Emmy-Nominated musician and storyteller John Doan with his "Beyond Six Strings – 20 Strings of Magic" program at **6:30pm** on **Sunday, 15 October**.

**Admission is by suggested donation** of \$12.00 for adults and \$10 for Seniors and Children, For more information call at **503 949 5653** or go online at [www.dallastlc.org](http://www.dallastlc.org) or [www.johndoan.com](http://www.johndoan.com).





**“Opportunity Knocks:  
Unite Around a Vision for Justice,  
Equality and Democracy”**

**George Lakey**

Jayne Downing  
will be honored with the Salem Peacemaker  
Award which is presented annually at the  
Peace Lecture.

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**Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
7:30 p.m.**

Hudson Recital Hall  
Mary Stewart Rogers Music Center  
Willamette University

**Open to the public at no charge**

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Convened by: Peace Plaza, Inc.; Oregon PeaceWorks; the United Nations  
Association, Salem Chapter; and the Office of the Chaplains at Willamette  
University

The Salem Peace Lecture is sponsored by many Salem area faith groups and  
community organizations. A complete list will appear in the program.

*Are you ready for a big disaster...?*  
 ... like a **hurricane**?  
 ... like evacuating from a **wildfire**?  
 ... like the **Big Earthquake**?  
 ... like a major ice storm, or high water?

## Family Preparedness Training

*Sunday*  
**October 8 - 3:00-5:00PM**

**Christ's Church**  
 Methodist & Presbyterian United  
 412 W Clay Street, Monmouth

Do you have adequate...?

- ✓ Food and water
- ✓ Candles, flashlight and batteries
- ✓ Gas in the car and for the generator
- ✓ Important phone numbers
- ✓ Medicine and first aid kit
- Other stuff

**Family Preparedness Training for emergencies** in your family home, or Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, between 3:00 and 5:00PM. **Community Emergency Response Team**, Christ's Church has been asked to sponsor this CERT training to help prepare for natural disasters, like the floods in Texas or the anticipated big earthquake in Oregon. A full CERT, which is short for Community Emergency Response Team, training involves many hours and some rather technical skills such as fire fighting and triaging victims of a disaster.

The training at Christ's Church will be focused on how individual families can prepare for emergencies. Actions such as storing some water and certain foods, maintaining communication, learning how to support and help each other, and how to get your home and vehicles ready when services may not be available for weeks.

**IHN Hospitality Week** (International Hospitality Network) is coming up on Oct. 29 – Nov 5! Be prepared as you can.

*Ephesians 6:7 And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God.*

Let's face it, your church hosting Interfaith Hospitality Network can look like a lot of work! Signing up volunteers, setting up church space, making the meals, serving the meals, cleaning up the meals and then being sure the volunteers show up. I felt tired and stressed just thinking about that! I'm always extremely thankful that our model encourages many volunteers and that each congregation is able to engage so many of their members.

We all want things to go well when the guests head to our church. There is one factor that will make or break the week, for both the guests and your volunteers: attitude. If there are people on your hosting team that view their work as drudgery, it can make for an extremely long week for everyone involved. As leaders, we have the opportunity to set our hosting week up to be a joyful and welcoming experience. Here are a few tips for setting your week up to be positive and memorable!

**Smile** – Even if you haven't had a great day, smile! The look on your face can quickly change the atmosphere. This can be an easy task for some, for others it can take some work. One of my friends has a harder time and will force himself to smile 5 min straight before he walks into a dreaded meeting. If you've had a tough day before your hosting duties start, maybe listen to a favorite song or reminisce on a fun memory to get yourself pumped up.

**Games and Toys** – I'm 38 years old and I still get excited to play games with my family and friends. Kids love indoor or outdoor scavenger hunts, active games in the gym or board games that everyone can play together. Not everyone will always want to participate, but focus on those who do and have a great time with them. If others see what a good time you're having, they might warm up and decide they want to join!

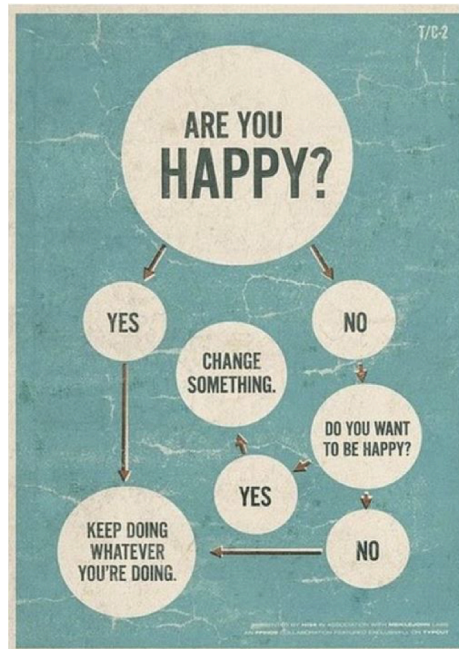
**The Right Questions** – Interactions can be a bit strained as guests get to know a new environment and as volunteers get a feel for our guest families. The right questions can quickly set a tone for everyone involved. If guests have been in the program for a while, it's possible they've had to answer the same question day after day as they meet new volunteers, which can be taxing. Check out [this list](#) if you want some ideas for questions and ice breaker topics that will mix things up a bit!

