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SMALL GROUPS

LAUNCH IN MARCH

What better way to get well acquainted with a bunch of folk than to be in a Small Group. Borrowing some thoughts from Myrtle Point's First Christian Church:

1. Small groups are the Biblical pattern for fellowship in the church. *Jesus gathered 12 men and walked with them for three years, teaching and preparing them for leadership in the church. When the church began, those new disciples met house to house.*
2. Small groups provide an opportunity to 'live out' the concept of 'one another' as taught in the scriptures. These groups offer a warm family setting for sharing our knowledge, struggles, interests and questions.
3. The church is about relationships. Unless you are involved in a particular ministry in the church, it is quite possible that you seldom have opportunity to spend more than a few minutes (other than our worship time) with other believers throughout the week. Small groups can change that for all of us.

How will this work? I am looking for 4, 5 or 6 individuals or couples to serve as Hosts. This simply means that for three months you would provide a place for a group of 6-10 people to meet for 90 minutes every week... anytime of day. I'll recruit 4 to 6 leaders to be facilitators...one for each group. Each week your group will watch a short (6-8 minute) video which I will make, summarizing the main points of Sunday's sermon. The group will spend a portion of the remaining time in discussion, studying the scriptures referenced, followed by informal visiting and perhaps a cup of coffee.

This is for youth and adults, so we ask that parents make arrangements for childcare so they can concentrate.

Use the sign-up sheet in the foyer to register your interest in hosting or attending a Small Group. These groups will start meeting together the week of March 20.

This can afford a very fine opportunity for all of us to invite friends, family

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members and neighbors to a non-threatening activity and study the Bible too. Questions? Just give me a call: 890-3209.




39PLUS...

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE IT!

This group is growing. Come early to get a chair for playing one of our great card games! Although we cram in around Marie Hoffman's table, there is always room for one more...you. Age isn't factor. We started out as a group of 'oldies', but recently we've had attendees in their fifties and sixties. We start at about 10 with those games and then step up to Bible study at 11. Marie has lunch ready for the bunch of us at noon. Who could ask for more?

Feel free to bring a little something to share...dessert, salad or snack...if you'd like. Marie's place 61 N. Mountain Avenue...February 2.

Later in the month (February 23) we all congregate in Fellowship Hall for a super fun time of folding the newsletter and chatting. If there is time we also enjoy Jim's Bible study and then share our potluck lunch at noon. Visitors welcome!

SAINTS ALIVE AND DRINKING COFFEE

We often jam the place...the banquet room of the Iron Skillet. It is a time and place for amateur 'stand up' comics. Jokes, riddles and just plain goofy stuff is donated from a bunch of folk. It is time for fun and laughter...face it. With plenty of bad news float-



ing around we could be boo-hooing all day long. This is an intention time of putting the serious stuff on hold. So come on out, one and all. Drive on over to the Pear Tree truck stop and the Iron Skillet for a good dose of 'light' stuff. Enjoy the trucker's buffet or order from the menu, Saturday, February 5...9:00 a.m.

ROGUE RIDERS TO ENJOY BACK PORCH BBQ

All aboard! On Wednesday, February 16 we'll caravan from the church to Jacksonville. In that quaint village our group will spend some time at the nifty Artesian Keron before sharing lunch at the Back Porch BBQ. Meet at the church parking lot in time to head out by 9:15 a.m. Plan to be back in Ashland by about 2. Questions or need a ride? Call Jim at 890-3209.

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

What dear friends we have made with members of our community and the rest of the Rogue Valley since launching this unique ministry nine years ago. Sometimes the auditorium is packed. Mike Royer does a fabulous job of resurrecting movies from yesteryear and putting them on our big screen.

A favorite time for everyone is intermission. While old drive-in movie goodies are on the screen the movie-goers head for the snack bar and line up for our mega-Polish dogs and other fine and inexpensive fare. The whole place is abuzz with conversation. What better way than this to introduce visitors to our facility, our folk and a flick. Check out the movies for this month on the back of the newsletter.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction on a new ADA compliant restroom on the main floor began on January 17th. The

construction has been progressing well and the painters get started on the 26th (the day the newsletter goes out). We carved out about one quarter of classroom number 5 to make this happen. It has been a busy week and a half so far. The project is projected to be done by the first part of February.

