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At the Feeder Again,
 The feeder is busy these days. New finch feeder bags and our fancy cedar feeder (a Christmas gift from the congregation) continue to provide hours of enjoyment to our bird watching experience. The Oregon Juncos, Rose Breasted Nuthatches, Sparrows, Chickadees and Towhees (soon to arrive) are loving our back yard bonanza. The chorus of bird calls raises to the heavens, attracting more birds, but also squirrels and cats too.

The key to feeding different birds is to offer a variety of feed options. Oil coated sunflower seeds are a big hit for many birds, but the millet and suet feeders offered bring in a different set of feathered worshipers....by now, you're probably thinking I am talking about something other than bird feeders... you are a wise one. You found me out.

March 12th (That's a Saturday) an experiment will be offered at FCC. A contemporary worship will be offered. What is "contemporary" worship? You ask a good question. I've been providing it for nearly 14 years now, and I'm still trying to answer that question. Here's my best answer:

Contemporary worship is a way to honor God through non-traditional modes. It uses non-traditional music and other forms of presenting the gospel. Though it can take many forms, contemporary worship often uses higher levels of energy to present the gospel. It often uses multi-media forms of presentation. Compared with traditional forms of worship, the high points of worship are more intense and the lows emotionally more pronounced as well.

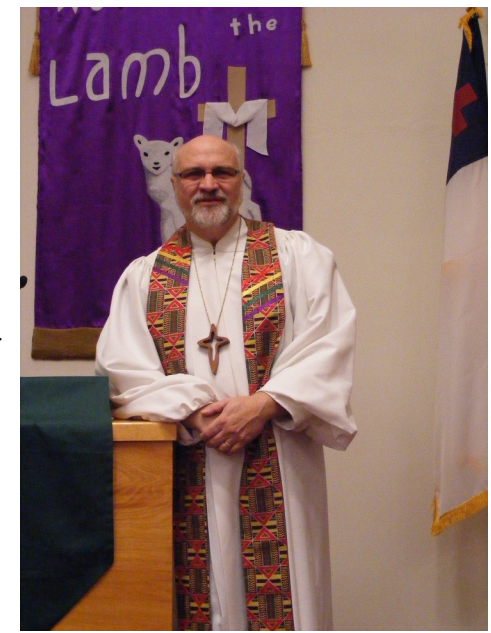
There are other forms of "alternative worship" too, and we will also offer one of these in March. A Taize service will be offered (location to be FCC) on some of the Fridays during Lent. If you're not sure what a Taize worship is, you can check them out on line any time. You'll find that Taize is a form or worship that is much more contemplative, in that it provides a form of music that is ritualistic, repetitive and simple. Think candles, harmony and meditation and you should have a general idea of a Taize service. (Watch the bulletin for posting of time and place).

Why offer so many alternatives for worship? The answer can be found in the cereal aisle at the grocery store. There you will find the variety that makes us human. Look at the packaging, the artistic presentation, the location on the shelves and it will prove my point pretty convincingly.

The answer can be found in my backyard too. However, Sniffers and Nina are watching the birds come and go with great interest. Oh, Sniffers and Nina are cats. They really don't mind which feeders we put out, just so long as the birds arrive.

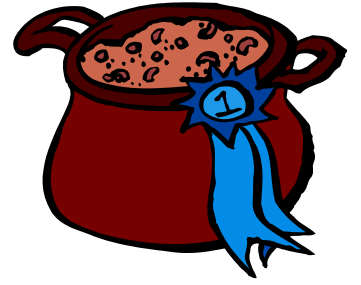
I share *some* similarities with the cats. It doesn't matter which feeder I attend. I just love the birds who come.....

Feeding on the Love of Christ,
 Pastor Neil



Events to come:
Do you have a great Chili Recipe that the whole family loves?? Enter it in the Chili Cook off, **March 13**, (cooks being sought) Funds to be used for Youth camps.

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Calling all Ladies in the church:
 Pray and Play day in Albany is April 9, 9:30—12:30. Cost is \$20.. It is the Regional event for the ladies. 2011 Theme is "Surviving Together in Easter Island", highlights the stories we tell about how hope and faith get us through our toughest days. Registration forms are in the office & on the Website.
 Several of us plan to attend so call the office if you are interested.

