



First Christian Church of Orange
Disciples of Christ

Church Life

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YOUTH SUNDAY

May 22, 10 A.M.

If you ever want a challenge in your Faith walk, spend some time with our youth and their tough questions. As the world deals with what it means to be tolerant, accepting, spiritual and diverse, our youth find themselves asking the same questions, even before the death of Osama Bin Laden. Can tolerance, acceptance, spirituality, and diversity work together?



During worship May 22nd, our youth will be leading the service and delving into the scriptures that may or may not help lead us faithful responses to this and other tough questions. They will also be leading music, prayers, and singing.

Tolerance? Acceptance?
Faithfulness? Diversity?

In addition... Many of our youth are close friends with the members of the band IMPERFECT. This group is made up of talented high school students from Torrey Pines Christian Church in San Diego, CA.

IMPERFECT performed at General Assembly in 2009, and will be joining our youth on Youth Sunday to be a part of the worship service. Make sure you get here early to hear some of their music before the service. They will also be assisting during the service and after.

Come and Worship!

Keeping in Touch...



I'll be honest... I am on the doorstep of vacation, and after the roller coaster ride of this past couple of weeks, I looked through my barrel of stuff every preacher has. This seemed appropriate. It's from my KIT in 1994. Amazing how some things are worth repeating!

"Sometimes I wait too long. Sometimes... So this little poem is for me, written by someone I don't know. Written for me, and for you, and all others who wait too long..."

The Time is Now

*If you are ever going to love me,
Love me now, while I can know,
The sweet and tender feelings
Which from true affections flow.
Love me now while I am living.
Do not wait until I'm gone
And then have it chiseled in marble,
Sweet words on ice-cold stone.
If you have tender thoughts of me
Please tell me now.
If you wait until I am sleeping,
Never to awaken
There will be death between us
And I won't hear you then.
So if you love me, even a little bit,
Let me know it while I am living
So I can know and treasure it.*

"I read today that bricks in pattern are stronger or weaker depending upon how they are laid out. There is one pattern which makes reinforcing bars and ties unnecessary. It's called a *common bond*, and the bricks are tied together by headers, bricks laid cross-wise to the pattern so that one header, when mortared, holds together two of the other bricks.

"I suppose that families are much the same way... stronger or weaker depending upon on the way in which the family members relate to each other. So promote a few more *common bonds* in your family, and don't wait too long..."

See you in church,

Stanley D. Smith, Senior Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

LOVE

LEARN

LIVE

WORSHIP

May 15, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Shepherd Sunday! The imagery in the readings is beautiful and triumphant, a fitting portrait of this post-Easter period. Jesus is portrayed as the doorway to God, and likewise God's doorway to us. Doorway? While we might debate the salvific quality of this word, we cannot question the importance of a front-door. In fact, the most important part of the architecture of a church is the front door. What does your front door look like? What does your front door communicate?

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes Tom and Mark Perring, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap, and others.

YOUTH LED WORSHIP

May 22, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

See the front page for all the exciting information about Youth Sunday. We invite you, once again, to be inspired by the young people in this church as their faith journey develops. What amazing work you have done raising such amazing people?

Scriptures: TBD

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Happenings

DISCIPLES WOMEN

MAY IS DISCIPLES WOMEN-SPONSORED BLANKET MONTH FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. More information to follow. Mari Jo Buchtel is Chair.



MAY STUDY GROUPS

KOINONIA GROUP meets Wednesday, May 18, 7 PM, in the Fireside Room. Judy Crum is Hostess.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP meets Sunday, May 15, at 2 PM, in the Fireside Room.

STUDY LEADER for May is Charlene Kempf.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING is Thursday, May 12, at noon, in the Fireside Room. The topic is "*Youth, The Church, and Our Future*," presented by Rev. Nancy Brink, Director of the Office of Church Relations at Chapman University.

DISCIPLES WOMEN BOARD MEETING is Thursday, May 26, at 9:30 AM, in the Fireside Room.

DISCIPLES MEN



Thank you to our Disciples Men! Their annual Easter Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt was a smashing success!!

Remember - the Disciples Men make sandwiches the second and third Sunday of each month to be taken to Mary's Kitchen to help them feed the homeless. All men are welcome to help out. Meet after Worship in the Courtyard.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FCCO MEMBERS

Rev. Stedney D. Phillips and Wendy A. Rosenquist, joined FCCO on April 11. They found FCCO through the Internet and joined by Transfer of Membership for dual membership with Valley Ministries, MMC. Stedney works for the Metropolitan Community Churches and Wendy is with the Long Beach Unified School District. They have a four-year-old daughter, **Hannah Rosenquist**. Their combined interests include reading, art ministry, leisure kayaking, surfing, and body boarding. Their email addresses are: revstedneyphillips@gmail.com and wrosenquist@gmail.com. Their family contact info appears in our Spring 2011 Church Directory.

