



Welcoming ALL People

# FCC UPDATE

All things FCC- November - Many important things below!



## **40-DAY JOURNEY with Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

We are beginning our 40 Day journey! Daily readings, prayers, and journal prompts are included in this transforming study.

If you would like to meet with others to discuss this book there are two opportunities. Come to one or both if you like.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00

OR

Friday Afternoons at 12:00

Please contact Pastor Amy for the Zoom link to the meetings or if you need to order a study book.



# **GWINWOOD ANNUAL MEETING**

November 13th at 2:00

Our voting delegates have been selected but all are welcome to join the meeting and discussion. Please come and hear the updates what is happening at our region's campgrounds. There will be an important discussion about the future of Gwinwood, and all voices are needed!

Please contact the office for the Zoom link!



## **CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**

Shannon and Rhian Mathis are once again leading the cause for the Christmas stockings for our friends in the Shelter and New Hope.

Here are some items that are needed.

- handwarmers
- rain ponchos (100)
- mini/small vaseline (100)
- chapstick(100)
- disposable masks(200)
- deoderant (100)
- granola baras(100)
- beef sticks (100)

Feel free to purchase them yourself to drop off at the church or you can give a monetary donation which will be used to purchase any remaining items.

We are also looking for small toys for Foster Kids. Needed by November 23rd.



## Online Giving Tool

To donate to the church electronically just requires you to go to our First Christian Church Olympia web site at [www.firstchristianolympia.org](http://www.firstchristianolympia.org) and go to the top right and click on **Give Online**. Then on that next page click on the words

Online Giving Tool  
Click Here

You will then be directed to the Vanco online giving page for First Christian Church Olympia at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJES/home>. We have recently modified the look of our Vanco online giving tool, so it is easier to donate to different charity organizations. We now have four tiles in our First Christian Church of Olympia Vanco donation site which allows members to contribute to one of the following four categories electronically. We have the church building general fund, Gwinwood, Disciples of Christ mission fund and other charities. Below is the snapshot of the update main page. There is a brief description of each tile for your donation. This will help us better distinguish where you would like your donation to go to. If you select to donate to the other category, you will be asked to specify in the text box which charity you would like to have your money donated to. That same requirement will apply when you select the Disciples of Christ mission fund because there are several different missions you can have your donation go to.

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**General Fund**  
The First Christian Church of Olympia general fund pays for our church operating expenses like our utility and internet, building maintenance, worship services and salaries for church staff.

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**Other - Please specify**  
Our church provides shelter for our local homeless community. We have an emergency shelter in the basement of our main building run by Interfaith works and New Hope has homes in our parking

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**Disciples of Christ Mission Fund**  
The 31 regions that make up the Disciples of Christ church support the Disciples Mission Fund. This fund provides an opportunity to donate to Special Day or other missions throughout the year.

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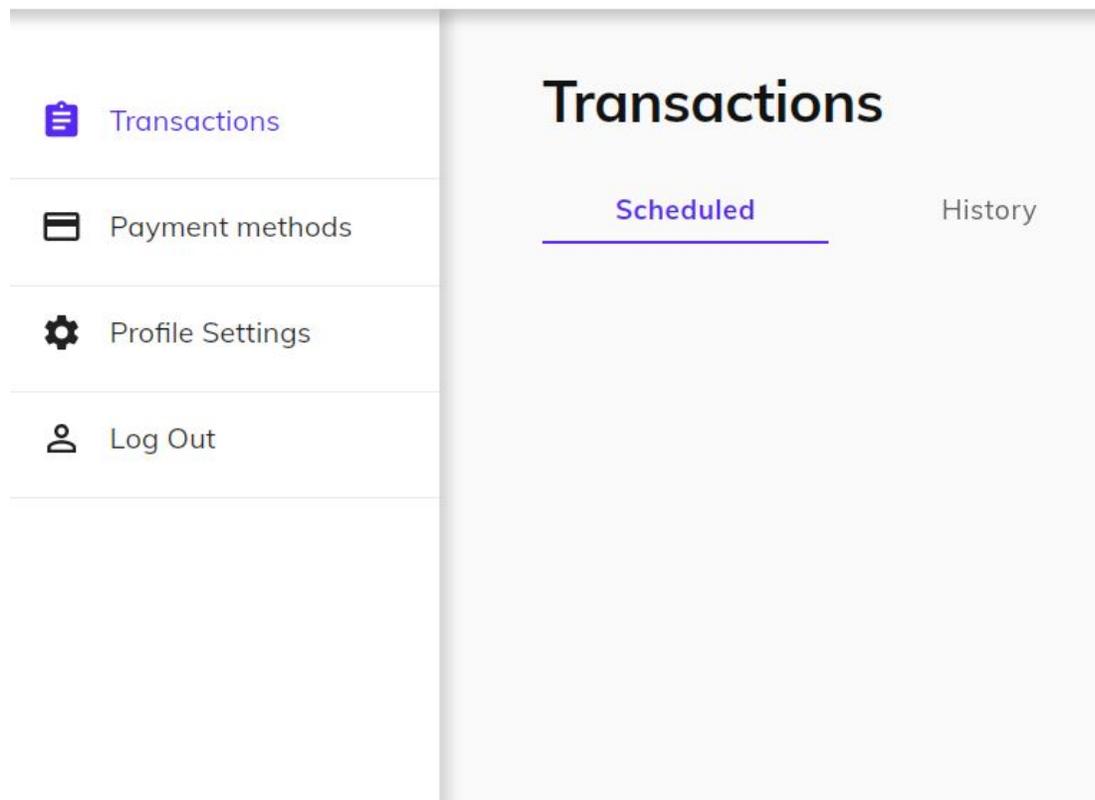


**Gwinwood Retreat Center**  
Gwinwood Retreat Center located at 6015 30th Ave SE, Lacey, WA has summer church and family camps, drive in church services and other retreat activities for the local community.

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When you first go on the Vanco site, you can set up a username and password and then it will track your online donations. Each time you donate, you can login and see your current and historical donation transactions. If you set up a monthly automatic donation when you login you will see that monthly scheduled transaction. If you need to change that monthly automatic donation, you can click on the far right to edit that scheduled donation. In addition, you can click on word History under transactions, and you will see all your donations in one list. Below is a screenshot of the transactions screen and on the left are the other three pages you can use to edit or save payment methods, change your profile settings like your mailing and email addresses and the logout button. Hope this helps explain the new online giving tool. If you have questions or need help with the online giving tool, let us know by emailing or calling the church office.

## First Christian Church



# FRIDAYS AT THE FIRST

Free concerts every Friday!

These free concerts begin at noon in the sanctuary. Masks are required! All donations go to the musicians.

**11/26**

**Choro Tomorrow.**

"Brazilian music from yesterday, today and tomorrow."

**12/3**

**The Saxophone Quartet**

"Jazz, classical, and pop - all in the same concert!"

**12/10**

**David Deacon-Joyner**

"Pianist, singer, composer, arranger, entertainer extraordinaire!"

**12/17**

**The Ben Martin Trio**

"The future's so bright, we gotta wear shades!"



## **Matching Funds Campaign Gwinwood Retreat Center**

There is good news! With the help of church owners and friends, Gwinwood raised close to \$17,000 in our matching funds campaign. With that, we were able to receive the matching donation of \$10,000, bringing our total close to \$27,000!

Thanks to all who donated!



## ADVENT BAGS

November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent! FCC will have Advent bags for everyone with candles, a study, and some goodies. They will be available for pick up at the church. Let's all celebrate together!



Please send future updates to the Church Office by the 3rd week of the month.

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