



JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Study 1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 Study 8 6 Service at the Oaks	9	10 7 Martha	11	12	13	14 10:00 –2:00 Elders’ Training
9 Study 15	12: noon 16 Garden Club 6 Soup Kitchen Board meets	17	18	19	20	21
9 Study 22 10:45 Praise in 3D	23	24 Elders: 6:30 pm Board: 7:00 pm	25	26 11:30 Wild Bunch Sum Yan	27	28
9 Study 29 12 Dinner with the Soup Kitchen	30	31				

Birthdays

Doris Westfall	1
Dwight Cannon	10
Jason Morgan	13
Curt Christie	15
Earl Hunter	26

Attention Women

If you are new to Lebanon FCC or just visiting, We'd love to have you come to our CWF Martha Group which meets at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month in someone's home. Info: Call Office

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Study	9:00 AM	All are welcome!
Service at the Oaks	Sunday, January 8, 6:00 PM	Come Join In!
Martha CWF Group	Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 PM	At Marciel Gilmore's - study on Peter
Elders' Training Class	Saturday, January 14 10:00 AM—2:00 PM	Place to be announced
Church Board & Elders Meetings	Tuesday, January 17	6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Church Board
Praise in 3D	Sunday, January 22,	Worship Service
Wild Bunch for Lunch	Thursday, January 26, 11:30 AM	Sum Yan
Guest Speaker, Cherry Hoffman	Sunday, January 29	
Commissioning of the Elders	Sunday, January 29	
Soup Kitchen Dinner Sunday	After church, January 29	All Welcome!

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FROM THE PASTOR


January is here with sounds of “Happy New Year.” This is the time of year people make resolutions that usually last a week or less. In Oregon, January can be a tough month weather-wise and we count the days until Spring. So what is the “Happy New Year” really about?

I am grateful for any new beginnings. The sunrise indicates a new day, Sunday brings a new week, the first of any month is a new month, and now we have a new year. New beginnings mean hope, new energy, and a chance at “do it over.” Sometimes we forget that as Christians we have new beginnings with every breath we take. We are in a continual cycle of experiencing life, making mistakes, being forgiven and moving on - a sort of two steps forward and one step back - and we make progress in spite of ourselves.

Leaving behind one year (particularly if it has been a rough one) and embracing a new year can be a relief and a time of new hope. Whatever 2016 has meant to you, know that our Creator loves you unconditionally, will never forsake you or abandon you and is closer that your very breath every second of 2017.

TO OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Much love and thanks to all who helped make Charlotte’s memorial such a beautiful service. She would have been so grateful. This congregation has been so special to her family and your love has been a real place of comfort to us.



Christie, Macklin, Elliott, and Walker Families

Some Important Events in January 2017

Myrna is in great need of sunshine, so she will celebrate her 70th birthday in Hawaii. Noel, Myrna and another couple leave January 19th and return January 28th.

January 22 the *Praise in 3D* singing group is scheduled to present during worship. January 29 we will have a guest speaker, Cherry Hoffman, who will be preaching the sermon as a birthday gift to Myrna.

Cherry has been working full-time as volunteer associate minister at Silverton First Christian Church. She has been such a blessing to the First Christian Church. Pastor, Steve Knox confirms he could not do his ministry without her. Now in her 60’s, Cherry has been called by God to enhance her ministry officially as a commissioned minister. This means she is taking classes, doing internship as a chaplain, and completing requirements. Cherry visited with us here in Lebanon last summer and commented, “the moment I walked through the doors, I felt right at home”.

Plan to be present to hear Cherry preach and get to know her better. She is an example of God’s call to learn, grow, and stretch emotionally and spiritually all of our lives.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you for all of your support and contributions—we appreciate all that the church does for us.

Watch for the Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast Fund Raiser Event which will be coming sometime in February.

