

Mission Message

A Mission Newsletter from Lincoln Street United Methodist Church
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CSA Inspires a Cookbook

Lincoln Street's participation in a Community Supported Agriculture program through Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon brought Alexander Velikoretskikh and his van full of farm-fresh produce into the life of our congregation each week this summer and fall. Participants enjoyed cucumbers, tomatoes, chard, kale, green beans, potatoes, herbs and many, many zucchini, to name just a few of the bounty received. As an additional benefit of the CSA program, Amanda Lawrence offered cooking classes to help us make good use of the fresh, local produce.

With all this good (and good for you!) food around, the Missions Committee has decided to create a Lincoln Street Cookbook, highlighting members' favorite recipes. The cookbook will be sold at future Missions Committee book sales as well as to the congregation. Katia Shorb (kjlease@hotmail.com) is collecting favorite recipes for inclusion in the cookbook.

Harvest Potluck to Celebrate Successful CSA Project

Lincoln Street and other churches participating in CSA programs will celebrate at a Harvest Potluck on Sunday, October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. Representatives of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will be on hand hosting the event at Lincoln Street. All are invited. Please plan to come and enjoy food and fellowship.

What's Coming from your Missions Committee

Being on Lincoln Street's Missions Committee is quite possibly the most enjoyable "responsibility" there is. Not only do we generally have delicious treats at our meetings (Thanks, Mary!), but we get to plan ways our congregation can make a difference in our neighborhood and in the world. Here's just a taste of what we're cooking up for the coming months:

- In November you'll learn about conditions in Myanmar and how you can help.
- In December you'll have a chance to sponsor local families during the holidays.
- In February you'll learn about organ donor programs, giving a whole new meaning to giving someone your heart for Valentine's Day.
- In March several of Lincoln Street's youth will participate in a mission trip to Mexico. You'll learn how we can all support their efforts.
- In April we'll celebrate Earth Day by learning about environmentally friendly cleaning products - just in time for our Spring Cleaning!

These are just a few of the projects the Missions Committee is working on. If you have other ideas please let us know - or, better yet, join us! Contact Mary Baker (Baker_Kevin@msn.com).