IN OUR PRAYERS: David Lewelling, Kathryn Robinson, Jeanette McBride, Curt Christie & mom-Les Christie, Roy Hayden, Arlene Highfill, Howard Johnson, Shirley Kilborn, Marge Schenbeck, Doris Smith, Ron & Lita Van Kopp; Jim Beamer, David Brokaw, Marlene Curtis, Robert Davis, Shelley Durant, Dan Fults Family, Oneta Hager, Stephanie Hammond, Nancy & Nicky Long, Melissa Milsap, Brian Moore, Peggy Nunn, McKenna Perdue, James Smith Jr., John Stackhouse, Sue Utley, Cheryl Walton, Bob Westbrook, and families without jobs.

Service People: Sgt. Scot Noss, Spec. Ethan "Andy" Amacker, Michael Davis
Our leaders, our nation, our world.

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the church office

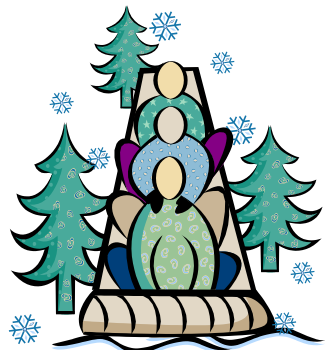
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YOUTH CORNER

March 19??? Melissa will meet with the Youth before Spring Break. With a youth bible study somewhere around 5:00 pm.

Youth lock~in April 2nd.

April 3 will be a potato bake sale following the church service to earn money for youth camp. Come to service that day planning to be fed and help our youth!



The HIGH TEA is back

June 25 we will be holding the High Tea again this year. Please let everyone know that you have as contacts.

We will be needing servers, and clean up crew, and cooks, and decorators and advertisers.

Linda Boyd is in charge of it so if you are willing to take part in this years High Tea please call her to let her know.



Pastor's Class on Baptism will start March 20 for all persons interested. Please let him know if you are planning to attend.



Taize Worship, sometime in March-Episcopal, Methodist and FCC will worship together here at FCC. Watch for more information on the time and date.

March 12: 7:00 PM, Contemporary Worship Service, bring finger foods.



March 13: Chili Cook-off, more chefs needed. Pastor has 3 and he would like to have at least 10 cooks. More to taste. Not too hot please!

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.



Song of Songs 6:3



Church Board meeting is February 10. The meeting is every other month on the second Thursday at 7 PM. Elders meet first at 6:30.



Thank You to the Four Square church for the great Valentine dinner on the 12th. 22 people from our church attended and had a wonderful dinner and evening with a Newlyweds contest.

Lebanon FCC is a "can do" church. Just make a phone calls to the church or a church member if you want to be more active or need some help!



It's that time again as we approach Spring. March 13 we need to spring ahead so set those clocks one hour ahead Saturday evening March 12 so you will be on time for church.

May 20 & 21 Book Sale

We will be holding a book sale here at the church. Please bring books to the church in boxes or sacks but label them as to content, are they mysteries, or romance, etc.

Share your books to bless others as you have been blessed by your reading them.



Monthly Meetings

Christian Women's & Men's Fellowship

If you are new to Lebanon FCC or just visiting, you're welcome at these meetings. Talk to the current President CWMF Executive-First Tuesday 9:30 AM

Esther—Normally meets the first Thursday in different homes.

Martha—Meets at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month in the home of one of those attending.

Priscilla & Aquila—meets at the Korner Kitchen at 1 PM on 3rd Tuesday of month.

President for March & April: Nancy Prosa.



WILD BUNCH

Wild Bunch normally meets at 12:30 pm the 4th Thursday of the month. Anyone can come, they meet at the church to car pool or you can take your own car. Then off to a restaurant for lunch and fellowship. I hear they laugh a lot and eat well!

Dr. D. Newell Williams is being honored by the Disciple Historical Society. They are building a reading room in his honor. There is currently a drive for collecting funds for this project.

Pastor Allen was his teaching assistant and asked that we be aware of this opportunity.