

**Sundays: Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.**  
**WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.**

**June:**

**Song Leader:** Hank Hudson

**Filling Communion:** Karen Campbell

**Flowers:** Karen Campbell

**Sanctuary pick-up:** Larry & Karen Campbell

**Fellowship Hour:** Worship Committee

**Those who serve June 7:**

Elder – Cheryl Hudson

Greeters – Becky Lester & Jeanette Tsiatsos

Diaconate – Larry Knape, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Debby Riggle

**Those who serve June 14:**

Elder – Jan Matson

Greeters – Larry & Lindy Knape

Diaconate – Pete Price, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Jeanette Tsiatsos

**Those who serve June 21: FATHER'S DAY**

Elder – Mandy Treanor

Greeters – Debby Riggle & Susan Snow

Diaconate – Peter Rankin, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Stephanie Bare

**Those who serve June 28:**

Elder –Carolynn Vaughan

Greeters – Betty Hughes & Patti Spray

Diaconate – Larry Knape, Capt.

Communion Meditation – Lori Van Leuven

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May 26, 2026



Dear Church Family,

For the month of June, I would like to challenge us to see our church and congregation through the eyes of a new person coming in the doors of our church. Someone perhaps looking for a place to find Jesus, maybe for the first time. Or with the eyes of one searching for the fellowship of something greater than society may provide.

When we park on the street out front and walk up to the front door, what is seen and heard? Doors open wide, calling any who enters with a sense of wonder? Smiling faces and hands offered in fellowship? Hopefully wonderment brought by the very Spirit of God as He has called a soul to join Him, to come and be loved by His family into the Kingdome of Heaven. If this is not what we ourselves see, then how can others who come for the first time?

We as members of this congregation know it is a place of love, and because of this we come to worship, fellowship and serve God who has called us. He calls us into a fellowship to prepare ourselves to welcome and serve others. Jesus called His disciples to follow Him and become fishers of men. We too are called to follow Jesus and then to actively go out into our communities and spread the good news to all.

This starts with prayer. We see Jesus praying for His disciples and for all future disciples as well. By this example, we to are to pray for our congregation of today, and our congregation of tomorrow.

John 17

*17 After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed:*

*“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. <sup>2</sup> For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.*

Jesus finished His work on earth, and with His promise of the Father’s Spirit, we too will do a great work for the glory of the Kingdom. We are also to pray a prayer of thanksgiving to the Father as He completes His work through us. We pray that all mankind will know this truth: God is love. His love fills us with the gifts needed to accomplish His will. We cannot fail! Jesus prays for us in the following verses from the book of John, chapter 17:

*<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words You gave Me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. And glory has come to Me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your Name, the Name you gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that Name You gave Me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.*

*<sup>13</sup> “I am coming to You now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.*

We are sanctified, set apart to do good works. The Father’s work. Even though we are persecuted by the world and attacked by satan, we cannot fail. In this we find joy—not the world’s joy—but the joy of God. Jesus continues His prayer in chapter 17:

*<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one—<sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.*

*<sup>24</sup> “Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world.*

*<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. <sup>26</sup> I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them.”*

Join me in praying that all people will find joy as they enter this place, to see the Spirit at work as we concentrate on Kingdom thoughts with eternal consequences.

Your brother in Christ, Archie

Call to action: What does “protection” mean in John 17:11-12?

Look up Romans 8:31-32 and 37-39. How can living in this truth keep us from living as victims of our circumstances and instead live in peace? How might this changed way of living out life be compelling to people who walk through our doors?

**Little Red Wagon Sunday will be June 7.**  
**Please bring CANNED VEGGIES for the food bank.**  
**Thank you so much!**



## Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF will be off for the summer and will meet again in September!

The Disciples Women of the Snake River District invite you to their Fall Retreat! Get August 28 – 30 on your calendar! Shari Eggleston will be the guest speaker. The registration deadline is August 1, but if you register by June 1, you will get a discount!

## Property Committee Update

The Property Committee continues to make steady progress in caring for and maintaining the facilities of First Christian Church. We did experience a small “blip” with the sprinkler system recently, but repairs have been addressed and we are hopeful that issue is now behind us.

