



The Corvallis United Methodist

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"A Reconciling Congregation"

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Suppers Return

Helen and Julie will be cooking again starting July 4 (with a special barbecue at 6 pm – details on page 4). Please join us for Sunday and Tuesday suppers. Meals will begin at 5:15 pm both days.

July 19 – 23
VBS

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VBS 2010



Mac

Mac's gracious attitude and desire to help others make him a true hero in every sense of the word . . . whether he knows it or not.



Super Cooper

You'll find Super Cooper with the preschoolers, helping them explore what God's heroes do and say.



Water Woman

During her time at Hero HeadQuarters, Water Woman is learning to trust in God's power and to have the guts to just dive in!



Pizza Man

Pizza Man is starting to see that he can be a hero right where he is. He just needs to slow down and take the time to pay attention to God's call.

We are a Reconciling Congregation and welcome all persons into full participation in the life of the congregation regardless of age, sex, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental condition and are devoted to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God.

Introducing Rev. Bonnie Parr Philipson

Dear Friends:

My name is Bonnie Parr Philipson, and I am excited about beginning my appointment as your pastor on July 1, 2010. My husband Jim Parr Philipson will be joining me as co-pastor as soon as his full recovery from open heart surgery permits, which we are anticipating will be mid-August. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to come to Corvallis UMC and to work together again; that has been our dream and favorite mode of life and work since we got married on May 24, 1975 (which by the way is Aldersgate Day, when John Wesley was converted and has his heart strangely warmed).

I grew up in Savannah, Georgia and have been nurtured in the UMC since I was born. Jim grew up in Idaho Falls, Idaho and got to know Jesus at St. Paul's UMC when he was in high school. We met as undergraduates at Duke University in North Carolina, were blessed by the campus ministry there, and became religion majors. Eventually we graduated from Duke Divinity School and came out west, first in 1977 to serve as summer pastors in Island Park, Idaho, and then in 1978 to begin serving churches in the Oregon-Idaho Conference. In 1980 we were both ordained as elders.

Since then we have served churches in the Southern, Eastern (new name Snake River), Central, and Metropolitan Districts, and return now to Southern District. Most recently I have been serving as Metro District Superintendent (a great continuing education experience), and Jim has been serving at Gresham UMC.

We are grateful for our two young adult children. Our oldest Bion is married to Samara and they live in Tacoma, Washington. Katherine just graduated from University of Oregon and will be in Washington DC this next year doing an internship with Jubilee Network, lobbying for debt reduction for Third World countries.

We truly look forward to getting acquainted with each of you, both individually and as part of this great community of faith. We have so much to learn! We are praying for you and ask that you pray for us as we begin this journey together.

Blessings,

Rev. Bonnie Parr Philipson

P.S. Many thanks to Jim Fellers for kindly transporting our books to Corvallis UMC when he took his books to Gresham UMC! Thanks to the volunteer crews on both ends who loaded and unloaded all those boxes!! We deeply appreciate your help.

Things We Celebrate

- ▶ Bill Proebsting, Emery Castle, Tom McClintock, other garden fairies for all their work on the gardens.
- ▶ All those mowing the lawn. (If I knew who they all were, I'd list them!)
- ▶ Over \$465 given for the Community Outreach, Inc. special offering.
- ▶ The time that Pastor Jim & Pastor Courtney spent in Corvallis.

Around the Parish

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Our prayers are with ...

Valerie White, following knee surgery.

Liz Miller, healing after a fall.

Judy Jaquith, after hand surgery.

John Graves, dealing with more back surgery.

Sherri Willard-Argyres, following some surgery.

Cleo Burtner, also recovering from some recent spills.

Melody Briggs, after surgery.

Family of Trudy McAnally, following her death on June 19.

Remember: *Paul Jeffrey*, Writer & Media Specialist for Response Magazine.

Recycled Reality

*Summer is delicious, rain is refreshing,
wind braces up, snow is exhilarating;
there is no such thing as bad weather,
only different kinds of good weather.*

Special Offering

Hunger is a silent epidemic in our community. **One of every five families** in Linn and Benton counties depends on food from an emergency food pantry at least once each year. Linn Benton Food Share supports its member agencies by soliciting, transporting, storing, and distributing nearly 4.5 million pounds of food each year. These agencies include not only food pantries, but also, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, child and senior care centers, shelter homes, and gleaning groups. Volunteers are the heartbeat of these agencies providing over 140,000 hours of time to help their neighbors. Linn-Benton Food Share has received over 8,000 hours of service to help carry out their operations.

Our church has long been involved in combating hunger by collecting food for South Corvallis Food Bank, helping with Stone Soup, and volunteering time to make sure that food is distributed to our neighbors who need it. However, all of our efforts would not feed many folks without the support of Linn Benton Food Share. Please donate generously to our special offering on **Sunday, July 18**.

