

WEEKLY NEWS ~~ SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

COVID 19 UPDATES

The Church Council has decided to update the mask regulation weekly, based on the Friday update from CovidActNow, which uses CDC guidelines and data to provide up-to-date information about the status of Covid by county. The results will be emailed with the ZOOM link and bulletin on Fridays. The signs on the doors will show whether masks are required or optional. RED means masks are required. GREEN means masks are optional. Here's the website link if you'd like to check it out:

<https://covidactnow.org/?s=39052653>

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2022:
OPTIONAL**

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11

The Stewardship Committee encourages everyone to participate! Please join one of the following teams:

Sunday School Youth

Weed and trim in Gloria Dei flower beds

Coquille Library helpers with sorting, labeling books in preparation for the library's relocation
A group will be carpooling from Gloria Dei; please contact Leslie Green (541-297-7992)

We may have to reschedule for a later date; we're waiting to hear from the library if they have the materials ready for us by September 11.

Partners in Preparing Ministry will be taking Go-Bags to families in the Gloria Dei neighborhood; helpers are needed!

Yard work helpers for Seniors

Contact Lynn Danner (541-217-4655) if you need help with yard work.

One project is planned for Saturday morning, Sept.10; please call if you want to join that work party to help with mowing, weed whacking and yard clean-up.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE!

Gloria Dei's Firewood Ministry is alive and well! There is about a cord and a half of dry firewood available. If you or someone you know is in NEED of firewood, please contact the church office. The firewood is free with free delivery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

Sunday School classes will resume for the 2022-23 school year on Sunday, September 18. All children from Kindergarteners through 6th graders are warmly welcome. Older students are welcome, also, either as classroom aides or for a separate class. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 for some fun singing then proceed to the Logos Room for our multi-age lesson and special Rally Day activities and snacks.

We will be following the lectionary throughout the year, reinforcing the lessons read in the worship service. Our theme this year is "God's Work Our Hands", emphasizing stewardship of our gifts and service to Gloria Dei and our community. Our key Bible verse is Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

We look forward to a wonderful year of growing in our faith together!

**BOOK CLUB RESUMES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
13, 2022 AT THE CHURCH!**

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

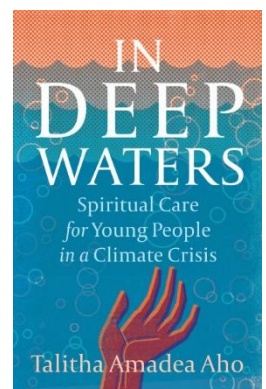
Christ in Our Home for October, November, and December has arrived and is available on the table in the Narthex. Plenty of copies of the booklet for July, August, and September are available there, as well.

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POSSIBLE NEW BOOK STUDY/SUPPORT GROUP

Wondering how to better walk alongside youth growing up with extreme weather and ecological crises, to provide spiritual and emotional support? Let's find out together using the new book from Fortress Press, *In Deep Waters: Spiritual Care for Young People in a Climate Crisis*. Take this survey to tell us the best days/times to meet!

<https://forms.gle/EpkPAyWbCBZUDHhQ9>



DREAM AGAIN THRIFT EMPORIUM

The Devereux Center is opening a new thrift store – the Dream Again Thrift Emporium! The Emporium opened August 26, and is a nice place to shop. The Emporium is providing work experience for Devereux Center clients, who have been the ones doing the remodeling and prep work prior to the store opening, and who are working there now. Stop in and check it out!

Location: 2051 Sherman Ave. North Bend
Phone: 541-266-6070

We are Open:

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 9am – 6pm

Wednesday – 9am – 6pm

Thursday – 9am – 6pm

Friday – 9am – 6pm

Saturday – 9am – 6pm

Sunday – Closed

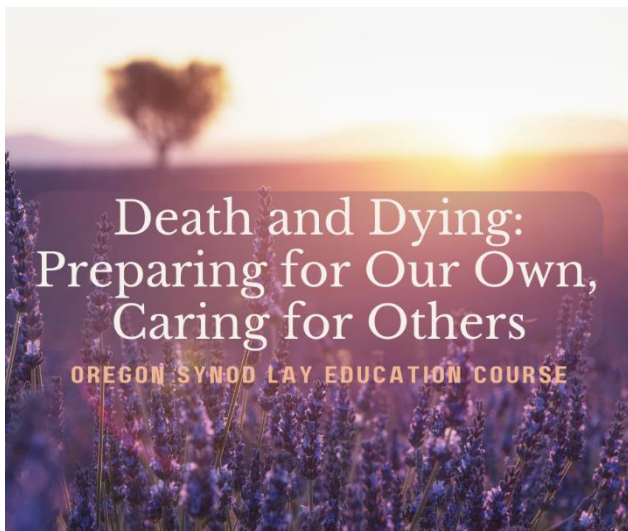


Donations are accepted at the Devereux Center for the Thrift Emporium!

Check out the website for more information:

<https://www.thedeveurexcenter.org/dream-again-thrift-store/>

FROM THE SYNOD:



Join with others from around the Oregon Synod as we learn more about the dying process itself, what happens shortly after death, and advance planning. We'll also explore the legacies we want to leave, knowing our own grief, being present for others' grief, and related rituals. This on-line course will meet on eight Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm (Pacific Time) beginning September 20, with each session focused on a different topic.

<http://oregonsynod.org/index.php/calendar/death-and-dying-preparing-for-our-own-caring-for-others/>

more FROM THE SYNOD:

Faith and Democracy in Crisis: Resisting Authoritarianism, Protecting Human Dignity, a seven-week series hosted by [Spirit of Grace, Beaverton](#). Primary presenters will be Rev. Dr. Brian Brandt and Rev. Dr. Janet Parker, with a visit from guest presenter Dr. Anna Floerke Scheid of Duquesne University. Come to learn about the political and theological dimensions of the anti-democratic insurgency attempting to take over the federal government. They'll bring this authoritarian insurgency into conversation with foundational Christian teachings on church and society from Catholic, Lutheran, and United Church of Christ traditions and formulate visions for Christian resistance that protect human dignity as created in the image of God. They'll conclude with opportunities to carry that vision forward into action through ecclesial and civic networks. **Sessions will take place on Zoom from 7:00 - 8:15 pm on seven Wednesdays from September 14 to October 26.** Each session will include time for presentation, small and full group discussion, and a spiritual practice to sustain us through challenging times. [Register here](#). Additional questions can be directed to PastorRobyn@spiritofgracepdx.org.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 47 in person, 12* online

*Zoom link missing from email

STEWARDSHIP IS...caring for others.

Please pray for Pakistan and the Pakistani people as they experience unprecedented flooding.