



First Christian Church of Orange
Disciples of Christ

Church Life

Worship on Sundays at 10:00 am
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Children's Led Worship

October 24 at 10:00 am

The Children invite you to join them on Sunday, during worship, as they lead the worship service. Come and learn with them "The 10 Best Ways" to live!

Enjoy their singing, their speaking, and their insights as they worship God and celebrate what it really means for all of us to be "Children of God."

Chili Cookoff

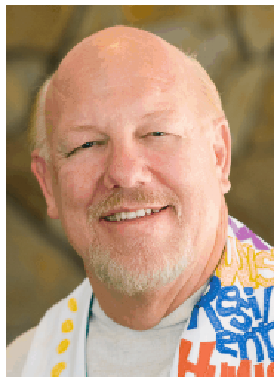
Sunday, October 24, 2010

Our annual church Chili Cookoff is coming up on Sunday, October 24! Please bring your favorite recipe of chili to share. Prizes will be awarded for tastiest, hottest, best vegetarian and most original. Get cookin'!

-Care & Nurture Committee



Keeping in Touch...



There was an article in the New York Times a couple of weeks ago about the decline in the offerings to denominations and congregations across the board: "From storefront chapels to Sun Belt mega churches to suburban synagogues, across denominational lines, religious institutions are reeling from a decline in donations.

The National Cathedral in Washington, the most prominent Episcopal church in the United States, has made four rounds of staff layoffs since 2008. The Crystal Cathedral down the street from us, an archetypal evangelical mega church, has laid off staff members, sold property, and been sued by creditors. (One of my neighbors who works for the cathedral has not been paid since last Christmas.) In the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, the 55-member Primera Iglesia Getsemani, its monthly intake falling to \$400 from \$900, is surviving by running a weekly flea market on its sidewalk...

The recession is affecting all of us. As we move into this month of October and our Stewardship emphasis upon Spiritual Capital, there is still reason for thanksgiving because people have stepped up in other ways. The Burch family, in memory of Anna Burch, contributed the funding for our new projection system in the Sanctuary. This has been a remarkable addition to our worship experience. We received some extra gifts from church members to make it possible for youth and kids to get scholarships for camp this past summer. Many of you have stepped up and volunteered in myriad ways to make the work load easier for our staff and leadership. I hope you know how much you are appreciated for these extra gifts.

Of course one of the greatest gifts you can give is to invite someone to FCC Orange. If this is a place where you have found strength, comfort, encouragement, challenge and faith for the journey, then why not share that with others? That's why we are here, after all... to share God's love, grace, compassion and strength through Christ. We have much for which to be grateful...

See you in church,

Stanley D. Smith, Senior Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

October 17, 2010

10 am in the Sanctuary

In the darkest night of the life of Israel and Judah comes the brightest light. Ripped from their homeland, the people thought their God had abandoned them or, worse still, had been defeated. Then Jeremiah comes with a word of hope, instructing them to put down roots, build houses, practice their trade, seek welfare in Babylon, and pray for their captors! But where is the good news? Come find out!

Scriptures: **JEREMIAH 31:27-34** Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and enjoy the friendship of this loving congregation. Worship leadership includes **Gail and Jim Suggs, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

October 24, 2010

10 a.m in the Sanctuary

Our kids want to share their worship leadership with you this special Sunday. They have been working on the 10 Commandments for this year's service. Come and enjoy the gifts our kids bring to our church.

Scripture: Exodus 20:2-17

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and enjoy the friendship of this loving congregation. Worship leadership includes **Children, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

SEARCHER'S CLASS

2010 Class Offerings

October 17, 24, and 31

Favorite Women Characters, Clarice Friedline

November 7, 14, 21, and 28

Living From the Inside Out, Dwight Messenger

December 5, 12, 18, and 26

Christmas Music We Love, Millie Messer

Happenings

Disciples Women

DISCIPLES WOMEN OCTOBER STUDY GROUP(S)

KOINONIA GROUP meets
Wednesday, October 20, 2010,
7:00 pm, in the FSR. Eileen
Vincent is our Hostess.



The **Study Leader** for October is **Wanda Averi**.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING
Thursday October 14, 2010, at 11:30 am, in the FSR.
FEATURING **STAN SMITH: MIRACLE WEEK in review.**

DISCIPLES WOMEN BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 23, 2010, at 9:30 am, in the FSR.

Annual Stewardship Campaign

During the stewardship moment in the month of October we will explore the topic of "**Building Our Spiritual Capital**" both for us and in stewardship of what we have been given.



We hope that the theme concepts will guide us to spiritual growth in stewardship through the many ways in which FCCO has an impact in our world and in our lives.

- October 10 *Building Spirit through Education*
- October 17 *Building Spirit through Outreach*
- October 24 *Building Spirit through Caring*
- October 31 *Building Spirit through Sacrifice*

Sunday, October 31, will be Consecration Sunday. Pledge cards will be collected and consecrated via prayer.