The old main restroom on the main floor will become a custodial room with a floor sink. In ad-



dition to the new restroom the nursery is receiving a face lift. After more than twenty years of saying “we really need to replace these cabinets” it has actually happened. New hickory cabinets, counter top and sink now sit where the old pink counter top cabinets were. Hot and Cold faucets no longer protrude from the wall. The goal is to have the nursery ready for use by Sunday, January 30th. The nursery

is also getting new commercial vinyl flooring in half of the area



and the nursery restroom to make it easier to clean and maintain. New washable paint will also cover the walls. The funds to make this possible have come from various memorial gifts.

Brad Fish

FACILITIES

With ongoing changes around the church it is critical that any modifications like painting, etc. and usage of rooms are coordinated through the church office. The office does not have the final say, but serves as a checkpoint to make sure there are no conflicts with other needs in the church. One example is the new restroom requires a special paint and if it ever needed to be repainted the special paint must be used. The office also serves to manage such items as tables and chairs that can be checked out for special events. If you have a question call the office at 541-482-1561 or email office@cc-ashland.org.

Brad Fish

REAL MEN EAT SPUDS



It seems our group is of the ‘meat and potatoes’ sort. And The Old Farm House makes sure we have plenty of both...plus whatever you order. Biscuits are as big as your fist. But the best fare on Monday mornings is the fellowship, Bible study and prayer time. Put it all together and you have a morning worth the drive, bucks and early rising. All guys are invited. Jerry Moore is off gallivanting somewhere in Arizona, so Parson Larsen will

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spring for any first-timers. Must bring this ad and a childhood mug shot. Mondays... Old Farm House... Phoenix (Oregon, Buster!)... 7:45 in the morning.

SOUPER BOWL GAME DAY PARTY



On Sunday Afternoon, February 6th we will have our 1st Souper Bowl Game Day Party. We will meet in the fellowship hall to enjoy soup, sandwiches and snacks while we play games or maybe catch a football game that starts at 3:30 p.m. We are still working out the details so stay tuned and think of a soup, sandwich or snack that you would like to bring. While you're at it how about bringing a game or two that you would like to play.

POTLUCK -FEBRUARY 20

On February 20th the Mission Committee invites everyone to join in welcoming our special guests, Cory and Janice Lemke, who will be here to share with us for a weekend of Personal Evangelism Training. What a great chance to share good food and get to know old and new friends alike.

If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a **main dish and a salad**. If your last name begins with **L-Z**, please bring a **main dish and a dessert**. Single folks just bring one item to share.

Remember the ovens are on for keeping food warm, so please bring your food already cooked.

BUDGET VOTES PASSES WITH STRONG SUPPORT

During a Congregational Meeting held following the January 16 service the 2011 Budget was approved. Copies of the 2011 budget are still available at the Greeter's Table in the back.

BOARD MEETING NOTES...

BY JIM LARSEN

Kay Killian lead our devotion time and prayed that God would 'Give us Your creative spark'.

The treasurer's report noted that we ended the year in the black. Hoorah!

