

# Christian Caller

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Hey Lebanon First Christian Church!

I am Gregory Widener, your new Interim Pastor. I would like to introduce myself to you, and I am excited about the next six months that I am able to be with you! I was born in The Dalles, was raised in Oregon, and attended NCC in Eugene. At the age of 22 I left the West to attend seminary, met and married an Illinois girl (Jeanne) and spent the next 40 years during various ministries in the East. Finally at age 62 I got back to Oregon to live in Grants Pass these last five years serving as Pastor of FCC. I have just retired from full time pastoral work and now I am ready to



do some Interim ministries. This August, Jeanne and I plan to move back to Kentucky to be near family. I realize that not a lot of people are attending worship right now, and that is true in all churches when compared to pre-Covid numbers. But I am impressed at the leadership being provided by some key Board members of your church. They are truly “standing in the gap” at this point in your church’s history and you should be proud of them. I am very proud of the food and clothing ministries that you host in your building, and I believe that God will bless you for them. Furthermore, I have heard that several church members who are not comfortable in attending worship in person yet still faithfully support the church financially. I thank you (whoever you are) for that.

I want to start a Sunday School class again at 10:00 am beginning on January 30th. When I last met with your leadership, it was agreed that we could stream this class as well as your worship service, so we will try to do just that. In my interview with your leadership, I was asked how I would handle masks in the church. I think it is very important to help all people feel as comfortable as possible about attending in person worship. So, I would ask that ALL people wear masks in the hallways and corridors of the church. We will begin a custom of wave greetings to each other in our services that will protect physical distancing. Leaders up front do NOT have to wear masks, and that fact was in the governor’s original order. So “up front things” like preaching and table communion are exempt from masking.

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Continued from Pastor Greg

I want to call on as many of the members of FCC in your homes as I can. I received “the booster” shot, I will always wear a mask in your home unless you indicate otherwise, and I will keep my distance. The office personnel will begin soon calling the membership to see if I am welcome to come by appointment. I have been retired for 3 weeks. I am glad to get back into the pulpit and I am looking forward to meeting many of you!

In Christ, Pastor Greg

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

**Volunteers will be in the office**

**Mondays: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Wednesdays: 1:00—4:00 pm**

**Fridays: 12:30 to 4:00 pm**

**Pastor Greg will be in the office  
on Fridays—1:00 to 5:00 pm**



Guest Chelsea Boyd signing “Grace like Rain” at Sunday’s Service

**FEBRUARY  
YOUTH  
ACTIVITIES  
TBA**



### Hymns and Hops

Tuesday, February 22  
6:00 pm at  
Conversion Brewing

### Worship Service

**Inside Sanctuary—11:00 AM  
Live on Facebook—11:00 AM**

### MARTHA CWF

Tuesday, February 15  
2:00 pm  
Marciel Gilmore’s

### Birthdays

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Joyce Dart        | 2  |
| Bobbie Hardin     | 3  |
| Peg Vorderstrasse | 7  |
| Jeff Elliott      | 12 |
| Lara LeSeur       | 14 |
| KJ Ullfers        | 16 |
| Melissa Toquero   | 21 |
| Jacob Sauls       | 28 |

### Anniversaries

Patti & Joey Vogt  
February 13

Todd & Donna Lewelling  
February 14, 1999

### Sunday School Starts January 30th at 10:00

**On Facebook  
We will be studying Genesis 1**

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

|                    |                 |                 |   |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Steven Morgan      | Judy LeSeur     | Madeline        | <b>Church, our<br/>Ministers, the<br/>Soup Kitchen,<br/>and our Regional<br/>Ministers.</b> |
| Nancy VanVleet     | Addy Opel       | Wright-Burns    |   |
| Ron VanVleet       | Diana Johnson   | Nan Martin      |   |
| Dennis Stover      | James Lenfesty  | Pam Nervino     |   |
| Jesse LeSeur       | Clint Evans     | Madeline        |   |
| Arlene Breckel     | Gary Brown      | Wright          |   |
| Del Eggert         | Shelley Alsdorf | Brad Wirth      |   |
| Myke Eggert        | Joe Adkins      | Wilma Grill     |   |
| Betty Lou Rockwell | Ronita Slayden  | Theresa Peltier |   |
| Millie Patterson   | Gertrude De-    | Lisa Andreozi   |   |
| John Stolsig       | Butts           | Melissa Bernard |   |
| Jerri Stolsig      | Diana Hoover    |                 |   |
|                    | Baby Ella       |                 |   |

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World, our**

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any updates or  
corrections to  
this list, please  
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know in writing  
or by email.**