



First Christian Church of Orange
Disciples of Christ

Church Life

Worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
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 An Open and Affirming Congregation

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 November 4, 2010

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NOVEMBER 21st

8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. to 1 2:30 p.m.

The Fireside Room

At the Alternative Christmas Faire you can purchase gifts such as meals for *Mary's Kitchen*, building materials for *Habitat for Humanity*, items from *Church World Service*, *All People's Christian Center*, and *Third World Gifts and Handarts*, and/or, gifts from the *Christmas Gift Tree* for people from *CASA* and *The Friendly Center*, gift cards from *Stephen Ministry*, and many more.

Please put your faith in action by supporting these worthy groups. Cards will be available so that you can inform the honorees of the gifts. Please come and support this part of FCCO's outreach to the community and our church.

Questions? Call Craig Vail.

-The Christian Action and Outreach Committee

"BUILDING SPIRITUAL CAPITAL"

As our Annual Stewardship Campaign comes to a conclusion, we are blessed by your continued commitment, and by those who have been able to increase their pledge this year. While we are still a ways off from our goal (we have received 68 pledges so far — last year we had 103), we hope if you have not yet turned in your commitment card that you will do so soon.



Keeping in Touch...

Autumn is my favorite time of year. We find ourselves in in the beauty of a variety of colors. A mixture of orange, red, yellow and purple appears in the trees as seasons change (yes, even in So. California, although we will never have what New England has) from summer to winter. We owe this of course to the process of photosynthesis — and those little chlorophyll molecules that are present in leaf cells. So as the length of days and average temperature begin to drop, then the trees “know” it is time to get ready for winter, their sleep time, and the leaves stop making food.

But trees can be fooled. I remember the birch trees behind the sign of my former church... as the spot lights in front of the sign kept shining through the night, the upper portion of the trees that were illuminated kept their leaves. Green on top, multi-colored in the lower portions where no light seeped. Evidently the various branches did not communicate with each other. In midwinter it was an odd sight.

The other reason I like the season of Autumn is the succession of special days, the lengthening of the nights, the evening wind blowing leaves at my feet, and the darkness coming earlier each day. It is almost as if nature is telling us to pay attention, that all things change, whether we want it or like it.

November appropriately begins with All Saints Day when we remember those who have died in the community of faith, moves upward to the big harvest festivals culminating in Thanksgiving, and then on to Advent and Christmas! I invite you to be involved in all of our congregational festivities. It seems as if good things continue to come our way.

However, while we are too often practicing “triage” on our calendars trying to get the most out of every minute, I hope you will also pause occasionally and embrace a quiet, thrillingly dull moment. Call yourself from whatever task at hand in front of you to a never-ceasing appointment with the Divine. Sometimes you have to detach in order to connect! Drink some tea, listen to some music, quiet your soul. Allow God’s presence to come awake within you. You won’t regret it!

See you in church,



Stanley D. Smith, Senior Pastor



COME WORSHIP WITH US

“Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms”

November 14, 2010

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The prophet Isaiah has a vision of new heavens and a new earth., giving us a picture — like a work of art — of the prophet’s conception of newness, born of his own creative imagination. In this vision, the heavens and earth are no longer alienated from each other!

Scripture: **ISAIAH 65:17-25**
2 Thess. 3:6-13

Isaiah 12
Luke 21:5-19

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and enjoy the friendship of this loving congregation. Worship leadership includes **Vince and Penny Fraumeni, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrave, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

November 21, 2010

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Thanksgiving is the most American of our national holidays, encompassing in its simple and beautiful traditions the highest ideals and greatest aspirations of our country. It is the oldest of our festivals. It reflects the ideals of gratitude to the Creator for our sustenance, recognition of our descendancy from immigrants, the prosperity of living in harmony with nature, and the basic principles of tolerance and freedom. Of course it seems that we must re-learn this every year!

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Phiippians 4L4-9

PSALM 100
JOHN 6:25-35

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THE 2010 ADVENT SEASON

November 28—December 24

“GLIMPSES OF THE HOLY”

Where do you see God in your life? What makes a difference in our world? What makes you happy? This season of Advent we will identify “God Sightings” in our lives.

Look forward to a blog on the fccorange.com website, and invitations to recognize “glimpses” of God’s presence in this season of compassion and joy!

Happenings

Disciples Women

NOVEMBER STUDY GROUPS

LONG GROUP meets Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 11:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room. Cheri Stevens is our Hostess.

PAL GROUP meets Thursday, November 4, 2010, 9:30 a.m., at the home of our Hostess, Geri Nothwang.

KOINONIA GROUP meets Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Nina Walker our Hostess.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP meets November 21, 2010, 2:00 p.m., in the FSR.

The Study Leader for November is **Mari Jo Buchtel**.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, November 11, 2010, in the Fireside Room.
"My Spiritual Journey," presented by Candace Smith.

DISCIPLES WOMEN BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m., in the Fireside Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—QUILTS FOR VALOR!!

Saturday, February 5, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to Noon, in the Fireside Room. We will be making quilts for our veterans.



Searchers Class 2010 Class Offerings

November 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Living From the Inside Out, Dwight Messenger

December 5th, 12th, 18th, 26th
Christmas Music We Love, Millie Messer

Friendly Center Food Bank and Thanksgiving Dinner

During the month of November the Christian Action and Outreach Committee

will be collecting food for Thanksgiving for the Friendly Center. FCCO is again participating in the Friendly Center of Orange's drive to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for families supported by the Center. We hope our church will provide a dinner for 15 families, as we did last year. We also provide a dinner to the half-way house across the street from the church.

