



A Message from Interim Pastor Diane Curtis

God Is On The Move!

Listening to the radio on my drive home I heard a song that got me thinking: “God Is On The Move” by the Christian band 7eventh Time Down. I wondered where God is on the move in my life. What is God doing, anyway?

The more relevant question is “what am I doing” that opens the door to God moving. Am I sitting on the sofa at home or in the desk chair in my office waiting for God to speak, or am I proactively doing to facilitate God’s work?

*Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served...*

*Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Of dares to speak the truth that sets men free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word...*

*Anytime the gospel stirs a searching soul
And someone says, “Send me, here I go”...*

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These lyrics to “God Is On The Move” are my (and our) marching orders. I believe God calls us to be people that stand upon the Word through prayer and action. Waiting for God to do His thing so we can follow along isn’t the Lord’s intention for us. Rather, just as Jesus told His followers in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), we are to be people who hear and do the Word. That is our call: to go not wait.

As we at Faith Church enter into the next part of our transition time, it is vitally important that we be a people on the move; people who do what God is calling us to do. Not people who are waiting while the search for a new pastor is taking place so we can see what he or she wants to do, but followers of Christ who are continually seeking what He wants us to be doing. Standing on the Word requires action. Let’s get on the move for God!

In Christ,
Pastor Diane



VBS Needs You!

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner and we need your help!

From **June 27th to July 1st**, we'll be going on a Deep Sea Discovery from **9 am to noon each day**. Adventurers ages 3 through fourth grade will explore the Bible and learn that "God is With Me Everywhere I Go." Fifth graders and older can be part of the crew of helpers.

To Register: VBS is free. Sign up online at www.vacationbibleschool.com/faith.

To Volunteer: You can call the church office or use the web site above to sign up.

To Donate: See our list below for needed items. Monetary donations are always welcomed and are used for additional supplies and snacks.

Paper Towels	Paper Plates	String and Twine
Paper Plates	Sponges	Paint (tempera & watercolor)
Marbles	Glue (sticks & school bottles)	Markers (permanent & watercolor)
Masking Tape	Googly Eyes	Plastic Tablecloths
Plastic Straws	Construction Paper	Foil Pie Pans
Tissue Paper	Small Paint Brushes	Coffee Filters
Old Shirts (for smocks)	Children's Scissors	Crayons
Colored Pencils	Beads, Sequins & Feathers	White Card Stock

June 12 Congregation Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Faith United Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, June 12, 2016** in the sanctuary immediately following worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee and officers, vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws and a proposal to change the church name from Faith United Presbyterian Church to Faith Presbyterian Church, hear about the budget approved by the Session, and consider any other business that may properly be brought to the congregation or corporation.

Copies of the proposed Bylaws will be emailed prior to the meeting and will be available in the Fellowship Area in June.



Rummage Sale Success!

Thanks to everyone who donated items and provided considerable help in organizing, staffing and cleaning up the Rummage Sale. This is the primary fundraiser for the **HOPE Garden** which will benefit greatly from the funds brought in.





Coming in July - School Supply Collection

The Deacons will be hosting a school supply drive during July. We will be collecting for needy children at **Haines and Memorial Schools** in Medford as well as for the **Backpack Project at Seeds of Hope** in Camden. We will collect individual school supplies AND entire backpacks already filled. In case you happen upon a school supply sale or your small group wants to get a head start filling a backpack, here are some of the items we'll be collecting:

Backpacks	Composition Books	Paper Folders
Glue Sticks	Scissors	Markers
3-ring Binders	Pencils	Pencil Sharpeners
Erasers	Packages of Loose Lined Paper	Spiral Notebooks
Colored Pencil Packs	Pens	Rulers
Pencil Cases	Index Cards	Highlighters

Mission Study Team Completes Report

We enjoyed a pot luck to celebrate the completion of the **Together in Faith Mission Study** and hear the results provided in their report. The team created the following mission statement using considerable input from the congregation:

“Faith Church is a community of believers centered in Christ, caring for others and loving one another.”

Thanks to the team (John Ford, Sandy Gustavsen, Cathy Hofmann, Brian Mackey and Bill Hamilton) for the enormous amount of work that went into their report. We can now select a Pastor Nominating Committee and move forward in Faith.





95 Years Young

Our friend Irma Lawrence celebrated her 95th birthday last month at Medford Leas. Linda Mackey took some great photos including this one of Irma and her daughter Lynn blowing out the candles!

Church Bulletin Board

Welcome Bethan: Our new Music Director, Bethan Neely, joins us on June 12th. Since that's our annual meeting, on **June 19th**, we'll be having cake to celebrate Bethan joining our Faith family. See you there!

Installation of Elders and Deacons: Be sure to join us for worship on **July 10th** as we mark the installation of Elders and Deacons for 2016.

LifeLine Screening: Faith Church will host a LifeLine Screening clinic on Thursday, **September 1**. Details will be in the bulletin in August. See Bob Casey for more details.

Flu and Pneumonia Shots: Mark your calendar! Rite Aid will be with us after worship on Sunday, **October 16th** to give flu shots and pneumonia vaccinations. More details will appear in the bulletin at the end of September. See Bob Casey if you have any questions.

Guest Preachers in June

June 19th - Rev. Scott Morschauer

June 26th - Rev. Kevin Yoho



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly

June 18-25 in Portland, Oregon

The commissioners will look inward at how the PC(USA) should configure itself in a time of both declining resources and great opportunity and at what its witness should be out in the world. The assembly's theme: "**The Hope in Our Calling**" from Ephesians 1:18.

The 222nd General Assembly, with 594 commissioners and 198 advisory delegates, will elect new leadership for the PC(USA), including a new stated clerk for the first time in eight years. What's notable is what's not leading the agenda: not the ordination of gay and lesbian ministers, nor same-sex marriages, nor divestment in certain companies doing business in Israel-Palestine, issues on which the PC(USA) took momentous votes in 2012 and 2014. Here's some of what this assembly will take on.

- **Stated Clerk Election:** The GA will choose between two candidates to fill this position.
- **Leadership:** The GA will choose between two teams of candidates to serve as co-moderators.
- **The Way Forward:** An assembly committee will consider more than a dozen items of business including this important issue: With PC(USA) membership dropping — down 741,000 over the last 10 years — and congregations and mid councils facing financial pressure, what's the role of the national church structure? What do Presbyterians value about the PC(USA), and what needs to change?
- **Fossil Fuels:** The PC(USA) has holdings of fossil fuel (oil and gas) companies. The planned discussion is around what responsibility people of faith have to mitigate climate change.
- **Apologize?:** The assembly will discuss whether an apology is owed regarding decades of denying leadership rights to LGBT members.
- **Belhar:** The assembly will vote on adding the Belhar confession to the Book of Confessions.
- **Middle East:** The assembly will discuss options in Jerusalem including a two-state solution where Jews, Muslims and Christians have access to holy sites.
- **Mid Councils:** The GA will discuss reconfiguring synod boundaries.

More details will be included in the bulletin.

You can follow along from home!

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