New Testament Bible Study

This study is offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Library. Stan Smith facilitates with audio tapes from The Teaching Company — The New Testament. Anyone is welcome.

Disciple News & Updates

Gateway Christian Church, celebrated their 60th anniversary Sept. 26th. Congratulations!

Returning to the Lord Christian Church, celebrated it's 13th anniversary on Oct. 3rd. Congratulations!

Ramona Avenue Christian Church celebrated **100** years in ministry on Oct. 3rd. Congratulations!

Mike Fronk, First Christian Church celebrated his 25th year of ordination on Sept. 19th. Congratulations!

Jonathan Hall recently was installed as pastor at First Christian Church, Ventura. Congratulations!

Olivia and Rob's Baby Shower

Sunday, November 7
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

(Immediately following service.)



Everyone is invited!

Come enjoy light refreshments. The family is registered at Target, Babies-R-Us, Amazon.com, and welcomes Costco Gift Cards for diapers!

Baby Tyke will love all his new goodies!

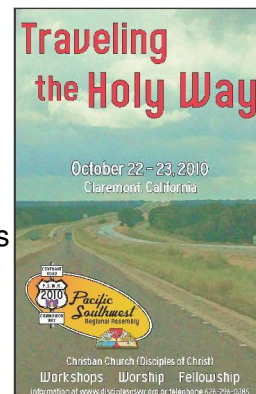
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2010—Claremont

OCTOBER 22-23, 2010

We will be celebrating with the Disciples Seminary Foundation as they mark their 50th Anniversary, training leaders for the church on the Pacific slope.

Our theme for the Assembly will continue the focus of our Gathering last fall in Fullerton, "In Covenant and Communion: Traveling the Holy Way." The speakers for the two-day event will be Dr. Tamara Nichols Rodenberg (Friday) and Sandra Bryant (Saturday).

For More Information: <http://www.disciplespswr.org>
REGISTRATION MATERIALS ARE IN THE COURT-YARD!



More Happenings

Upcoming Events...

PSWR 6th Annual Regional Golf Classic

Whether or not you play golf, you can be part of this annual event being held on **Monday, October 25, 2010**, at the Alta Vista Country Club in Placentia. Golfers are encouraged to sign up to play. Golfers and non-golfers are invited to participate in the 2010 Opportunity Drawing which is offering 3 wonderful prizes. 1st prize is an Apple iPad, 2nd prize is 2 tickets to the 2011 Rose Bowl game, and 3rd prize is 2 tickets to 4 Broadway plays to be performed at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood between January and June 2011.

See **Lary Row** to purchase Opportunity Drawing tickets after church in the Courtyard.

Ticket prices: 1/\$1; 6/\$5; 12/\$10; 25/\$20.

Alternative Christmas Faire

Well, it is almost that time of year. This year's Faire will be Sunday, November 21, so mark your calendars! Organizations represented will include: Third World Gifts, Habitat for Humanity, CASA, All People's Christian Center, Church World Service, Friendly Center, and many more. Please come and support this part of FCCO's outreach to the community and our church. Questions?

-Outreach Committee

Progressive Dinner

Please save the date: **Saturday, December 4**, for FCCO's annual progressive dinner. Keep watching. Church Life and the weekly e-mail for more info.

Friendly Center

Food Bank

People in our community continue to be in great need of food. Please consider bringing one item of food each Sunday (or whenever you can) and place it in the designated box in the narthex.



Suggested items to bring: pasta (rice, spaghetti, macaroni), canned vegetables, meat and fruit, canned beans, dried beans, chili beans, cereal, boxed items

- Christian Action & Outreach Committee

Come to Lunch!

Sunday, October 17, 2010 at 11:30 am

The Stewardship and Finance committee has put together an event to help both new and prospective members understand the importance of church commitment and stewardship — financially and programmatically. We ask that you RSVP to the invitations that were sent out by contacting the church office at 714.538.9681 or orange1st@fccorange.com.

Elders Prayers in Worship



COMMUNION PRAYER: September 26, 2010

As we gather at this table in the quiet of this sanctuary, may we feel the spirit of love, which is your being in our lives, O God. May we hear the message of Jesus, as he told his followers, "love one another as I have loved you." As we take these emblems of his life, the bread and the cup, may we renew our commitment to follow in his way, even if it means sacrificing our own selfish desires. For the gift of life, and the opportunities to live it to be your messenger, we are grateful. Amen. (Bev Weatherill)

OFFERING PRAYER: September 26, 2010

Loving God, thank you for these tithes, offerings, and sacrifices given this morning. We have been given much, and we are thankful for the hearts that allow us to share our riches. Please give us humility that we will continue to freely and generously distribute our wealth. Bless these gifts, and put them to use for justice in our community and beyond. In your Son's name, we pray. Amen. (Estelle Worden)

NewsLetter DEADLINE

The next Church Life Deadline is **October 18, 2010**.

OUR CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for: **Mary Walker, Gwen Shaw, Mary Dotson, Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills**, and . . .