Buying Cooperative

“La Fresa Feliz” is a buying cooperative for fresh, organic fruits and vegetables from Deep Roots Farm. Take advantage of the bounty of fresh vegetables produced locally by joining a produce buying cooperative. Members of the cooperative place weekly orders for organic produce at wholesale rates, and then pick up their orders on Thursdays from 5-6 pm at St. Mary’s Church, 501 NW 25th St., Corvallis. Ordering is easy – by phone, email, or in person from July 8 through September 30. We accept Oregon Trail, WIC, & Senior Coupons. Sign up now! Space is limited. Call 541-757-1988, ext 307 or email thatsmyfarmer@gmail.com for more information. A Partnership of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, & Deep Roots Farm.

Welcoming Barbeque



On **Sunday, July 4**, Bonnie and Jim will begin their ministry with us. To welcome them, Sunday Supper will have an old-time 4th of July barbecue starting at **6 pm**. There will be good food (including vegetarian options) and music. Later, leave your cars at the church and go down to the riverfront to join the festivities and watch the fireworks. Please RSVP at the church office, on the Opportunity sheet, or email Julie Willis at juliawillis@comcast.net.

Help is needed to churn homemade ice cream, prepare the food, and clean up. Please let Julie know if you can help.

Litter Patrol



The Methodist Church Litter Patrol will meet **Friday, July 2, 9 am** at the parking area on the south side of Airport Road, just west of Hwy 99. All are welcome to help. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and gloves. Enjoy a walk and commune with nature as we spruce up our stretch of the adopted highway. Bright vests, bags, and ‘grabbers’ provided. Contact Marge Stevens 541.754.3528.

Columbarium Update

On Monday evening, June 7, the Trustees gave a go-ahead approval for the Columbarium Committee to meet with a landscape architect. A consultation meeting was scheduled for June 22. The committee also presented its general proposal to the Church council on June 21. Watch for an information meeting in the fall.

Coed Softball

Cheer on your coed softball team. All games are Sunday evenings unless otherwise noted.



July 9 (Friday)	6:00 pm	Pioneer
July 11	8:40 pm	West Sunset
July 18	4:20 pm	Washington
July 25	8:40 pm	West Sunset
Aug. 8	4:20 pm	Washington

Parent Night Out

Due to scheduling conflicts, Parent Night Out for **July is cancelled**.

Thanks!!

From Russ & Betty McCrackin...

We want to thank all who included Russ in your thoughts and prayers after his recent back surgery. We are grateful for the love and caring that surrounds us.

Amore Music Series

June 16th kicked off the first in a series of regular 3rd Wednesday noontime organ concerts held at the Corvallis First United Methodist Church. The performances are from 12:15-12:45 pm and are free of charge. The concerts are part of the Amore Music Series which had its debut on April 11th of this year. Donations are accepted to support the series.

The noontime organ concerts will be given primarily by Craig Hanson, resident organist at the church, or occasionally by guest organists. They will serve as one of the church's outreach efforts for the Corvallis community and as a showcase for the Noack tracker pipe organ.

Hanson says, "We are very fortunate to have such a fine instrument in Corvallis, and it is my hope more and more people will have the opportunity to be moved by its beauty. The 3rd Wednesday organ concerts will give the opportunity for anyone who wishes to momentarily escape the fast pace of modern life and be transported to another more beautiful and spiritual time and place."

Help for Caregivers

If you are a caregiver and feeling the need for some help, here are a few suggestions from the Congregational Care team.

- There is a support group that meets at the First Congregational Church (library) the first Thursday of every month from 1:30-3:30 pm. It is sponsored by Samaritan Home Health (541.768.5254) and led by Mary Bolton.
- The book Passages in Caregiving by Gail Sheehy has been recommended as an excellent resource book. We will have a copy in our church library soon.
- Love, Inc. has equipment that can be loaned. Our church also has limited equipment that has been donated for reuse (crutches, walkers, bath benches, etc.)

If you have any questions or other suggestions, call Pat Smythe (541.757.6357)

Financial Numbers

May Income: \$38,891
May Expenses: \$38,771
YTD Income: \$189,377
YTD Expenses: \$201,143

In May we again only paid the Conference 75% of our budgeted Shared Ministries, so we are now behind by \$2,750.

Special Thanks

Belated and many thanks to Julie Willis for her generous contribution of the food and her masterful organizing of the Vina Moses Volunteers Luncheon. Thank you to ALL the women who help prep and serve the guests. Special thanks go to Rich Mueller for washing the dishes afterwards! The proceeds from this lunch go to support United Methodist Women's mission projects.

Many thanks,
Helen

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is **Monday, July 19, 2-7 pm**. While all blood types are needed during the critical summer months, Type O negative is always in high demand because it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations.

Holiday Closure

The church and church office will be closed **Monday, July 5** for the July 4 holiday.

Youth

	Middle School Youth	High School Youth
Every Wednesday	Rec Night, 7:00 pm, Community Center, except July 7	
Sunday,	3-5 pm	5-8 pm
Sunday,	Off for the Summer	
Sunday,		
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Sunday Worship:

9:30 am

Office Hours:

Monday 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00

Tuesday 9:00-4:00

Wednesday 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00

Thursday 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00

Friday 9:00-3:00

Bonnie Parr Philipson, Pastor

Jim Parr Philipson Pastor

Tim Stover, Campus Minister

Nursery Care is available.

Church building is accessible.

Our Mission

Our mission is to bring people into a living relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, that we might love the world as God Loves the world.

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