



First Christian Church of Orange
Disciples of Christ

Church Life

Worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY
JUNE 19
10:00 AM



In addition to it being Father's Day, during worship we will be recognizing all of our high school graduates, college graduates and any others who have obtained degrees this year. Please join us in celebrating these very special people and their accomplishments!

**DUE TO UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES,
THE ORGAN RECITAL,
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, JUNE 26,
HAS BEEN POSTPONED**

Keeping in Touch...

Last evening our Stephen Ministry group invited a guest to share a little about her work. Her name is Denise Carson, and she is a journalist and newspaper columnist who recently wrote a book titled: *PARTING WAYS - New Rituals and Celebrations of Life's Passing*.

As it says on her website... "*Parting Ways* explores the emergence of rituals that reinvent the role of family and community to celebrate the end of life in America. Denise Carson takes us on a journey that contrasts her father's isolated passing in hospital during the 1980s with her mother's end of life passage at home nearly two decades later, both from cancer. The last months of her mother's life reveal the patient becoming a person in control of her own passing to prepare for an end that opens the door for a ceremonial farewell, known as a living wake, when friends and family come to reminisce and pay tribute to her life before her death."

Most of us are in denial. It seems to be the American way. "*Death couldn't possibly happen to us!*" And the thought of celebrating before we die seems a little bit odd. But is it? Isn't that what we do with later-age birthdays... although we are careful not to say that it might be the last.

It would be nice if all of us lived each day as if it would be our last. And maybe we should. After all, it could be true. But certainly we should ask our selves the question "*If today were my last day, would I want to do what I am about to do today?*" If the answer is too often no, then some change needs to take place.

Last year when I was diagnosed with cancer it brought me face-to-face with the possibility that I could be dead soon, and knowing that helped me make important choices. Expectations, fears, embarrassment, failures... all seemed to fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Fortunately I am now cancer free. But today could still be my last!

No one wants to die... yet no one has ever escaped it. I don't mean to be dramatic, it's just true. As one person said: "*Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important,*



See you in church,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stan'.

Stanley D. Smith, Senior Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

LOVE LEARN LIVE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 12, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The word "Pentecost" is Greek, meaning fifty, reflecting the fifty-day countdown after Easter. It is one of three great pilgrimage festivals (the others being Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles), which Jews living near Jerusalem are required to attend and to which Jews from other nations make pilgrimage as they are able. Today we can celebrate again! Remember to wear **RED**, and join in the festival of Church. And, join us as Jared Wallace is baptized.

Scriptures: **Acts 2:1-21** Psalm 104:24-35
1 Corinth. 12:3b-13 John 7:37-39

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Nancy Brink, Maria Perez, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap**, and others.

DAD'S AND GRADS SUNDAY

June 19, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

As we take a day to celebrate our Dads and Grads, we remember that we worship a God who created us all in the beginning and saw that what was created was good. How do we make sure that we continue being good creations of God?

Scriptures: **Genesis 1:26-2:3** Psalm 8 2
Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

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

WORSHIP

June 26, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

More information on this day soon. We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Rich and Charlene Kempf, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap**, and others.

DISCIPLES WOMEN & MEN

The Disciples Women Study Groups will not meet during the Summer months. They resume at their usual schedule in September.



KOINONIA GROUP will hold its final meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 PM, at Marie Callender's on Katella.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011. The program will feature Mary Ida McReynolds and Pat Messenger who will share their experiences of Celebration in Our Disciple Women Community. The Board is providing lunch at \$6.00 per person.

DISCIPLES WOMEN BOARD MEETING is Thursday, June 23, at 9:30 AM, in the Fireside Room.

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DISCIPLES WOMEN "SELLING BLANKETS"

Our Disciples Women are raising money by "Selling Blankets," so that Church World Service can provide new blankets for those in need around the world. These blankets can be used as shelter, to carry belongings, provide shade, and, of course, as blankets, in all areas of the world, in many types of emergencies. They sell for \$5 each, and we hope that you will buy one or more blankets to support this important service project. See the Disciples Women at the table in the Courtyard through June 12.