Stan Smith - prostate cancer procedure on October 6.
Jody Bullock - is in St. Joseph Hospital with congestive heart problems. She may go home 10/5.

Joshua Reynolds - has enlisted in the Army. He reported for Basic Training in September. We ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers (Mike and Ellen Reynolds)

Markay Koontz - diagnosed with breast cancer last month and will continue chemo treatments through December 10.

John Reinard - for John and his family upon the death of John's step-father, George Erich.

Cathy Welch - sister of Ron Pollard. Had a melanoma removed, undergoing immunotherapy.

Dick Immel - brother of Clarice Friedline, remains hospitalized in Santa Barbara after undergoing successful bypass surgery.

Rich Kempf - sister, Yvonne, is on Hospice.

Martha Causey - sister-in-law, Kathy Reed, has been diagnosed with liver problems. She is awaiting the results of a liver biopsy.

Floyd Hedrick - sister, Sharon Russell, is suffering from back injury and severe pain.

Jake Brown - brother is in the hospital with a collapsed lung.

Juarez Family - friend and family member, Craig Vail, had his wisdom teeth removed Saturday.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Gladys MacGinnis**, long time member who has been living in No. Calif. the past 15 years. A memorial service will be Monday, October 11 at 2:30 PM at Fairhaven Memorial Park.

Peace Pole Project

More than 30 years ago FCC Orange joined the Shalom Congregational program of the General Church, and placed in our courtyard a **Peace Pole** with the words *"May Peace Prevail on Earth"* in four languages. When the Courtyard was remodeled last year, and because of its disrepair, the Peace Pole was removed.

The Leadership Board has now adopted a fund drive to replace the pole. The cost will be about \$300, and you can contribute to this project. Checks can be made out to FCC Orange, and put in the MEMO line: Peace Pole.

We would like to dedicate the new Peace Pole on December 5, which is the traditional Advent Sunday of Peace.

OUR CELEBRATIONS

Dean Thomas - celebrating 20 years in business and is having an open house on October 16, 2010, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

Floyd Hedrick - praise and celebrations as his mother, Ruth Hedrick, celebrated her 85th birthday on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Chap Family - their new house!

Jason Burris and the Stewardship & Finance Committee - kick-off of Spiritual Capital Campaign.

ShaeLyn Row - celebrating as her sister, Carli, turned 8 on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Judy Willhite - celebrates the births of great, grandson, Ethan James and of great, great granddaughter, Luci Rose.

Jason Burris - his firm launched a new website and new practice, "Labor and Employment." Visit BrandBurris.com.

Dan Oliver - Congratulations on full-time status with the PSW Regional church.

Visitors in Worship

Marvella Markley, Pittsburg, KS; **Vicki Younger**, Neosho, MO; **William, Natalie, & Vicki Glaser**, Calabasas, CA; **Janice & Hillary Snyder, Mark Gil, Ginger & Howard Smith**, Grand Forks, ND.



"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people."
(1 Corinthians 12:4-5 NRSV)

Month of Ministry 2010 is being Celebrated at First Christian Church, Orange in October

Check out the photos and information about the ordained clergy in our congregation. Thanks to the Worship Committee for honoring all of our ministers.



YOUTH & KIDS

Children's Sunday

Sunday, October 24th, is Children's led worship. There will be no Worship and Wonder, and FCCO's Young Disciples and JYF groups will lead the worship service. **Please be at church by 8:30 am.** (There will be a snow cone party and celebration during our program time on Sunday evening.)

Youth Choir will be performing October 24th.



Halloween Party

Sunday, October 31st, FCCO Youth and Kids' groups will be celebrating Halloween with a "pre-treat" party. Join us from 2 until 5 pm in the FSR for games, costumes, face painting, and more!



Ronald McDonald Trick-or-Treat

After the party, the FCCO Youth will be trick-or-treating as a mission project to gather supplies for Ronald McDonald House. Meet at church at 5:30 pm. Make sure outfits are "church" appropriate.



Regular Sunday Programming

- 2:00 PM - JAM Group Meeting
- 3:30 PM - CHILDREN'S Choir - Chapel
- 4:00 PM - KIDS Groups
- 4:30 PM - YOUTH Choir - Chapel
- 5:30 PM - YOUTH Groups
- 8:30 PM - Young Adult Bible Study

Who We Are

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Admin. Secretary.....	Linda Smith
Bookkeeper.....	Wini Chuidian
Minister of Music & Arts.....	Dean Shepherd
Organist.....	Phil Chap
Children & Youth Choir Director.....	Jazmine Hamishfeger
Children & Youth Choir Accompanist.....	Pam Wykoff
Chi Rho Coordinator.....	Natalie Nevin
CYF Coordinator.....	Nicole Allbee
JYF Coordinator.....	Dana Gray
YD Coordinator.....	Sandy Reeley
Custodian.....	Miguel "Mike" Cosme
Nursery Supervisor.....	Sandy Carden



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