ADULT LEARNING / SEARCHER'S CLASSES SUNDAY'S AT 9:00 AM, IN ROOM 2A

- May 8** - Pat Messenger - Report on Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, DC
May 15 - Review of John Shelby Spong's latest book, "*Eternal Life: A New Vision*"
May 22 - Barbara Post - Servant Leaders - Her Ministry Through Teaching
May 29 and June 5 - Review and Planning for the Fall Sessions.
June 12 - Welcome to Summer with Goodies!!

AMAZIN' GREYS



Four Centuries of Buttons

On **Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at 11:30 AM, in the Fireside Room**, come and hear **Anne Larkin** speak on buttons inherited from her mother's collection and those also collected by Anne herself.

There will be several categories of buttons that span the centuries, from the 1700's up to the present, and come from many parts of the world.

We will start with a delicious lunch prepared and served by our own Sharon Kay Prenzlów and Marge Carter. Cost is \$8.00. Make reservations by calling Marge Carter or the church office.

SAVE THE DATES

- May 15** - Loch Leven Sunday at FCCO
July 9 to 13 - General Assembly, Nashville, TN

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The next Church Life Deadline is **May 16, 2011**.

More Happenings

2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Event Registration Forms for the 2011 General Assembly, "Tell It!", are available in narthex and the church office. The General Assembly will be held Saturday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 13, 2011, in Downtown Nashville, TN. You can register on line at www.disciples.org/ga.

First Christian Church of Orange is allowed six (6) delegates. Speak with Gabe Spuckes, our Moderator, if you would like to represent FCC Orange.

CONSCIENTIOUS PROJECTOR

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND
DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING

Sunday, May 8 - 7:00 PM

This film series is present by the Orange County Chapter, Progressive Christians Uniting and is being held every 2nd Sunday at 5:30 PM. May's film is "Budrus." This film is about a Palestinian organizer who unites Fatah and Hamas members with Israelis to save his village, Budrus. This film is being shown at St. Anselm of Canterbury Episcopal Church, in Garden Grove, CA

Loch Leven Sunday – May 15



Have you heard about all the exciting news about Loch Leven? There have been many improvements made to our camp, exciting new events scheduled, Summer Camp is coming fast, and we have a new camp manager! **On Sunday, May 15**, the Outdoor Ministries Committee is sponsoring a Sunday for congregations throughout the region to share their experiences and pray for Loch Leven Camp and Conference Center during their morning worship services.

Members from the Outdoor Ministry Committee will be visiting some churches in the region on this Sunday to bring information and share experiences about Loch Leven.

We are asking that you lift up Loch Leven Camp and Conference Center in your prayers on this Sunday. If you would like to have a member of the Outdoor Ministry Committee come to our church please contact: **Mike Row** at mdrow1968@att.net.



PROJECT HOPE SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE

Our congregation's involvement with Project HOPE School as our community outreach mission has begun! We're in the planning stages, and **WE WANT YOUR HELP**. If you'd like to get involved in this new ministry to homeless children in central Orange County, we welcome your participation. The next committee meeting will take place at **6 p.m. Thursday, May 12**, in Rm. 2A. Watch this space for an activity update next month!

-- Sandy Hansen & Nora Jacob, Co-Chairs,
Project HOPE School Outreach

2011 GRADUATES

If you (or a family member) are graduating from high school, college or any other type of degree program, we want to know!

Please email a brief biography, including what school you are graduating from and what degree you are receiving, to the church office at orange1st@fccorange.com. Graduates will be recognized during an upcoming Worship service.

Loch Leven Spring Work Days

Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 AM - May 15 at 1:00 PM
Loch Leven Camp & Conference Center

Work by Day - Share your skills and talents with projects like patching, painting, carpentry, landscaping, trail work, chopping wood, building fences and more! This camp will include new construction on play areas in upper meadow, along with several indoor tasks for all ages, genders and skill levels.

If your skill is support, come and help in the kitchen, volunteer to watch the little ones, scan old photos, organize files, or help tidy up when we're done. There's something for everyone!

Play by Night - Evening will be for relaxing your bones after a fun day of work. There will be activities and music that will feed our hearts, nourish our souls and renew our spirits for the days ahead. Advanced registration helps us prepare.

Email info@lochleven.org to have forms sent to you!

News from the Pews

OUR CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

CONCERNS

Continued Prayers for: **Mary Walker, Gwen Shaw, Mary Dotson, Ken and Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills, Betty and Tom Gregg, and . . .**

Madison Raheb - prayers for wellness for 8-year-old niece. (Raheb/Sorensen)

Jordan Burby's Memorial Service is Saturday, May 7 at 3 PM at FCC Orange.