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News from the Pews

The **CHRISTMAS TRAIN PARTY**, December 4, was hosted by Pastors Myrna and Noel at Wayne and Elaine McIntosh's Tennessee Thunder Train station. Wayne gave all of us train rides around their beautifully decorated property. Not only did the kids love it, but so did the adults.

We enjoyed sandwiches and desserts—one of which was a train cake with many cars made by Donna Beamer. Cute and delicious.

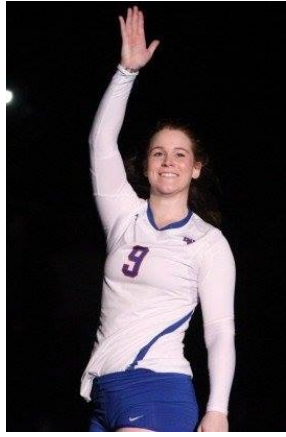


Congratulations!

to **Lauren Christie** who was named to the 5A volleyball All-State First Team and to **Makenna Slavenski**, who was named to the 5A volleyball All-State Second Team. There are some very proud parents and grandparents around here.



Lauren Christie



Makenna Slavensk

ELDERS' TRAINING
Saturday, January 14
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Place to be announced
COMMISSIONING OF THE ELDERS
Sunday, January 29, 2017
DEACONATE TRAINING
In February

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Food Boxes - to those who helped put them together and to the many others who helped with the distribution.



IN APPRECIATION

As another year comes to a close and I reflect on our year as a congregation, I realize how indebted we are to **Sharon Campbell** for the successful year we've had. This isn't the first year that she has carried so much of the load, but this year it sometimes seemed that she had a full-time job with the church! Since she is the editor of this newsletter, and knowing her well, she will probably hesitate to include this, but I'm going to make sure that she does. In addition to doing the newsletter, which is a big job, she is one of our "Office Angels" as Pastor Myrna has dubbed the office volunteers. She publishes our church directory at least once a year because it needs updating. Sharon volunteers as church secretary one day every week. Whenever it is mentioned that it's time to plan for a certain event and no one steps up to take charge, Sharon always says, "I'll do it". Just in the last two months, she has chaired the Christmas breakfast, the decorating of the sanctuary, the Christmas boxes, and the very large reception following Charlotte Christie's memorial service. She is one of our video volunteers, probably the only one who knows how to fix the chimes when they quit chiming. Sharon reminds us when it's time to think about Graduation Sunday, makes sure we have names of all the graduates, and shops for the gifts for them. It's the same thing with the employee's gifts at Christmas. She manages our website. She is a Deacon. She serves on committee after committee. The list just doesn't end. She does it all and I haven't mentioned half of the activities she devotes time to without complaint - ever! In about 3 weeks she and Tom will be "snow birding" for a couple of months. I wish her a wonderful time in the sun, but I'm already worrying about how we'll get along without her. Love you, Sharon!
Marcy Gilmore

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Christie & Macklin Families	Vince Tarrant Colton
Donna Kriner/Gagne Families	Kendrick David Buyer
Fred and Lois Puig	Tom Chenail
Blanche Glaub	Patricia Heckman
Jill Starbuck	Busic Family
Mary Lee Howell	Matt Clark Family
James Lenfesty	Service People:
John Morgan	Spc. Coury Gagne,
Myke Eggert	Marine Capt. Pete Brawn
Natalie Ward	Sgt. Scot Noss
Dorothy Love	Cpt. Tory Petersen
Jesse LeSeur	1st Lt. Kellen Peterson
Vila Adkins	Sgt. Ethan Spurr
August Fleshman	Sgt. Daniel Campbell
Robert Maxwell	
Jordan Martine	Pray for our Church,
Ann Otto	the Soup Kitchen, Kim
Dennis Stover	and Erik Free and their
Cal Landon	ministry and our Re-
Jacob Marmer	gional Ministers.
Patti Smith	
Sherrie	If you know of any up-
Maxine Meyer	dates or corrections to
Diana Johnson	this list, please let the
John Morgan	office know in writing or
Sandy	by email.