Jim made a few notes from his Minister's report, liking the fact that we are having more visitors these days. Several folk are getting ready to take the 'plunge' for Jesus. That is always good news. The Elders reminded us of the importance of the upcoming visit by the Lemkes (see article in this newsletter). Jim has been asked to make a search for a nursery attendant. If anybody has ideas for such a person they're to contact him. We are planning to put up a poster which will help parents see when and where their children can enjoy Bible school, pre-school worship and the youth ministry. We feel it is important to start and end the morning worship on time. Jim and Eleanor will have songs ready when delays keep the service from otherwise being on schedule. Gene S. explained how he has a gardening idea which can provide 'starts' for gardens. Those who would benefit from this project would be encouraged to share some of their produce with folk at church and the Ashland Emergency Food Bank. (We all love the idea!) Gene also told us he is starting a new edition of Alpha, this time at the Food Court at the Mall. We like this idea too. It isn't too early to be thinking about Easter (April 24). Jim suggested an Easter Morning breakfast. It was thought that we might team up with another church and participate in their Easter music production as we did last year. It was noted that, as always, communication needs special attention. Out of the ordinary and unbudgeted expenses should be discussed with other board members or the whole board before action is taken. The Elders asked that 25 copies of the movie, The Gospel of John, be ordered. We use these magnificent DVDs to share the gospel with newcomers. Jim and Ed will give them to members of their class. Jim will be on a short-term mission trip to Peru from

February 28 to March 12 and will miss one Sunday in the pulpit.

The Deacons reported on a good work day. They are getting ready for construction to commence on the new restroom. It should be completed by Old Time Movie night in February. Next work day...February 12. Everybody is invited to help. Starts at 9.

The Deaconess team has done a bang up job of organizing all of our Christmas inventory. At their next work day they plan to sort through and organize kitchen stuff, giving away what is extra. Kay suggested a plan for helping buy new cookware and such. A theme of "Love You Kitchen" month sounded good to the board.

A Souper Bowl party at the church was proposed. There would be games after the worship time with food, football and fellowship as the main ideas. Library...Eleanor has books to be handed out to the kids of the church.

The 2011 budget is ready and is posted. The vote will be on January 16.

Ed donated a fire escape kit to be kept upstairs in the Education Wing.

A fine, uplifting group, as usual. Thanks team!

LIBRARY THOUGHT



Dr. Barry Zuckerman, co-founder and CEO, Reach out and read, and a new reader.

I recently read an article (Raju Woodward-Associated Press) about a nationwide literacy pro-

gram "Reach Out and Read" that prepares children 6 months through 5 years to succeed in school. The program partners with pediatricians to provide age-appropriate books to children and encourage families to read together. Children receive a free book during each of their visits to their pediatrician along with a "prescription slip" that reminds parents to read to their children daily. A medical assistant usually gives children their books and talks to their families about the importance of reading together. Sometimes a reading volunteer reads to children while they are in the waiting room. One clinic manager says "I think the reading volunteers can help parents learn to read better to their children. This program benefits everybody".

Eleanor Olson

A NEW WRINKLE

By now most of you know about **ALPHA**, the 10-week course on basic Christianity which is used around the world to introduce seekers to Jesus. We have offered the course in our church building numerous times with many coming to belief in God. Now we are trying something different.

We meet in the food court at the Medford mall around

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**LUNCH BUNCH REMINDER
ALL LADIES**
You are invited to the catered
Snow People Bunch... Lunch
Tuesday, February 8th
BUFFET OPENS AT NOON
IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
(basement☺).
Come during your lunch break if you have enough
time off from your work.
Come and stay to help with the clean-up if your day
is unstructured and your energy is flowing.
Come and enjoy a little pampering and conversation
no matter what.
Eleanor Olson will share about a favorite book.
If the Lord jiggles your synapses, bring a favorite
book (old or new) to share also.
So even if-
"THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL"
we plan to have a gathering
"SO DELIGHTFUL".
See you soon – Eleanor O. and Janice S.

6 pm on Fridays. After ordering our meals we gather around a few tables and get to know each other better while we eat. The laptop computer sits on the end of the tables where all can see and hear Nicky Gumble discuss the question of the evening. After the video lesson we discuss what we have been viewing. It is so simple and it seems to be working. We are usually finished before 8 pm.

Since those who attend live in Medford it means less travel time...very efficient and easy to do. If you know a few couples in your neighborhood that are interested in meeting for a few hours each week to discuss the questions addressed in **ALPHA** here is an easy way to become a missionary right here in the Rogue Valley.

