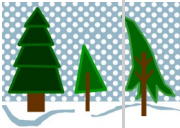



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9 Bible Study 12:30 Youth Committee meet.	5	6	7	8	9	10 7 Snow Day at Hoodoo
11 9 Bible Study 6 Oaks Service	12	13	14  ASH Wednesday 7:00 service	15	16	17
18 WOC Sunday 9 Bible Study	19 6 Soup Kitchen Board Meeing	20 2:00 Martha 6:30 Elders 7:00 Board	21 	22 Week of Compassion	23	24
25 12::30 Pastors Class 9 Bible Study	26	27	28			

Birthdays

Joyce Dart	2
Bobbie Hardin	3
KJ Ullfers	6
Peg Vorderstrasse	7
Nancy Burje'	12
Jeff Elliott	13
Donna Lewelling	17

Anniversaries

Todd & Donna Lewelling
February 14



CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Study 9:00 AM All are welcome!
No-Host SNOW DAY Sat., Feb. 10 9:00 AM—9:00 PM
Hoodoo Snow Park \$12 Contact Pastor Zane
Service at the Oaks Sunday, February 11, 6:00 PM
Ash Wednesday February 14, 7:00 PM
WOC Sunday February 18
Martha CWF Group Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 PM
Fourth lesson in new study. All women invited
Church Board & Elders Meetings Tuesday, February 20
6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Church Board
Pastors Class 12:30 following service February 25

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Greetings from your pastor!

Greetings Church family! Welcome to the shortest month of the year, but also one of the most action packed! The season of Lent starts on Wednesday the 14th, then will end with Easter on April Fool's day! I hope that this season will be one of repentance and preparation for the resurrection of our savior; that does not mean that it will be devoid of fun or joy! On the contrary, I wanted to lay out the variety of ways that we are going to celebrate and practice Lent this year. The first is a personal one that you get to decide. Often, giving something up for Lent is a spiritual discipline that Christians practice, but I want to encourage you that if there isn't something in your life hindering your relationship with God, you can always *take something on* for Lent too! This may be taking on positive thinking, or a spiritual practice that seems promising to you such as praying to music, praying in color, or trying meditation or a daily prayer of reflection. If you are unsure of what spiritual practice to take on, consider speaking to me or an elder. The second, communal spiritual practice that we are going to incorporate during Lent is a time of corporate confession and assurance of pardon during Sunday services. This will begin the first Sunday of Lent, which will also be a special Week of Compassion Sunday focused on disaster recovery and our opportunity to help support the Disciples efforts to alleviate suffering around the world.

Another opportunity to pursue in Lent will be an every-other-week Pastor's class after church. This is an intergenerational class open to everyone. The schedule for that class is as follows:
 February 25th: The essentials of the Christian Faith.
 March 11th: The "Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):" History, beliefs, and structures.
 March 25th: The Sacraments (Baptism and Communion).

Finally, on top of these classes and the small changes in Sunday service, I will be sending out weekly Lenten E-mails to help serve as devotionals and guides to discerning what it means to prepare for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also, I am still available for lunch, coffee, breakfast, or whatever is convenient to continue to get to know you as church members, and for you to get to know me as a pastor and a person. Please contact me to arrange a time to do this. Blessings on our journey of Lent together, and may we seek God's face in this special time in the Church year.

Pastor Zane Ridings

From Shari and David . . .

It's hard to believe that we're completing our call with you this upcoming month. My, what a journey we've shared with you since last September. We find ourselves filled with mixed feelings as we approach this transition – pure excitement and anticipation as Zane and you all travel on down the road, bound together in life and ministry and God's call into a shared future; and our own sense of loss as we know we will miss our fellowship with you, learning and growing with you, even as you have so openly received the gifts we have gotten to share.

We are grateful for all those who attended (or had hoped to attend) the "Coaching Day" with us on Saturday, January 20. What an amazing day of learning filled with questions, vulnerable sharing, and insights gained. Thanks to all those who participated, and to Janet Lowe who helped with the potato bar lunch. For those of you who could not attend, or chose (in freedom) to not attend, if you're interested to find out what happened, feel free to check in with someone who was able to be there.

We'll miss being with you all on Sunday, February 4th. We'll be in California sharing in the wedding of our oldest son, Anthony, and our future daughter-in-law, Jesse. We're so looking forward to being with them, with so much of the family gathered together. Sixteen of us will be coming from five different states, and staying together in the same house to boot! :)

David will be preaching one more time on February 11th, and Shari on February 25th. Thanks, Zane, for offering these times to us. We're meeting — or will have met :) — with Zane and Jon Sunday afternoon, January 28, to discuss our transition over the next month.

