On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- Nov. 11 Caldwell, Worship  Cathy  Doug
- Oct. 28 Salem, FCC, Worship  Doug
- Oct. 27 Portland, Week of Compassion Training  Cathy
- Oct. 20-21 Burley, Congregational Tune Up Event  Cathy
- Oct. 14 Beaverton, Murray Hills, Worship  Cathy
- Oct. 12-13 Beaverton, Western Women’s Retreat  Cathy
- Oct. 7 Portland, Lynchwood, Worship  Cathy
- Oct. 4-5 Disciples Seminary Foundation  Doug
- Oct. 2 Regional New Church Team  Doug
- Sept. 30 Hillsboro, The View  Doug
- Sept. 30 Portland FCC, Worship  Doug
- Sept. 29 Portland, Rio de Dios, Worship  Doug
- Sept. 28 Portland FCC, Oral History Interview  Cathy
- Sept. 24 Lynchwood, New Beginnings Group  Cathy
- Sept. 23 Pendleton, Worship  Doug
- Sept. 21 Commission on Ministry  Cathy
- Sept. 20 Portland, Lynchwood, CWF Speaker  Cathy
- Sept. 16 Junction City, Preaching, Installation  Doug
- Sept. 15 Certificate of Ministry, Spanish Program  Doug

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Mission Statement

Our mission is
- To nurture members and congregations
- To establish and receive new congregations

While working together with the whole Church to do Christ’s ministry in the world.

Doug and Cathy Myers Wirt
Regional Ministers
Audre Bratcher
Administrative Assistant
Bernice Rivera
Leader Development
Stacy Shelton
Communications
Liz Cronin
Bookkeeper

News from our Congregations

Red Rock: Thank you for hosting the district Conflict Transformation event!
Burley: Weekend event with Regional Minister Cathy Myers Wirt
Portland FCC: Thank you for hosting the Week of Compassion emergency preparedness training
Salem: SFC’s new Music Director is Michael Carlson.
Homedale: hosted Regional Minister Cathy Myers Wirt for worship and potluck.
Lebanon: Youth group meeting on Wednesday nights.
North Bend: several property upgrades and dedication of new church spire on Nov. 4.
Rio de Dios: hosted Regional Minister Doug Wirt for preaching and potluck.
Ione: Pastoral Search Team continues to make progress.
Albany: Sunday morning study group on prayer, led by Rev. Maggie Sebastian.
McMininville: opening up for community breakfasts two days per week.
Glenwood/Midway: Building assessments completed by Disciples Church Extension Fund.

Thanksgiving Offering

The annual Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples of Christ institutions of higher education and theological education. This includes 14 colleges and universities and 7 seminaries and theological programs. Over half of the congregations in the Oregon SW Idaho region have pastors who studied or are studying now with a Disciples related institution.

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) President, Chris Horsey, works with the Disciples schools, a retreat for second and third year seminary students, and the annual HELM Leadership Grants. Congratulations to Maya Herb of First Christian Church in Corvallis, who is a HELM Leadership Fellow for 2018!

Most Disciples congregations will receive the Thanksgiving Offering on November 11 and 18. You can also give at any time at the following link: www.disciplesmissionfund.org/give.

Online Ministry Training Program from Phillips

Phillips Theological Seminary in Oklahoma now offers online, non credit education for ministry training and church leadership development. The Ministry Training Program, formerly called the Mid America Center for Ministry, offers courses based around the sixteen areas the Disciples have identified as basic to ministerial leadership. Courses are available for only $75 each, through a special gift given to Phillips. Students may take the classes a la carte or through a two year certificate program. For more information, visit www.ptstulsa.edu.

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My Turn

“But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another.”  2 John:5

You are invited on Saturday, November 3 at 2 p.m. to celebrate eighteen years of dedicated service to our regional church ministries. On that day, we will recognize the work of Audre Bratcher as Administrative Assistant since the year 2000. Come join us at First Christian Church in Portland as we say “thank you,” to Audre.

It’s been said often that Audre has made her work a ministry over the years. Her life is one of generous and loving service:
- Audre at the CROP Walk, or holding children in Ecuador.
- Audre checking people in at events or answering the phone, or booking flights from Boise.
- Audre at her desk, chatting with ministry candidates before their interviews, or on one of hundreds of trips to do errands for what’s next.

Audre will conclude her regular work in the regional church office in November 2018. Please join us, or send a note to say “thank you,” for being there so often for so many.

Doug

Reception for Audre Bratcher, November 3, 2:00 p.m.

Come and join us at First Christian Church, Portland, 1314 SW Park, to say “thank you” to Audre Bratcher for 18 years of service in the regional church office. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. and try to finish around 3:30 (though there will be lots to say).

Parking is available under the church (enter from Jefferson) or in metered spaces on the street.

Certificate of Ministry Studies Program Started

Thirty one people from five Oregon congregations attended the first class for the Certificate of Ministry Studies on Sept. 15. Pastor Xose Escamilla, CMS Program Director, taught the first class on Church Administration. Dr. David Wheeler, formerly the Pastor of First Baptist in Portland, then taught four classes on Theology.

All classes are taught in Spanish, with most held at the Interchurch Center in Portland. Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton will host the largest classes on selected dates.

Bernice Rivera has done outstanding work in recruiting and preparations.

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Welcome to Pacific Outreach Christian Church!!!

The Executive Committee of the Regional Board has approved the newest affiliating congregation in the region. Pacific Outreach Christian Church of Boise becomes the third ministry in the regional church that knows how to speak Chuukese, along with churches in Salem and Portland.POCC will meet at Red Rock Christian Church. The Pastor of POCC is Ekit Kikku.

Within the 45 churches of the Oregon SW Idaho regional church, six speak Spanish, three speak Chuukese and 36 speak English. With POCC, the regional church now has nine congregations in South Idaho in the Snake River District.

Welcome to Pacific Outreach Christian Church!

Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation Training in Albany, November 17

Come and see our marvelous training team in action. The next Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation training will be on Saturday, November 17 at First Christian Church in Albany, 432 SW Ferry Street. This is open for both lay leaders in churches and active pastors.

Time is 10 am—4 pm, cost is $10.

Oregon Woman Leading in Wild Women of the West

Raiza Spratt from Murray Hills Christian Church is one of the two Co-Chairpersons for the 2020 Wild Women of the West Event. We are grateful to Raiza for stepping up to this leadership role. Watch our website early next year to see information about this upcoming event for women from western regional churches together with global sisters.