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**On the Way with Doug and Cathy**

- June 20: Boise University Christian Church - Doug
- June 22: Pendleton Women’s Pray and Play - Cathy
- June 23: John Day FCC Pastor’s Installation/Preach - Doug
- June 23: Pendleton FCC worship/preaching - Cathy
- June 23: Pendleton FCC Long Range Planning Team - Cathy
- June 26-28: Regional Youth Council Beach Trip - Cathy
- June 24: LaGrande FCC Board Meeting - Doug
- June 25: Santiam Ministers’ Breakfast - Cathy
- June 25: Lynchwood Trustees and Faithful Planning Team - Cathy
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- June 27: New Church Team - Doug
- June 29: Specialized Ministries Picnic Salem - Cathy/Doug
- June 30: Portland FCC Worship - Doug/Cathy
- July 3: Hood River Valley Meeting - Cathy
- July 7: Boise University Christian, Preaching - Doug
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- July 13-18: General Assembly, Orlando, Florida - Cathy/Doug
- July 20: Regional Picnic at Champpeog - Doug/Cathy
- July 21: Dallas FCC preaching - Doug
- July 21: Albany FCC worship - Cathy
- July 22: Lebanon FCC camp supply sorting Party - Cathy

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**Regional Assembly Hosted by Hood River Valley Christian May 2-3, 2014**

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**News from the Congregations**

- **Albany**: Celebrated 7 year ministry with children by Chrystee Houser.
- **Dallas**: Enjoyed a trumpet concert in worship on July 28.
- **Glenwood**: Called Giovanna Arnold as Pastor beginning in July.
- **Grants Pass**: Home Depot put down a new floor in the food warehouse called The ROC. This ministry, launched by FCC using funds from a bequest gift, feeds thousands of southern Oregonians every month.
- **Lynchwood**: Planning a Sunday “church leaves the building”

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Some of us had been to Orlando, Florida for the General Assembly (see article below), and at that event had learned a chorus written for the assembly theme, “Teach us to Pray.”

Teach us to Pray, Teach us to Pray
Speak the Words that we should say
Help us find your will today.

Teach us to Pray

The easy lyrical melody was quickly caught by the group, and we sang it several rounds until it was planted deep. Picnic goers young and old formed small groups and spent time in prayer for the family of Pastor Fred Evans, who was living in his final hours that day, and for the family of Blanca Puma, our mission partner in Ecuador, whose mother died earlier in the month.

We moved into new prayer groups and shared prayer about decisions and opportunities in our own local congregations. While these prayers were being said, I prayed walked in a circle around the whole group praying for each of our congregations by name, trusting in God’s work in each place we gather as Oregon Disciples. I heard snippets of prayers as I walked in voices familiar and new to me after a dozen years as one of your regional pastors.

Finally, we gathered into new groups one last time praying for concerns for congregations, not our own, for joys and concerns we knew about from our last small group prayers or items we were in petition for a congregation where they were not members. I had a flash of understanding again — We are ONE church, always, not only when we notice it, but ALWAYS. Teach us to pray. 

In Hope, Cathy

General Assembly

Over 4,000 Disciples of Christ members and friends registered and attended the General Assembly in Orlando, Florida in mid-July. Participants worshiped together each evening, received instruction from highly regarded Bible Scholars and Church leaders from around the world, and engaged in service projects in the local community. Over one quarter of the attenders were under the age of 40 years, making this the “youngest” assembly ever.


Children Worship and Wonder Training September 27-29

Hood River Valley Christian Church plans to host a Children Worship and Wonder Storytellers Training. CWW is a method of being with worship of young children in a form of worship that is geared to them developmentally. Based on the church year, CWW begins with the first Sunday of Advent and teaches the stories of the Bible using play, ritual, storytelling in a particular way that emphasizes wonder, and music. At least ten Oregon Disciple congregations have used or are using this process with children. You can learn more about it at https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/family-and-childrens-ministries/children-worship-wonder/children-worship-wonder-what-why/

More about the Oregon training will be on our web site and sent to you by postal service to ministries/family and children’s ministries.

Regional Community Garden

The Oregon Regional Garden, a project of the Women’s Circle of the Regional Church, got a shout out from the podium during the reports of the work of the General Church at the Orlando, Florida General Assembly. We have over 25 barrels in multiple locations growing food to be given away. Watch the regional garden grow at: http://www.christianchurchinoregon.org/#!news/c1h8q