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DISCIPLES WOMEN OUTREACH FUNDRAISER

Continuing June 12 through 17, our **Disciples Women** are taking orders for 5 mouth watering Butter Braid pastries. On June 12, you will be able to **taste** these gourmet pastries.

Each pastry costs \$12 -- \$5 of which we receive for Outreach. Deliveries will be made Sunday, June 29. Special arrangements for other delivery times must be requested. Look for the table in the Courtyard that says: **BUTTER BREAD PASTERIES**



DISCIPLES MEN

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.

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

There will be no classes held this Summer. We look forward to announcements about the Fall class schedule which begins Sunday, September 4!

AMAZIN' GREYS JUNE 21, 2011

Ever wonder about all of those gifts being wrapped in the Fireside Room just before Christmas? CASA is the clue. Come and learn more about Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a non-profit agency that our church supports. Lynda Perring, its former director, will speak at our **June 21** meeting, sharing ways CASA under-girds volunteers who work with abused children and children in the foster care system. Don't miss it!

Be sure to reserve your place. Call Marge Carter or the church office. Lunch begins at 11:30 AM. The cost is \$8.00.

NEW INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

New Telephone Number:

Bonnie Eppler - PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THIS NUMBER.

Address Correction (Please add to your Directory:

The Gee Family (Bill and Andrea, Taylor, Kara)
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THIS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.

SAVE THE DATES

June 25 - Spiritual Gifts Workshop - at Church of the Foothills

June 25 - FCCO Golf Tournament, Brea, CA

July 9 to 13 - General Assembly, Nashville, TN

September 19 - 7th Annual PSWR Golf Classic, San Dimas Canyon Golf Course

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The next Church Life Deadline is **June 20, 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.

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ARE YOU GOING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

If so, we would like to know where will be staying and how to best contact you. Please forward that information to the church office. We would also like to know if you would be interested in being a delegate. If so, please speak with Stan or Gabe Spuckes.

CONSCIENTIOUS PROJECTOR

Sunday, June 12 - 5:30 PM

First Christian Church - Orange

This film series is present by the Orange County Chapter, Progressive Christians Uniting and is being held every 2nd Sunday at 5:30 PM. June's film is "Addicted to Plastic," and is being shown at FCC Orange in the Fireside Room. Come and bring popcorn, soda, and/or your favorite movie treats!

PENTECOST - JUNE 12

SPECIAL DAY OFFERING



Expanding
the Table
PENTECOST OFFERING 2011

Pentecost is one of the prominent feasts in the Christian liturgical year commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the

disciples of Christ after the Resurrection. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name.

The Special Outreach Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciple's vision. Gifts for this offering are divided between regional and general programs - 50% of gifts received by a region remain in that region, with the balance supporting the work of general, new church efforts.



PROJECT HOPE SCHOOL TEAM MEETING

Our congregation's involvement with Project HOPE School as our community outreach mission has begun! If you'd like to become involved in this new ministry to homeless children in central.

Orange County, we welcome your participation. This month committee meeting will be held **Thursday, June 16, at 6 p.m.**, in **Room. 2A**. Typically, they will be held the second Thursday of each month, same time, same place.

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

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PROJECT HOPE SCHOOL GRADUATION DECORATIONS NEEDED!!

Project HOPE School will hold their graduation on **Tuesday, June 14, 2011**, at the First Presbyterian Church. They are in need of decorations (balloons, streamers) and a couple of people to decorate the Fellowship Hall where the graduation will take place. This is an easy, fun volunteer opportunity to support our church-wide mission project!

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Sandy Hansen.

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OUR THANKS TO YOU!

