



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

PORTLAND FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1838 SW JEFFERSON, PORTLAND, OR 97201

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THIS SUNDAY

June 18, 2006

**FATHER'S
DAY
WORSHIP
10:30 AM**

SERMON

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Brenda Sene

WELCOME:

The Idaho Falls Trinity
UMC Mission Team



As a Reconciling
Congregation, members
of First United Methodist
Church have pledged to
welcome and
support all who want to
worship with us,
regardless of race,
gender, class or sexual
orientation.

Pride

2006

On Sunday, June 18 the 2006 Pride Parade kicks off at 11:30 AM from NW Park Ave & NW Davis. **Meet at the church in the Fireside Room at 10:15 AM** to head down to the parade staging area, or join in along the route. We have a car in the parade for anyone who prefers to ride. Everyone is encouraged to wear a First Church t-shirt from previous parades. Contact Rev. Greathouse for more information.

Portland's First United Methodist Church

ALL-CHURCH

PICNIC

July 16

OAKS PARK

On Sunday, July 16 there will be an All-Church Picnic. It will be bigger, better, greener and cooler than last year's! We return to Oaks Park with a bigger location on the grass. Over 100 people enjoyed our picnic in the park in 2005, so don't miss out this year! We'll provide the main dish and beverages. You provide a side-dish, dessert and the fun! Event begins at 1:00 PM. Collins Kitchen is available to store your special dish during morning worship. Bring your outdoor games and enjoy the afternoon.





memo
Rev. Dr. Arvin Luchs

There are three beats to the cadence in the rhythm of a Christian life. There is the relationship of our human soul to the divine -- our personal, spiritual experience of God's presence. Then beats our connection with other believers-- our relationships within the community of faith, the church. Finally, there is our outreach to others in our community and throughout the world.

We emphasized all three beats last week when we recognized three wonderful volunteers.

John Wesley, Methodism's founder, knew that a soul in touch with God's Spirit is bursting with joy and energy. It's hard to be around Betty Hagar without becoming infected with a warm, energetic, and loving joy. Whether it is serving coffee break snacks to the Shovel and Rake Gang, sharing a butterscotch or chocolate kiss while folding newsletters, or offering a greeting to anyone nearby, Betty exudes God's grace. A new member told me that he had visited a number of churches in the area and found that each had their strengths. He joined us because of Betty's welcoming hug. We recognize **Elizabeth "Betty" Hagar** with the **Wesley Spirit Award**.

She moves quietly and gently among us. But Erin Riley has faithfully linked us to one another with unfailing hospitality. Each Sunday Erin, ably abetted by her husband Bob Fujimoto and her children, Daniel and Jeff, coordinates our coffee times and hallway snacks. But it doesn't stop there, she also coordinates meals for our youth and pitches in as an adult advisor. For all she does to strengthen our community of faith, **Erin Riley** is the worthy recipient of the **Guy Wheatley Award** recognizing service to our congregation.

Tireless and passionate in her concern that Christians reach out in care and compassion to the world. Dee Poujade has participated in numerous Volunteer in Mission teams. They have taken her to serve in Central America, South America, Southeast Asia, Europe and hurricane-ravaged Mississippi. On her return, she has shared her experiences, photos and stories with congregations around the region. As a member (now chair) of our Global Mission Committee, she calls us all to care in Christ's spirit. Dee's energy spills over into local ministries as well. She is a regular volunteer at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter and, when we are short volunteers, she has been known to drop everything and come to help at a moment's notice. Clearly **Doral "Dee" Poujade** has demonstrated the spirit of outreach which we celebrate in the **Lewis Hughes Award**.

Our congregation, our community, our world is blest by the many dedicated volunteers who find a spiritual home at First UMC. Our heartfelt thanks to you all! And this year, we rejoice in the bold way our 2006 Volunteers of the Year share the rhythms of faith. Betty, Erin, Dee, we thank God for your ministries.

See you in Church!

Arvin

P.S. I am writing on return from the annual (regional) conference of United Methodists. The next issue will feature reports from our members about this important event. ARL



FRIENDS OF MUSIC

On Saturday, July 15, 2006, Friends of Music is sponsoring several exciting and fun events for you and your family.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Golf Tournament will be held at the newly refurbished Rose City Golf Club. It will begin at 1:00 PM with a foursome going off every 7.5 minutes. Cost for 18 holes of golf is \$75.00. Cost for 9 holes is \$60.00. The contact person is Sally Bolliger. Prizes will be awarded!

