News from the Congregations

John Day: Women’s and Men’s ministries meeting regularly.

Pendleton: Hosting Global Ministries missionaries Jim and Jayanthi Wilson in September.

Eugene FCC: Made a special gift to support construction of a maternity hospital by Disciples of Congo.

Glenwood: Regional Minister Doug Wirt guest preaching in June.

Midway: Celebrate Recovery ministry continues.

Trees of Righteousness: Held a car wash for camp fees.

Save these dates!

June 1
Regional Board Meeting in Portland

June 8
Women’s Pray and Play Day

Eugene First Christian host

June 22
Women’s Pray and Play Day
Pendleton First Christian host

June 23
Installation of Pastor Al Altnow
John Day First Christian

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Regional Picnic 2013

One of our most fun events as a regional church each summer is our annual picnic. July 20 is the date for this year’s Regional Picnic. We will gather at Champoeg State Park between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Bring some friends and some food to share. There will be games in the first hour, lunch at noon and worship around 1:00 p.m.

FIND US AT THE OAK GROVE DAY USE AREA # 2 & 3.

If you haven’t come before, this is a great chance to meet other Oregon Disciples. If you have come before, think of someone who has not come and invite them to join you. Lawn chairs, canopies, Frisbees and your own table service can all be put to good use. Paper plates and plastic utensils will also be available.

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Champoeg State Park is located west of Interstate 5 between Portland and Salem. Fees for entry and parking will be paid on your behalf. Indicate to the ranger at the gate that you are with Oregon Disciples.

So put it on your calendar now and plan to spend a few hours with your Disciple neighbors.

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Mission Statement of the Region

- 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
The Oregon Regional Camping Program enjoys the hospitality of churches that maintain campgrounds. For nine years we have rented White Branch Camp on the scenic highway between McKenzie Bridge and Sisters. Our most recent campers and staff cannot remember a time before camp “happened” at White Branch.

This summer our camps move to a new location. Suttle Lake Camp is owned and operated by the United Methodist Church and is 13 miles outside of the town of Sisters. Some of the advantages of our new site include:

- Closer medical care in case of emergencies
- More variety in activities: including archery, a ropes course, tubing on a creek, canoes, kayaks, a lake across the road from the camp and a hiking trail around the lake
- Increased ability to deal with special diets needed by campers and staff

One of the changes is that middle school and high school camp will happen at the campground the same week on opposite ends of this much larger site. The camp directors recently spent 24 hours up at the new site getting ready for the changed logistics of the site. All of those on the trip came home excited about new possibilities.

Many aspects of camp will continue as before:

- Our staff will still come from our congregations with many returning from last year
- Our curriculum will still form the core of our time and this year explores the book of Acts of the Apostles and applies its lessons in age appropriate activities
- Our nurses will have even more supplies on hand and be ready for whatever comes
- Our camp “traditions” will continue with new experiences added to our time together.

Please pray for directors Sara Staton (Albany), Linda Presley (Hood River), Stacy Shelton (Ione) and Dan Stults (Lynchwood, Portland) as they prepare to lead our camps.

Vice-Moderator Rick Ikeda leading at General Assembly

Rick Ikeda, an Oregon Disciple leader from Salem First Christian, has served since the Nashville General Assembly in the summer of 2011 as the Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly of our whole church. As Vice-Moderator, Rick has led the business committee of the General Board in its two most recent meetings in Indianapolis and represented the whole church at events. Rick will lead the business committee for this summer’s General Assembly in Orlando, FL July 13-17.

Our prayers and support go with him as he serves our church.

New Ecuador Fund Drive for Maca Atápulo

Our Mission Partner Blanca Puma introduced our next special project for FEDICE during our event at Northwood Christian Church on April 13. The new project to be funded by Oregon Disciples will be in the village of Maca Atápulo, south of Quito, Ecuador. At an altitude of 10,926 feet, the community of Maca Atápulo is about 300 feet lower than the top of Mount Hood!

The FEDICE ministry, a long time partner of Oregon Disciples, works with a group of 25 people in Maca Atápulo. Twenty-four of them are women, and all are seeking a solid source of income for their families. FEDICE will make a small loan to each family so that they can raise improved stocks of sheep and support their households without leaving this rural area to look for work in the cities. Each family will repay the loan as their flock grows. Oregon Disciples will raise $10,000 to support the FEDICE ministry in Maca Atápulo. Another $3000 was already shared from special gifts in honor of Victor Vaca. Over $3000 more has been raised to date, or 30% of the $10,000 goal. Contact the regional church office or go to www.ChristianChurchinOregon.org global ministry link for more information on the Maca Atápulo project.

Women’s Pray and Play Day 9:30—12:30 mini retreats

Oregon Disciple women and friends are invited to spend a 3 hour mini-retreat together under the theme “Who’s Following You?” Event includes a craft, getting a glimpse of our partner Christians in China, learning new ways of prayer, and living inside the Biblical Story of Esther. Each participant receives a Bible Study book about Esther and several other gifts. Cost for the day is $15.00 per person — this is down $5 from last year! Dates include ……June 8 at Eugene FCC, and June 22 at Pendleton.

Regional Community Garden

Since the March Garden Build event, men and women in Oregon have been planting, growing and harvesting produce as a part of the Oregon Regional Garden. You can see pictures on our web site by going to the “What’s Happening” link. Pictures will continue to be added as the garden grows. A slide show about the garden is at the Women’s Action Web area.