



**DEC. 1ST, 2013** 

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CENTER 541-753-4310

### FAMILY NEWSLETTER

**OFFICE HOURS** 

Sunday 8 am - 9:30 am and Noon - 2 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am - 1pm and 3pm to 5 pm

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#### "THE MAIN THING"

- 1. To love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.
- 2. To love our neighbors as ourselves.
- 3. To go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Christ has commanded us.



#### BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS! BRING YOUR FRIENDS! BRING YOUR FAMILY!

TO THE

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

- No admission!
- \* Favorite Christmas Songs!
- ❖ Delicious Treats!
- \* Hallelujah Chorus!
- \* Raffle and Prizes!
- Original Parody of a Christmas Classic!

#### DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 4th - Decorating the church for the Sing -A - Long from 6 - 8 PM

Thank you for making cookies! Please bring them to the building by noon on Saturday, Dec. 7th.

#### PLEASE FILL OUT A FELLOWSHIP CARD

Everyone is asked to fill out a Fellowship Card, which you will find in the song book rack. If you have questions or comments, feel free to write them on the back of the Fellowship Card, or talk to any member. The cards are picked up at the start of our service or can be placed in an offering plate.

For visitors, more general information is available on bookmarks in the Bibles located in the song book rack.



# Gregg's Good News

Psalm 105 is a call to remember and give thanks. To facilitate that remembrance, the Psalmist reminds people that they are descendants of Abraham. And that God had made a covenant promise to Abraham long ago.

The Psalmist continues by reciting the history of Israel from promise to becoming a wandering group of strangers. But God did not allow anyone to harm His people. A season of famine while Joseph was present in Egypt led the people to Egypt where they were aliens. But God's great miracles impacted Egypt so that

they eventually sent Israel away with great riches. Then the Lord led His people through the wilderness, and fed them on bread and quail. He also supplied water for the multitude.

As I read Psalm 105, I note that this Psalm of remembrance ignores almost all of the bad things that transpired. It does recall the fact that Joseph was sold as a slave and shackled until the king of Egypt set him free.

There is no mention of struggle among Jacob's 12 sons. No mention of Israel's reluctance to obey Moses. No mention of the endless grumbling the people were guilty of while trekking through the wilderness.

Virtually all the remembrance is

of God's good work and the victory that resulted for God's people.

Maybe that's one way the call to thanksgiving serves us. It leads us to remember the good that God has affected in our lives; and to leave our failures in the background. *Perhaps healthy remembering is a key to helpful forgetting.* 

God made a covenant, a promise to Abraham. But it was not only important to ancient Israel, the promise still impacts us today. "All nations will be blessed through you" led to the appearance of Jesus Christ. So now, every Sunday is a day of Thanksgiving. Remember?

PM Preview TONIGHT 5:00 pm—Sing-A-Long Rehearsal Bring your voice and music. Less than 1 week between now and the event.



#### SCHEDULE OF FAMILY EVENTS

Dec. 1st - 5 PM Sing - A - Long Singing Practice

Dec. 4th - Decorating the church for the Sing -A - Long from 6-8 PM

Dec. 6th - 6:30 PM rehearsal for Sing-A-Long

Dec. 7th - Sing-A-Long for community here at 7 PM

Dec, 8th - Fill-the-stage-with-food-donations Day

Dec. 22nd - Food box delivery day

Jan. 3-5 - Women's Retreat weekend in Lincoln City

Jan. 13th - Monday nights Beth Moore Bible Study

# Christmas Food Boxes go out in three weeks

We will prepare 40 boxes. 34 boxes were given out for Thanksgiving.

Get referral forms on the kiosk for submitting names to receive a food box on December 22nd.

Please sign up on the kiosk to bring a turkey or a ham or two.

Check the master list on the kiosk for needs and bring the food to the foyer. ALL cash donations should go to Becky Miller and shoppers will make your purchases.

Sunday, Dec. 8th will be Fill-the-stage-with-food-donations Day.



Happy Thanksgiving. Thursday we celebrated with some of our college students in our home. What a blessing that was. For some it was their first Thanksgiving ever. Today we celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We find ourselves estranged from God through our selfish sins and a God that loves us so much He sends His son to die for us. This is described in Romans 5. Then in Romans 6, God offers baptism as a way to die to our selfish sinfulness and be born as a new creation united with Jesus in His death and now in life. This life is lived with him through the Holy Spirit as we offer ourselves as instruments of righteousness.

#### Contact Numbers:

541-753-4310 UCC 541-207-2777 cell

#### **UCC Office Hours**

T 2pm-10pm TH 9am-3pm F 9am-3pm



Campus Minister and Family Jason, Amanda Josiah and Jaron Swick

# Pray for safe travels for Cale & Angie in NY & KS, the Johnsons, Kim Perry moving to Yuma, all traveling over the holiday.

Please pray for God's healing hand to be upon those with cancer:

- Rob Hartley, Renee Gunselman's brother
- John Rowland, Kristi Fox's brother
- Greg, Jensens' neighbor
- Karen Bose, Betty Carter's daughter
- John McPartlin, eye cancer
- Kevin Roth (Eric Jensen's relative)
- Lorena Childress' uncle

Please continue to pray for the health of

- Katy Pyron
- Phil and Linda Weimer
- Patsy Linder
- Donna and Paul Johnson and her surgery recovery.
- JoAnne and Debra Million
- Irene Strawn Pray for Irene's last days, for peace and comfort.
- Goldie Campbell with pneumonia (WAS in Good Sam).
- Zane Rogers (Brooks' grandson)
- LaVera Crownover
- Cathy Bussard
- Ezra Parker
- Alex Bracht
- Elizabeth Emmerich and family

Please pray for Calvin, Betty Carter's son, who had kneecap surgery on Mon in Bend.