In addition to handling unexpected repairs, the committee continues to stay on top of regular maintenance projects and ongoing upkeep throughout the church property. We are grateful for everyone who helps monitor, maintain, and improve our buildings and grounds.

As always, we remain watchful for future needs—but we are certainly hoping for no new surprises in the months ahead!

Need some help around your house? Brenda's daughter Harbour does in-house cleaning and is looking for a few more clients. Typically, she cleans twice a month for people, but she can be flexible to your needs. Give her a text at 541-248-9238 or get in touch with Brenda.



*What, then, shall we say in response to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31*

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.  
Romans 15:7

## 2026 Pentecost Offering

Every year, one of our six Special Day Offerings is the Pentecost Offering. Last Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, was Pentecost. If you were unable to donate then, please consider donating this coming Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our Special Day offerings are in support of different sectors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Pentecost Offering assists New Church ministries. This is appropriate for Pentecost, which is known as “The Birthday of the Church.”

Our Oregon/SW Idaho Region accepted three new churches into full partnership with us at the recent Boise Idaho Regional Assembly. Two of these churches speak Chuukese in their services and the other one is conducted in Spanish.

There are other churches who are working towards full partnership with our region. Half of the Pentecost funds stay in the regions in which they were donated and the other half goes to the national office in support of programs and staff to assist new churches.

All of our Special Day offerings should be given “over and above” our regular local donations. We still need funding for our activities and building upkeep.

Thank you for your support!

World Outreach Committee

Our very own Jessica Thomas  
has opened a nursery!  
Stop by **Growing Things**  
on Adams where Eastern Oregon  
Rentals used to be by Safeway to help  
get her business started!  
She is currently open  
Monday through Wednesday  
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
When possible, she is also open on  
Saturdays and Sunday afternoon.



#### SURVEY TO COME

The Education Committee will be conducting a survey during June. There has been a proposal to relocate the Church Library from the present north end of the Narthex location to a room (or rooms?) in the Education wing of the church. The purpose is to develop the north end of the Narthex for increased use for hospitality (to use when possible instead of the Fellowship Hall for easier access) and at the same time make an encouraging library space that people would use more often.



Your valuable input as a congregation is needed concerning this proposal. Watch for your opportunity to participate in a survey beginning June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Do you think this move would be appropriate and beneficial? If so, when should it take place? Now? Or sometime in the future? What plans would be needed for making this move? What would relocating the library cost? Would you be more likely to use the library in a different location? Would developing a kitchenette in the Narthex be a good idea? Please share your comments.

Thank you for your input to help make this decision!  
First Christian Church Education Committee



First Christian Church,  
It's such a privilege to call you family in  
Christ! Thank you so much for supporting  
Next Step and entrusting us with your gift!  
You are helping us reach so many in our  
community and we are grateful for you.

*The Next Step Family*

**Our sweet and talented Liz Cooper is retiring from her amazing organ and piano playing for our worship services. She has been so dedicated and has given so freely of herself! Liz, you are very much appreciated for the service you have given! Even without that, you are a vital part of our congregation and we love you very much!**

## COMING EVENTS

### June 1

K HOUSE DINNER

Set up 4 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. Clean up 7:30 p.m.

### June 7

FAREWELL WORSHIP SERVICE

United Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

Followed by reception & open house  
from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church

### June 14

MEN'S APPRECIATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL & YARD GAMES

After church in the back yard

### June 20

JOAN BRIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

10 a.m. at First Christian Church

### June 21

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

after the worship service

### June 23-28

174<sup>th</sup> NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

Turner, Oregon

Contact the church office for registration info.

### June 27

MATTRESS RECYCLE

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in back parking lot

### June thru July

COVE CHRISTIAN CAMP FOR ALL GRADES

Contact church office or go to

[covechristiancamp.org](http://covechristiancamp.org) for dates & registration

### August 8

COLLEEN MAYBERRY CELEBRATION OF LIFE

1 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Christian Church