

The stained-glass windows at Eugene's First Christian Church add to it's classic look



he rotunda-style interior of the church includes a circular seating pattern.

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across the room whispering will sound as if they are standing right next to you as one example.

The chime tower is another distinctive feature of the church. It was not part of the original design but was added to the building in 1926. It contains the chimes that still sound on the hour every hour.

Members had planned to build the church on the corner of 11th and Willamette Streets, but they decided on the Oak Street location after concerns were raised about the noise made in that area by Eugene's alternative transportation system at the time - street cars.

In its early years the building played a prominent role in Eugene society. Russell said. The building originally seated 2.500 people

"In the early part of the century it was probably one of the largest, if not the largest auditorium in the city, so it was

used for many civic purposes as well."

The building was used for concerts and other community events, as well as by theater groups. Russell said the church, which has a present day congregation of 500-600 people, still rents out the building for civic events and meet-

The current organist gives open concerts on the church's pipe organ also. The "brown bag" concerts take place Fridays at noon and are open to the public, Russell said.

As Bishow explains it, the building is prominent in the minds of Eugene residents because of the, "extraordinary architectural merit of the design.

The design details and the materials used in building it work to create a very distinctive building for Eugene." she

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sian text to the people of the city.

The Soviet Children's Fund, which is sponsoring the visit, is a family service organization that has produced some of its own written materials on sex education, but they have not been incorporated into the education system, Widoff said.

Widoff leaves May 14 for Irkutsk where she will stay for ten days. While she is there, Widoff will conduct sexuality education workshops to family service workers, educators and parents.

Widoff said Soviet and American cultures are very similar in that sexuality is not usually discussed open-

I don't have a feel yet for sexual activity among Soviet youth, but I have heard that, as things are opening up, its beginning to be a real problem." Widoff

Because of the Soviet economic situation. Widoff said the Soviets are often too concerned with survival

For them, talking about sexuality is almost a lux-" Widoff said.

The Soviets have very few resources for this kind of education. Widoff said.

At one level this is just scratching the surface." she said."I want to help them appreciate the fact that even in the infant stages, children are getting non-verbal messages about sexuality. Parents are in the best position to be a child's first teacher about sex." Widoff