One in the Spirit and one in the Lord with you,

Shari and David :o)



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Ash Wednesday
Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
~Ecclesiastes 3:20

Wednesday, February 14
7:00 PM Service

GOD IS PRUNING ME, SO MY
HEAD WILL FIT THE
CROWN

You destroy your enemy when you can
make him a friend.

Don't let another person form your
view of God.

Sometimes God allows things to fall
apart,
so better things can fall together.

Sometimes the bad things that happen
in our lives put us directly on the path
to the best things that will ever happen
to us!

Sometimes when you're in the dark
place, you think you've been buried,
but actually, you've been
planted!

Shattered dreams are God's unex-
pected path to joy!

Thank You.....

From Shari & David:
FCC, Thank you so much for
thinking of us this Christmas with
the card and money. To have your
blessing in our lives means a lot to
us.

Sincerest Thanks...

Thank you to Lebanon First for their cards
and gifts at Christmas time. Also thank you
to the Martha Christian Women Fellowship
for the gift of a new pair of glasses last
fall! -Pastor Zane

ATTENTION YOUTH



Come join us for
fun in the snow!
Everyone is
welcome.

February 10, 2018

No-Host Snow Day

Sponsored by the Santiam
River District of the Oregon
& SW Idaho Disciples

- ✧ Hoodoo Snow Park
- ✧ Park open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ✧ Meet at the mountain
- ✧ \$12 per person for a Basic Pass
- ✧ Carpooling is encouraged

See Pastor Zane for more
.....information.....

Bits of Wisdom

There is no person or thing that can sabotage God's
will in your life. When an offense happens to you,
you can either become bitter or better. It can either
be a stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and ex-
pecting the other person to die.

When people hurt you over and over, think of them
as sandpaper. They may scratch and hurt you, but
you will end up polished!



Week of Compassion

In Indonesia

If you do not have reliable, consistent access to water, you'll have to prioritize how you conserve and use
the little water you have. Will you:

- Use that little water to drink more in your hot, arid climate, but plant less and wash even less?
 - Use that water to plant more in your subsistent, fairly remote farming village to ensure that you'll have food to eat, but drink less and wash even less?
- Use the water to prioritize good hygiene so that you don't risk disease, but drink less and plant way less?

None of these choices are ideal, and each only begets more problems that will com-
pound and complicate the lack of both resources and good solutions. Regardless of
which scenario(s) people choose within each village, a lack of access to safe water
contributes to food insecurity, malnutrition, the spread of disease, and a decreased
capacity for generating a local economy, because there are no extra resources to put
into farming or raising animals.

Week of Compassion partner, Church World Service Indonesia, is working with communities in West Ti-
mor to interrupt these scenarios and rewrite the story. Through the Timor Zero Hunger Project, wells have
been built and springs protected so that people have
more reliable access to water for drinking, bathing,
cooking, and growing crops. Thanks to the water ac-
cess, personal and community gardens have become a
possibility. With the introduction of quick harvest
plants like bok choy, people have been able to grow
enough food to sell some as well. In fact, one of the
older, larger community farms has done so well that
the 14 families who tend it have put 1.2 million rupiah
(roughly 100USD) into savings and now qualify for
farm grants from the government to expand their
farming capacity. In many of the farms we visited,
women and children are the ones who tend the land.



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Nancy VanVleet
Cathy Johnson
Mary Lee Howell
Ed Dart
Millie Patterson
Jesse LeSeur
Wayne McIntosh
August Flieshman
Diana Johnson
Dale Johnson

Dale & Thelma Olsen
Gertrude Debutts
Mariam Swanson
Rachel Dunn
Donna Primasing
Patricia Love
Deloris Wirth
Vila Adkins
Tyler Ruonavaara
Patricia Heckman

Gerri Myers
James Lenfesty
Cyrus Wendling
John Morgan

Service People:
Sgt. Coury Gagne,
Sgt. Scot Noss
Cpt. Tory Petersen
1st Lt. Kellen Peterson

**Pray for our Church,
our Ministers,
the Soup Kitchen, and
our Regional Ministers.**

**If you know of any up-
dates or corrections to
this list, please let the
office know in writing
or by email.**