**Good Surprises** – What can you do to make the guests' week at your church special? Could you give them a surprise 'goodie basket' in the middle of the week? What about having a Sunday School class write letters to each family member? What about setting up a water balloon/squirt gun/flour fight in the church yard where it is kids vs. volunteers? Surprises can be fun, but always keep in mind the circumstances families are in. For example, if you were to arrange a squirt gun fight, you could let the parents in on the secret the night before and encourage them to bring extra clothes, or make plastic bag ponchos.

## Community Connections

### **CREATED FOR HAPPINESS – Book Study**

Using the book, Created for Happiness, the book study will be held every Sunday in October. The study will be offered in the late afternoon, from 5:00–7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room and Sanctuary. The leader is our own Linda Scheirman! Everyone who can come is welcome to participate. A book will be provided to all participants. There is no charge for this. Please sign up so the number of books needed is identified – or call Sherry Pittam or the office if you've been unable to sign-up before the first of October. Even if you just show up at the last minute, you will be welcome.



### **NO MORE HATE – Rally for Peace and Justice**

Every Saturday at 12 noon in front of Polk County Courthouse, Dallas  
 For more Information, call: Dawn 503-931-4224  
 Meet on the NW corner of the lawn. All ages.  
 Bring marker pens and cardboard to make signs!

### **Human Rights in Mexico**

A presentation on “Human Rights in Mexico: How U.S. Policies Affect State Violence, Militarization, and Displacement” Speaking tour from Mexico’s National Network for the Defense of Human Rights.

October 17, Tues. at 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Held at Central High School.

(just follow the signs.)

with Roberto Mendoza Perez and his interpreter



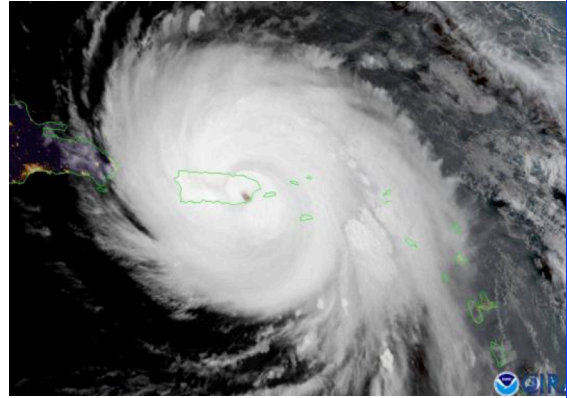


Many types of disasters are evident all over the world, in every season and every country. Their commonalities are also self-evident. What differs is what we do about it.

## Denomination News

### **UMCOR is there for the long haul**

ATLANTA (UMNS) — Being the last to leave after a disaster is a calling card for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and a sign of hope for those starting the recovery process in the wake of Harvey, Irma and Maria. Julie Dwyer has the story [Read story](#)



*Sandy McCall looks through her furniture and flooded possessions on the street outside her home in Orange, Texas, after Hurricane Harvey. Photo by Kathleen Barry, UMNS.*

## September edition of Facing Racism explores The Doctrine of Discovery

*Gregg Brekke | Presbyterian News Service*

**Observance of Native American Day** prompts consideration of U.S. history. As the Church prepares to celebrate Native American Day on September 22, we offer resources related to The Doctrine of Discovery. For more than five centuries, the doctrine and the laws based upon it have legalized the theft of land, labor and resources from Indigenous Peoples, and systematically denied their human rights. The 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the PC(USA) called the church to confess its complicity and repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.

## Presbyterian ministers gather at U.S. Capitol to speak up on federal budget proposal

*Henry Stone | Special to Presbyterian News Service*

### **Group advocates for stronger social program emphasis**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – “A budget is a values document. AMEN! A budget is a moral document. AMEN! A federal budget is a spiritual document. AMEN!” ...So responded clergy members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Tuesday in front of the U.S. Capitol.

The denomination’s [Office of Public Witness](#) (OPW) hosted a day of advocacy on September 12, interceding on behalf of a “Faithful Budget” as highly contentious budget negotiations continue on the Hill. O



## Editor's Corner

*Even with all our technology and the inventions that make modern life so much easier than it once was, it takes just one big natural disaster to wipe all that away and remind us that, here on Earth, we're still at the mercy of nature.*

- Neil deGrasse Tyson