Audrey Anderson - recovering from breast cancer.

Chelle Chuidian - recovering at home from heart surgery. Still major health concerns. (Wini Chuidian)

Josh Reynolds - deployed in the Middle East. (Mike and Ellen Reynolds)

From Sunday:

Aunt Ruby - BJ's aunt died suddenly last Monday in Nebraska. Prayers for her family. (John Reinard)

97-year-old Grandmother - in hospital with stomach issues. (Becky Nelson)

From this Week:

Mari Jo Buchtel - fell late last week. (Martha Braun)

Virginia Waters - scheduled for outpatient surgery on Thursday, May 5, on her Hyper parathyroid.

OUR WORLD-WIDE CONCERNS:

Tornadoes throughout Southeastern United States

Ongoing conflict in Libya

Our world in the wake of Bin Laden's death.

CELEBRATIONS

AIDS Walk

PSWR Disciples Women Spring Training Event at FCC Fullerton. 10 Disciples Women attended from FCC Orange

Baptism of John Harnack

From Sunday:

Sandy Henry - Bill's daughter visiting from Northern California. (Joyce Miller)

Thanks to Everyone who worked to make last week's breakfast and egg hunt so much fun. (A grateful congregation)

Emily Addington - Today is Emily's 19th birthday (she is working in the Nursery) (Her Family)

Janet Sands - 2nd cousin's birthday is today. (Marlene Spear)

Jessie Causey is here with her fiancé, **Ed Proctor**.

Becky Vance - Her birthday is today!

Brandon Mark Shiroma - Grandson born April 30 to Sam and Michelle Shiroma. 7 lbs., 10 oz., 20" long. (Sandy Hansen)

We lift up in Prayer—The Pacific Southwest Regional Church and Regional Ministers **Don and Susan Dewey**, and the **General Church** and General Minister and President **Sharon Watkins**; and, in the Pacific Southwest Region, we lift up **All Peoples Christian Center**, in **Los Angeles**, and its pastor, **Mary Jo Bradshaw**.



The Friendly Center continues to need our help.

Contributions of food to the Friendly Center's food bank have been short since December. Therefore, the food bank cannot help as many people. Can you help?

Please bring non-perishable food items to church when you come, and place them in our food bank barrel, next Sunday and as many Sundays as possible thereafter. Thank you!
- CA&O

WORSHIP AND WONDER TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping with this special children's ministry, now is the time, as formal training opportunities are upcoming. Please let Joyce Miller or Cathy Perring know of your interest or if you have questions about what this great opportunity involves.

HOME COMMUNION

Each month (on the Second Sunday) our Elders and Diaconate members take communion to those persons who are unable to be in worship with us on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know would like to receive this important sacramental ministry, please contact the church office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. We would gladly add you or them to the Home Communion list. Call 714-538-9681.

THE 12TH INTERFAITH BANQUET Co-Sponsored by The City of Garden Grove Saturday, May 14, 2011, 5:30 PM

The banquet is being held at the Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Featured Speaker: Najeeba Syeed-Miller, JD, Claremont School of Theology. Dr. Syeed-Miller will speak about — The Hope of Interfaith Relations.

Please join us for an evening of food, friends, and fellowship. Tickets are \$25; a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the earthquake and tsunami relief efforts in Japan. There will also be a silent auction to raise additional funds.

For more information, please contact: Ann at (714) 638-5569 or Barbara at (714) 943-2290.

FCCO YOUTH AND KIDS

KIDS AND YOUTH SCHEDULES

May 22 YOUTH SUNDAY -Youth Choir
June 5 Last Regular Groups -
Children's Choir

There is NO YOUTH or KIDS on Mother's Day or Memorial Day Weekend.

There is NO YOUTH (but we will have KIDS) on May 22nd, because Youth Sunday is that morning.

WORK TOUR

We have 10 youth signed up for this summer's Work Tour. It is going to Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. 8th -12th graders will be heading to primarily work with Borderlinks and discuss every aspect of the situation that happens at the U.S./Mexico border. Cost is \$150. Dates are June 25-30. We still need adult chaperones. Please let Olivia know if you are interested.

DEADLINES FOR CAMP

Camp App. Deadline - FCCO Scholarship Funds:

May 15th (Olivia's Office)

Money for Camp Deadlines:

Checks made out to FCCO, Memo: Youth

Mini and Junior, May 29th

Chi-Rho, CYF I and II, June 5th

(The amount will be based on the amount of applications for the scholarship funds.)

JYF VERSES CLERGY TRIVIA

May 22nd—Everyone is invited!

4:30 in Courtyard

(Kids arrive at 3:30 for Choir)

FAMILY, KIDS, AND YOUTH POOL PARTY, SUNDAY JUNE 12TH

2:00-5:00 p.m.

Gee Family House

Who We Are

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