Pray for Bob Bateman, in the hospital with cancer recovery problems. (Eastridges)

Please pray for Mickey Elliott and her family, member of McMinnville Church of Christ, as she is suffering from Lyme disease.

Please keep Jean Woods' brother in your prayers - his knee replacement recovery is going to be a slow and long process.

Pray for Sally, friend of Geri York, undergoing chemo.

Pray for the President, Congress, and world leaders.



The Johnsons give thanks they are able to spend Thanksgiving with their 80something parents.

The Hammars give thanks to God for their freedom.

The Powells praise God that Trent's soccer injury didn't break a bone.

## PLEASE PRAY

#### Pray for our Mom-to-be

Hannah and Jeremy Verzosa, baby girl due January 2, 2014.

Holly and Ryan McPartlin, baby McRib due 05/20/2014

#### Pray for engaged:

Ashley Parsons and Ryan King are engaged to be married on July 26th, 2014, in Corvallis.



# **Pray for Our Military**

- Laci Hill, Navy in the Mediterranean Fleet
- Pray for the military families and all those serving.
- Pray for our leaders to make the best decisions that so dramatically affect our military.

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## **MONTHLY SERVANTS**

Eldership Leader: Casey Long

Deacon/Minister Leader: Eric Jensen

Emergency Needs: Pam Strawn,

541-752-6590

Communion Prep: Lorena Childress

PA Attendant: Rolland House Kids' Time: Chris Jensen

Service Monitor: Brian Fields

541-936-4594

#### **WEEKLY SERVANTS**

Dec. 1st, 2013 Dec. 8th, 2013

MORNING SCHEDULE

Greeters: D Brown
T Brown
J Leslie
Ushers: J Wise
R Parsons
E Bracht
Attendance: N Franklund
Communion: L Sorah
L Perry
Allen Rugh
D Brown
E Bracht
J Paul
L Sorah

Counting Aides: R Bracht Jacob Hammar B Leslie K McPartlin

Nursery: Kelsey Rennels Heidi Powell

O Childress D Eastridge Notes / Cards; Emily Jensen S Childress

L House O Childress
Song Leader: Zak Reed R Holland
Speaker: G Strawn
Lord's Table: J Swick J Shore

Servers: B Taylor G Brown
M Sorah F Cloutier
D Seidel T Emmerich

Opening Prayer: N Acidera D Seidel Pastoral Prayer M Johnson E Jensen Closing Prayer: M Johnson E Jensen

5:00 PM EVENING SCHEDULE

Song Leader: E Bracht J Strrawn\*
Opening Prayer: Joe Hammar E Bracht\*
Closing Prayer: R House J Swick\*
Lord's Table: J Swick J Shore\*
SECOND SUNDAY EVENING of the MONTH
Singing at Park Place Assisted Living,\*
2595 NE Jack London, at 5:45 PM

Sunday Morning Attendance151Nov. 24th Contribution\$3,041Year to Date Weekly Average\$3,965Weekly Budget\$4,517Strawn Adoption Fund\$8,570

# www.2020Circle.com www.0SUCC.com

# Want to get involved?

Assembly Ministry . . . . . . Deacons' Ministry Group Building/Grounds (Church & UCC) . . Greg Brown and Josh Wise Campus Ministry . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jason Swick Education Ministry ..... Eric and Chris Jensen Evangelism Ministry . . . . . . . . . José Reyes Fellowship Ministry . . . . . Ed and Renee' Gunselman Involvement Ministry ...... See Elders Life Group Ministry ..... Mark and Nancy Johnson **Media Ministry** . . . . . Frank Cloutier and Webmaster Tim Emmerich Men of Iron . . . . . . . . . . Rolland House People Needs: Financial and Food . . . . Becky Miller, and Ryan McPartlin Publicity Ministry . . . . . . . . . . . Becky Miller Van Ministry . . . . . . . . . . . Bob and Cody Parsons Visitor Experience Ministry . . . . . See Elders Vision Ministry . . . . . Elders, Deacons, Ministers and Widows Ministry . . . . . Peter and Pam McPartlin Women's Ministry . . . . . Laurie Eastridge Youth Ministry . . . . . . . Mike and Shannon Sorah

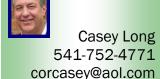
and Eric and Jann Bracht



"We're going to my Grandma's on Thursday to pig out ... and also be thankful."

# Circle Leaders Elders





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#### **Deacons**

Ed Gunselman, Rolland House, Eric Jensen, Peter McPartlin, Jose' Reves

#### **Ministers**

All the members of the Congregation (I Peter 2:9)

W. Gregg Strawn Minister of the Word

Jason Swick Campus Minister

#### 2020 Circle Family Times

#### Sunday

9:30 AM Bible Classes for all ages 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Assembly

#### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class 10:30 am

#### Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Study At Circle

Assorted Life Groups
Call **541-758-4456** for details