Thank you to all who donated crock-pots Sunday for Project HOPE School families! We have collected 14 crock-pots so far, and you may bring them in through **Sunday, June 12**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

-- Sandy Hansen & Nora Jacob

CHURCH LIFE

The Communications Committee invites you to a brief congregational gathering following Worship on **June 12**, to discuss the Church Life newsletter; specifically, the 2nd publication for each month. Please remain in the sanctuary after Worship concludes on June 12 to participate in the discussion about how we can save money each month by eliminating this 2nd publication.

Thank you.

Michelle Stillson, Chair

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)

Chelle Chuidian - recovering from heart surgery. (Wini Chuidian)

Patricia Wood - prayers sister as she deals with inoperable Stage IV cancer. (Rolf Hogseth)

Marilyn Wolfe - prayers for the family of my cousin who died of cancer Tuesday, May 31. (Christine Baker)

Linda Eppler - daughter-in-law has been diagnosed with colon cancer. (Bonnie Eppler)

From Sunday

Alan Wright - good friend had major stroke on Thursday night with seizures following it. (Kay Melcher)

Rev. Sue Bowman - friend having lumpectomy Tuesday, June 7, in Massachusetts. (Diane Francis)

From This Week

Melissa Cosme - has interview for teaching position on June 16, in Middletown, CA. (Miguel Cosme)

CELEBRATIONS

Baptisms of **Wesley Ruby** and **Katie Thomas**

FCCO Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Orange Pealers

Mary Dotson celebrated her 95th Birthday on June 1st.

From Sunday:

Yogi Russell Hernandez - new grandson born May 13. (Sue Miller)

Math Field Day - Thanks to the **Kamps** and **Pollards** for helping make a successful Math Field Day. **Bonnie Kamp's** team even won! (Nita Walker)

Rene Gonzalez - got engaged to Jackie Rollins, my wonderful, caring, and understanding woman.

Penny Fraumeni - California National Distinguished School Principal 2011. (Vince Fraumeni)

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 **New Heaven Mission Church**, in **Los Angeles**, and its pastor, **Jonathan Seo**.

JORDAN BURBY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Carol Jo and John Garrett have created www.jordanburby.com, where his service, slide show and more are posted. As we continue to mourn Jordan's death, this helps us to remember the good times with him. Hope you enjoy it.

Love, Carol & Joe Quartucci



FRIENDLY CENTER FOOD DONATION BARREL

Please bring lots of food donations for the Friendly Center Food Barrel by Sunday, June 19. This will be our last Sunday collecting food until the fall. Thank you! - CA&O

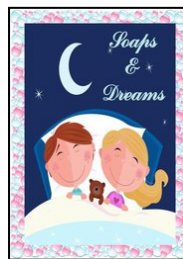
WORSHIP AND WONDER TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

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.

JUNE BUCKET CHANGE OFFERING SOAPS AND DREAMS



Soaps and Dreams' mission is to provide the comforts of new toiletries and pajamas to children who have been the victims of abuse and neglect, specifically through Orangewood Children's Home.

As you empty your pockets and purses at the end of your day, please remember that each Sunday our Acolytes are at Sanctuary exits holding a bucket to receive your donations. You can find **Soaps and Dreams** program information on their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Soaps-and-Dreams/166217063403809>.

FCCO YOUTH AND KIDS

YOUTH AND KIDS ARE NOW ON THE SUMMER SCHEDULE!

**FAMILY, KIDS, AND YOUTH
POOL PARTY, SUNDAY JUNE 12TH**
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Gee Family House
*PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
FOR THIS ADDRESS*

Wow—AMAZING YOUTH AND KIDS!

This school year the youth and kids finished by doing some amazing ministry.

Youth Sunday was insightful and powerful!

The JYF kids beat the clergy once again in Bible Trivia!

Both Kid's groups have worked to finished mission crafts that include new pew fans for the summer.

Can't wait for summer!

WORK TOUR

We have 11 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. Dates are June 25-30.

CAMP FORMS ARE LATE!

Who We Are

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