On the Way with Doug and Cathy

- Mar. 29, Boise Red Rock CC, S. ID Women's retreat
- Mar. 29, Albany, June Fleshman Memorial
- Mar. 30, Caldwell Treasure Valley CC, Preaching
- Mar. 31-Apr. 1 Commission on Ministry, Nampa/Boise
- Apr. 2, Lynchwood cte mtg
- Apr. 3, Albany FCC cte mtg
- Apr. 5, Women's Pray and Play, Lynchwood
- Apr. 6, Allison Park, Preaching
- Apr. 6, Silverton FCC, Worship
- Apr. 6, Trees of Righteousness 7th Anniversary
- Apr. 8, Interchurch Center 50th Anniversary
- Apr. 9, Hood River Valley Christian Cte Mtg
- Apr. 9, EMO Retreat
- Apr. 11, Lebanon, Memorial Service
- Apr. 12, No CA/NV Regional Minister Search Cte
- Apr. 13, Trees of Righteousness Preaching
- Apr. 13, Murray Hills Worship
- Apr. 16, Eugene Ministers’ Lunch
- Apr. 17, Lynchwood, Maundy Thursday

Save these dates!

May 2
Hood River
Conversation with Dick Hamm

May 2-3
Hood River
Regional Assembly

May 14
Portland
Ecumenical Ministries Banquet

May 17
Allison Park
Women’s Pray and Play Day

May 18
Grants Pass
Women’s Pray and Play Day

May 24
Cascade Camp
Miracle Day Camp Clean up

May 31
Springfield
Regional Garden Build

June 7
Portland
Regional Board Meeting

June 14
Boise
God Rocks Concert for Camp Funds

Mission Statement of the Region

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

Albany: Sara Staton completed her ministry with the congregation in April.

Eugene First: Softball team, Heart of Eugene Dragons, are up and at ‘em for a new season.

Hood River Valley: Dave and Linda Presley are completing their ministry with the congregation in May and relocating to Indiana.

LaGrande: Children’s afterschool program continuing to grow.

Medford: Preparing for the 10th annual “bonnet tea” in May.

Murray Hills, Beaverton: Preparing for another “church leaves the building” Sunday in May.

Northwood: Began a ministry with persons living in transitional housing on their property.

Parkview, Meridian: Almost ready to move into their new buildings.

Salem First: Served breakfast on Easter at the Union Gospel Mission for the 5th year in a row.

News from our Congregations

Regional Assembly

Hood River Disciples are ready to greet you May 2-3 at the first Regional Assembly of the newly formed Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho.

Preacher Rebecca Hale will invite us to reflect on scriptures that help us in “Getting our Feet Wet” as we enter a new part of our church life together. Taking her texts from both Old and New Testaments, she will encourage us to do more than stick our toes in the water of faith, but to take risks and envision bold new directions.

Our Regional Visioning Team Consultant, Dick Hamm, will be with us from 1:30-4:30 on Friday afternoon for those who can come early and dream with us about the next shape of our regional church. He will also lead us in a prayer and discernment workshop time on Saturday morning.

Regional Ministers Doug and Cathy Wirt will address the assembly on Saturday morning before a series of workshops which range from dance, to church finance, to global mission, to community gardening, to local mission, and more. You can see a list at www.oidisciples.org.

Global Mission Partner Blanca Puma of FEDICE in Ecuador will host the group on Saturday afternoon.

Programs for middle school youth and children, as well as childcare, are planned.

Housing is available in nearby hotels, and home stays with church members have been offered. We hope to see you in Hood River!!

Regional Assembly

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News about Kim and Erik Free in Mozambique

Trip to Ecuador in July—still time to join the group

Calendar of Regional Events

News from Congregations
**Quadrennial Scholarship Applications**

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**Kim & Erik Free in Mozambique**

After months of preparation and visiting churches, Erik and Kim Free have arrived safely in Mozambique for their assignment with Global Ministries. They are serving with our partner church, the United Church of Christ in Mozambique. Kim will assist and train with community health care and will work with women and girls on empowerment projects. Erik will offer training in agricultural skills and assist with local church pastoral needs.

The Frees will be missionary partners with the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho and also with Disciples in the Northwest region. They are on a four year assignment and will be available to visit with congregations during their itineration in the United States. Kim and Erik Free have been active in our regional camp program, as well as in several of the Oregon Disciples congregations. You can follow their blog: [http://thefreesinmoz.wordpress.com/](http://thefreesinmoz.wordpress.com/).

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**Weekly Events**

- **FCC Silverton to Receive Honor at EMO Banquet, May 14**
  - First Christian Church in Silverton will receive the Ecumenical Service Award on May 14 at the Annual Dinner of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The congregation will soon reach 100,000 meals served in their Community Dinner program, a result to be noted at the Silverton congregation on June 11. The Community Dinner has brought together churches from many denominations and people from all walks of life to share a meal together once every week. Other Disciples have started similar efforts in their own communities.
  - EMO will also install Co-Regional Minister Doug Wirt as President of the Board of Directors at the Annual Dinner. Tickets are available for $75 at [www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org) or 503-221-1054.

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**Women’s Pray and Play Retreat Days**

- **Save the Dates September 19-20, or 21 for Stewardship Event**
  - Bruce Burkhauser and Jerry Lang will lead stewardship events in September for Disciples in SW Idaho and Oregon. Bruce is Director of the Faith and Giving ministry for Disciples of Christ, and Jerry is Vice President of Christian Church Foundation. The first event will be on Friday evening and Saturday, September 19-20 in the Portland area. The second will be on Sunday afternoon and early evening, Sept. 21, in the Boise area. The NW Region will offer a similar event in the Spokane area, April 17-18, 2015. Bruce and Jerry will lead a workshop at Regional Assembly in Hood River on the morning of May 3.

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**Trip to Ecuador, July 10-22**

- Rick Ikeda of Salem FCC is once again organizing a mission trip to Ecuador for the summer of 2014. The dates will be July 10-22, with opportunity to work and to worship with partner churches in the local community of Cachiviro in northern Ecuador. Our FEDICE ministry partners have planned a work project involving labor of various skill levels. We will also have time to visit the world famous craft markets at Otavalo and see other interesting sites in the country.

- Approximate costs per person are $2,450. A $200 deposit is requested as the initial payment. Some of our congregations raise funds or receive special gifts to help support the cost of a traveler. A limited amount of scholarship funds are also available.

- Please contact Rick Ikeda at [rtijr@outlook.com](mailto:rtijr@outlook.com) for more information. You can also visit with Blanca Puma, FEDICE Executive Director, during her Oregon visit, April 30—May 9. She will be at Hood River Valley, Eugene FCC, Peniel and Lynchwood.