Gene Stringer



Personal Evangelism Training

How can I effectively introduce my friends and family to Jesus? There is more than one answer to this question. But it is an important question that deserves a thoughtful response. As those who know the benefits of being children of God it is only natural that we would want to help others to find The Way. In February we begin a planned series of weekend workshops designed to help you find an approach that will work for you and your friend or family member.



Corey and Janice Lemke have served 15 years in Ukraine and in the process have learned a lot about training others in personal evangelism and church planting. You will enjoy interacting with this dynamic couple over the weekend of Feb. 18-21, 2011.

Put these dates on your calendars and look for the details soon to be disclosed.

Expect to see more opportunities as we bring other leaders to Christian Church of Ashland every 3-4 months in 2011.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Velma Johnson
- 4 - Christa Phillips
- 15 - Emily McKinney
- 16 - William Doods
- 19 - Dona Heath
- 28 - Nathanael Rogers
- 28 - Sean Rogers



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 - Jim & Velma Johnson

Editor's Note: If I have missed your birthday or anniversary please let me know so I can update my calendar and include them in the future. If I have included any that you would like removed please let me know that also. Just send corrections to the church office. Brad

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6 Souper Bowl Game Day Party | 7 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group | 1 9:30 AM Piece Corps Velma Johnson, B'day | 2 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home Grounding Day | 3 | 4 Christa Phillips, B'day | 5 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet |
| 13 12:30 PM Board Meeting | 14 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Valentine's Day Jan & Velma Johnson, Ann | 8 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 9:00 AM Deacons Work Day 9:00 AM Deacons Work Day Lincolat's Birthday |
| 20 12:15 PM Potluck | 21 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group President's Day | 15 9:30 AM Piece Corps Emily McKinney, B'day | 16 9:15 AM Rogue Riders - Artesian Keron - Jacksonville Bill Deacons, B'day | 17 | 18 | 19 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Dana Heath, B'day |
| 27 Personal Evangelism Training | 28 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group Nathaniel Rogers, B'day Sean Rogers, B'day | 22 9:30 AM Piece Corps Washington's Birthday | 23 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding | 24 | 25 Personal Evangelism Training | 26 |

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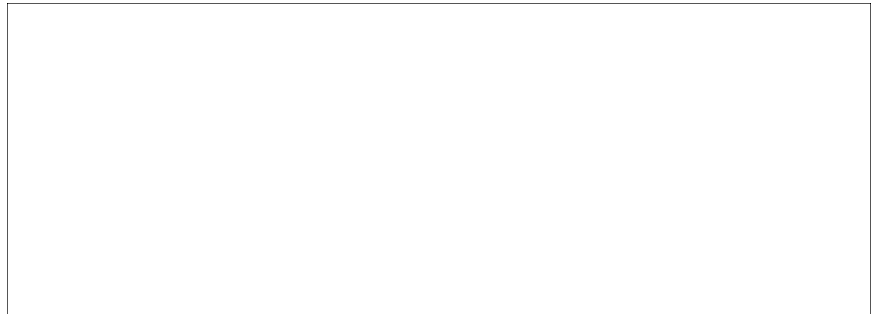
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship
Podcast available at:
podcast.cc-ashland.org



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT--
LOADS OF LAUGHS AND AN ICY LOVER



Street cleaners Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, while taking their lunch break, inadvertently foul a bank robbery and the grateful bank president offers them anything they want as a reward.

The boys want the education they never had. Guess which place of higher learning they choose. The laughs ensue as the boys star in the 1940 Hal Roach classic "A CHUMP AT OXFORD."



This comedy delight is followed by 20th Century Fox's lavish 1945 Technicolor "LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN" starring Cornel Wilde and beautiful Gene Tierney, nominated for an

Academy Award for her expertly handled performance as a woman who "loves too much."

Join us **Saturday February 19** for an evening of classic motion picture entertainment and, of course, a surprise or two. Doors open at 6:00 pm and movies begin at 6:30 pm. Come one, come all! It's FREE and EVERYONE is invited. Donations are accepted.

Doors open at 6:00pm, movies and FUN start at 6:30pm.

While you're at it, consider bringing something for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank.