Please bring canned or boxed food that can be used for Thanksgiving dinner to the church each Sunday in November. The final day for collecting food items will be November 21 at the Alternative Christmas Fare. Thank you for your generous support of this project to assist local Orange families.

Christian Action and Outreach Committee



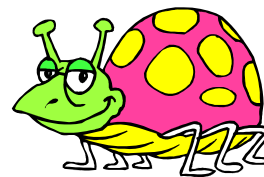
Olivia and Rob's Baby Shower

**Sunday, November 7, 11:30
a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (immediately following service)

Everyone is invited!

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

Baby Tyke will love all his new goodies!



Amazin' Greys November 16, 2010

Bugs, bugs, bugs! You can't live with 'em and you can't live without 'em.

Multi-talented etymologist, Dr. Tom Perring, will connect us to "A Bug's Life." Rumors have it he will bring bugs! You won't want to miss this! Be sure to reserve a place in the FSR for November 16 at 11:30 a.m. Call Marge Carter or the church office at 714-538-9681. Lunch is \$8.00.

More Happenings

Upcoming Events...

Brainstorming!!! Nov. 14 at 9 a.m.

The Leadership Board is inviting you to a grand brainstorming session to help determine FCC Orange's major community involvement in 2011. Our Strategic Plan calls for this each year, and we want to hear from you as to what outreach projects might be featured. Join us in the FSR at 9 a.m., Sunday, November 14.

Progressive Dinner - December 4

Our annual Progressive Dinner on December 4 is quickly approaching, and the Care and Nurture Committee is looking for hosts for dinners, appetizers, and desserts. Please call Bonnie Kamp to volunteer your home for this festive event.



Daylight Savings Time

Be sure to set all your clocks back one hour, this Saturday night, before you head to bed! That way you won't be too early for Sunday service!!!

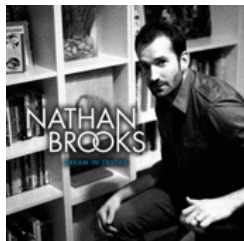
THE PEACE POLE PROJECT

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" **now in eight** languages. We have \$245 raised so far! The cost will be about \$300, and you can still contribute to this project. Checks can be made out to FCC Orange, and put in the MEMO line: **Peace Pole**.

A dedication ceremony is planned for December 5, the Advent Sunday of Peace.

Music

Nathan Brooks, Disciples singer/songwriter and music director from Naples, Florida has just released his new CD "*Dream in Truths*"



While in California this summer to record this album, Nathan visited many of his friends here at FCCO and sang and played several of his beautiful new songs for us in our Worship Service. The link to his new CD is:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/dream-in-truths/id386900110>. Enjoy!

Dean Shepherd, Minister of Music

Elders Prayers in Worship

COMMUNION PRAYER:
October 31, 2010

Creator God—Scripture tells us your Son met with His disciples to share a Passover meal which their ancestors had participated in for hundreds of years.

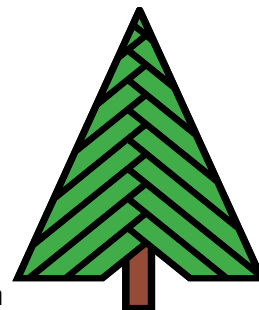
We also know that particular Passover meals became the model for our communion celebration, which Christians have participated in for hundreds of years.

We thank God for symbolic meals that nourish our souls. During this time we spend with you, remind us of our opportunity to share your love with all we come in contact this coming week.



THE LOVING TREE

Beginning November 28, the First Sunday in Advent, you will find a tree in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. The Stephen Ministry would like to remember our family members who have died and issue an open invitation to place a photo (5x7) of your loved one on this Loving Tree. You may place your photo any Sunday in Advent. A special frame will be provided and Stephen Ministry will be sure your photo is returned to you.



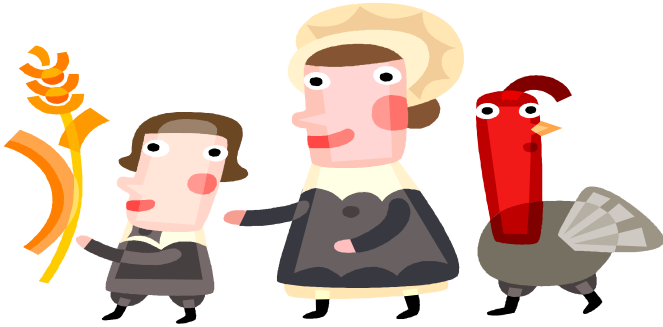
Newsletter DEADLINE

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

Worship Projection Items

The Worship Projection Team has established guidelines for use and content of the projection system in the Sanctuary. This is to maintain both thematic and theological consistency in worship and to uphold the values and mission of FCC Orange. **THE DEADLINE FOR IMAGES AND CONTENT IS WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK**, to the church office.

FCCO YOUTH AND KIDS



Who We Are

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Church Staff

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 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

Time for the Christmas Musical!

Please let Olivia know if your child or youth will be participating in this wonderful Christmas Eve event.

EXTRA REHEARSALS

During Sunday afternoon choirs;

Thursday, November 18:

Main characters and Wise Women;

Sunday after Thanksgiving (even though there will be no Kid or Youth groups).



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MAILED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2010

Regular Sunday Programming

- 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

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