



Ten O'Clock Chimes

Coming Events

- 2/4 Officer Installation Sunday
- 2/11 Church Council Meeting
- 2/13 Mardi Gras Dinner, 6 PM
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM
- 2/23 Winter Labyrinth Walk, 7 PM
- 2/24 Set up FH for Rummage Sale 10 AM
- 2/25 BRING RUMMAGE
- 2/26-3/8 Rummage set-up & prep
- 3/9 & 10 Rummage Sale, 9 AM — 4 PM
- 3/16 & 17 Rummage Sale, 9 AM — 4 PM
- 3/18 Rummage pack-up & cleanup

Rummage Sale. All women in the church are invited to attend the meeting and dinner. Bring a potluck dish of your choice.

Men's Group will meet at Kissing Kates on Saturday, February 24th, 12:00 Noon. Get to know some of your fellow male faith journeyers as we discuss a variety of topics including spiritual awareness, service opportunities and what looks good on the menu.

Pastor Jennifer's Singer Hill office hours: Tuesdays 11:30-1pm. Please come join her for lunch or coffee and a visit.

Mission & Outreach will be having a Hat, Glove, Scarf, Sock drive starting now through February. We are looking for new or gently used items to keep in the food pantry for folks who need them. These items should be on sale now at local stores. Anything not used this season will be saved for next year. Look for a collection box in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks! -Skipper-

In The Wind

Continue saving your usable clothes and household items for this fun and community building fund raiser. Watch for coming information about Volunteer needs for the **Rummage Sale**. Shelley & Greg Hettman, co-chairs.

Scrip order dates will be February 4th and 18th. Some Scrip cards are again available in larger amounts if you need them for those special projects or purchases. If you need a card with a larger amount, ask Starr or Mary to call Scrip and see if we can get the amount you will need. It usually takes an extra week to get the extra amount card, so you will need to plan ahead. We are in search of another person to help sell scrip on 2 Sundays a month. If you are interested see Starr or Mary.

Women's Fellowship will meet February 5th in the Fellowship Hall for their potluck dinner and monthly meeting. There will be discussion about the rummage sale lunch at the meeting. Volunteer workers in the kitchen are need for all 4 days of the

A new commandment I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so must you love one another.

By this all will know that you are my disciples,

if you love one another.

John 13:34-35

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FROM THE PASTOR: We are a progressive church. Also, water is wet.

Progressive theology is part of everything that we do. It is who we are. Someone new who came in to worship with us would notice it right away. There are so many hints, both subtle and not at all subtle.

The first sign--and a really obvious one--is that I, your pastor and teacher, am a woman. There are a lot of churches in the Beaver Creek/ Oregon City area. There are two, woman pastors (me and the Unitarian minister). Many of those other churches, though not all, don't even believe that a woman can be pastor. Some of the others do ordain women, but wouldn't actually want to call one. For a significant number of people around here, the thought of a woman pastor is astonishing.

Another sign, perhaps slightly less blatant, is that we have lots of rainbows around our church. We have gay and lesbian church members, and we don't think, and I don't preach, that they sinners or are going to hell. Think about our church family--some of the kindest hearts, the most willing spirits, the most loving relationships, the best parents. There are a lot of churches around Beaver Creek/Oregon City, and only two are intentionally open and affirming (again, us and the Unitarians).

In my welcome each Sunday, I welcome those who are new and those who grew up in our church and every one in between, those who are gay or straight or in between, men and women and those in between, little kiddos and those who have lived a long time. That greeting would appall someone from a less open tradition.

We have New Testament readings that come from science, poetry, and other faith traditions. In our services, we have heard wisdom from Carl Sagan, the Dalai Lama, the Koran, and poet Mary Oliver. I once gave a sermon on the feminine aspects of God (and will again). Although I keep threatening it, I have never given a fire and brimstone sermon. If I started a sermon, with "Listen up, Sinners!" the congregation would laugh and wait for the twist. There are churches, a lot of them, where that would not be the case. Money in our children's bank goes to Heifer International, not to save the heathen souls of children in Africa but to feed their bodies.

We sing songs declaring God's love and God's mercy, not declaring that Jesus died for our sins.

We laugh in church- a lot. And we celebrate Holy Humor Sunday, with jokes and dressing silly and a clown and a big picture of laughing Jesus.

We are Earthwise, because God cares for creation and wants us to be stewards of it, so we recycle and compost and make changes to be more energy efficient. There are churches that say Christians don't need to be environmentalists or that climate change is a made-up liberal conspiracy or just don't talk about it at all. Sometimes we have lay people lead the service. We always have lay people actively involved in the service. In the UCC, the congregation themselves are the experts--not bishops or popes.

In adult education, we have discussed topics as varied as the afterlife, structural racism, and science and evolution and God.

These are just a few of the ways that we declare ourselves to be progressive Christians. Every single one of them is biblically based (In God there is no man or woman; look to the log in your own eye; God is love; you are the body of Christ and priests, prophets and royalty; feed the hungry, and so much more). Progressive values are not just in what we say--though they are in what we say. They are integral to our worship and in all that we do as people of God. It is who we are. Progressive church. And water is still wet.

Any visitor to our church is going to figure it out pretty quickly. Some won't like it. Some will decide that our church isn't for them right from the beginning when a woman pastor stands up to greet the congregation. We could be kind and friendly and welcoming and invite them to stay for coffee and cookies and tell them about upcoming events, and they still won't ever come back. That isn't a failure of hospitality or welcome on our part. Our wonderful little church just isn't going to be for everyone. There are people who would be appalled by every point on that list of ways our progressive Christianity shows through, and they will have no trouble at all finding a church that is more comfortable. There are a lot of churches with male pastors. Who are not open and affirming. Who don't talk about science or philosophy or other faiths. Who talk about sin more than love. Who don't laugh.



Chili Cookoff Winners

Congratulations go to first-place winner Norman Koshkarian for his excellent bison chili entry. Greg Hettman's chili Colorado took second prize followed by Cynthia Andrews 2-bean turkey chili in third place. About a dozen chili entries were complimented with several offerings of cornbread and yummy desserts. Forty plus people attended this gala event and organizer, Justin Jones, forecasts a repeat next year. Norman generously offers to give up his toilet bowl trophy to the next year's first-place winner.

Rummage Song 2018

Sung to the tune of "This Land is Your Land"

This sale is your sale, this sale is my sale
 We haul the rummage, we sort and price it
 We greet the shoppers, we laugh and work hard,
 This sale is run by you and me.
 This sale is your sale, this sale is my sale
 This sale is run by you and me.

Rummage Sale Schedule

Set up tables and hang the signs Saturday, 2/ 24
 Bring rummage/begin loading tables Sunday, 2/25
 Preparation work daily from 2/26—3/8
 Sale days 3/ 9&10, 3/16&17
 Clean up for haul away Sunday, 3/18

Please do your part and be on the team. *Shelley*

Kind words are the music of the world.
 The important thing about your lot in life is whether
 you use it for parking or building.
 Pray for a good harvest but continue to hoe.
 Happiness was meant to be shared.
 If you aren't as close to God as you once were,
 make no mistake about who moved.
 The most important things in life are not things.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a
 life by what we give.
 The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness in
 others.
 The best exercise is to bend down and help someone
 up.
 You can't control the length of your life, but you
 can control the width and depth.
Pieces of wisdom collected by Norma's Aunt Violet.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
 OF CHRIST**



February 2018

Beavercreek United Church of Christ, The Ten O'Clock Church

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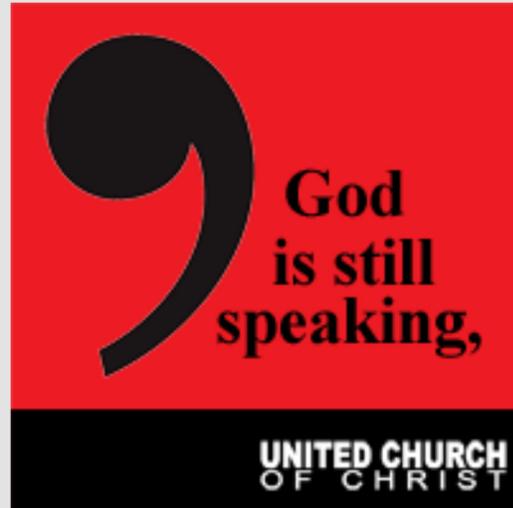
Worship: Sundays, 10:00 AM Sunday School, ages 6-12 Child-care, toddlers through age 5.				1 Choir 7 pm	2	3
4 Officer Installation Sunday, Communion	5 Women's Fellowship in FH	6 Adult soup/ class 6:00	7	8 Choir 7 pm	9	10
11 Church Council, 11:45	12	13 Fat Tuesday Dinner, 6:00 PM	14 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Choir 7 pm	16	17
18	19 <i>President's Day</i>	20 Adult soup/ class 6:00	21 Reiki, 6 PM in FH	22 Choir 7 pm	23 Labyrinth Walk, 7 PM	24 Set up FH for Rummage Sale, 10 AM Men's Group, 12 noon @ Kissing Kates
25 Bring Rummage	26 Rummage Prep	27 Rummage Prep	28 Rummage Prep M&O, 5 pm			

BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Cheryl Keicher
2/5 Rick Swim
2/7 Lee Evans
2/11 Debi Poppe
2/15 Larry Taylor
2/20 Eva Grace Stimac
2/22 Garrett McKee
2/22 Carter & Mason Redling
2/23 Tammy Kronberg
2/28 Helen Liere

ANNIVERSARIES

2/1 Bonnie & Larry Taylor
2/14 Mary & Don Lewallen
2/18 John Schroeder & Jan Keyser



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