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A Round Robin Tennis Tournament will begin at 3:00 PM at the West Hills Tennis Club. Cost for the tennis event is \$50.00 and the contact person is Bev Graver. Prizes will be awarded!

BAR-BE-QUE

We hope that the members and families of the congregation as well as the families of the golfers and tennis players will join us at the home of Jeff and Anne Kayser for a Bar-be-que at around 6:00. There will be lawn games and good food for all. Cost for the Bar-be-que is \$15.00 per person, or a maximum of \$35.00 for a family.

There will be a Silent Auction in conjunction with the bbq so come prepared.

For more information and to register for any of the above events, stop by the FRIENDS OF MUSIC table in The Commons on Sunday, after church.

Families, golfers, and tennis players, come join the fun as you support the First UMC music program.

adults at first

sunday classes

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SEEKERS

Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 AM in Room 134

Using Ron Miller's book, *The Gospel of Thomas: A Guidebook to Spiritual Practice*, this class is discussing an alternative Christian theology with an emphasis on translating its principles into daily practice. Anyone is welcome at any time during the course of the class.

CHANGING CHRISTIANITY

Sunday mornings 9:00 -10:15 AM in Room 202.

We are beginning a study of *Misquoting Jesus* by Bart Ehrman.

fellowship

methodist hikers

METHODIST HIKERS JUNE HIKE

If you enjoy hiking, you are welcome to join us for a day of hiking, fun and fellowship on Saturday, June 24, 2006. The hike will be a fairly easy 6.8 mile loop to beautiful Ramona Falls, near Lolo Pass in the Mt. Hood area. We will hike along the Sandy River, with spectacular views of Mt. Hood, to Ramona Falls where we will have our lunch break. The return loop is through the forest along the mossy banks of Ramona Creek. We will meet in the Tigard UMC parking lot (9845 SW Walnut Place) at 8:15 AM to form carpools. Hikers should bring a lunch, snacks and water, wear comfortable hiking boots and dress appropriately for the weather. There is a suggested \$6.00 per person donation to the driver for carpooling and parking pass. Hikers should also bring \$4-5 for an optional snack stop. We should be back at the church between 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join us, but you must sign up to insure that we have enough transportation available. Please e-mail Paula Justice at jpaula354@aol.com or call her at 503/524-3737 if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

senior travel

russia

TRAVEL TO RUSSIA

Experience Russia in the best way, aboard a riverboat with your friends from First Church. Departing May 29, 2007 our 16-day cruise will travel from Moscow to St. Petersburg aboard the ms Nikolay Chernyshevsky. Unpack once and enjoy daily tours, all meals and your own riverview cabin. Space is now available for this unique experience sponsored by First Church Travelers, with rates starting at \$3,099 including air from Portland. For information contact Cheryl Luce at 503/380-8604, or cheryl.luce@gmail.com.



umw

united methodist women

The next UMW Unit Gathering will be held the first Wednesday in September. All women are invited. Our new President is Pat Brockman, 503/292-6270.

SCHOOLS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

"Harvesting Peace" July 13-16, 2006

George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon

Three studies are available.

- 1) **Spiritual Growth Study: Shalom-Peace-Salaam**
Why do religions ferment such violence?
What is the path to peace?
This study will be led by Annie Heart.
Don't miss it.
- 2) **Mission Study: Globalization: Its Impact in Our Lives.**
That which occurs in one part of the world affects people in many other parts of the world.
- 3) **Geographic Mission Study: India-Pakistan**
This year, 2006, is the 150th year of Methodist ministry in India and Pakistan.

Registration deadline for Newberg is June 29th. Contact Trudy Kayser for registrations forms.

Our own Annie Heart, Director of Outreach at First UMC and director of The Goose Hollow Family Shelter will be leading the Spiritual Growth Session: Shalom, Peace, Salaam. Annie is a graduate of Iliff School of Theology in Denver and has previously served in the Methodist Rocky Mountain Conference as a Missionary for Peace with Justice. During the 2001 Winter Olympics, she worked with the Salt Lake Olympic Interfaith Organizing Committee on a Peace Pole Project and presented Peace Poles to each nation participating in the Olympics with the prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in their native language. A sister Peace Pole was also placed in the Peace Gardens at Jordan Peace Park Salt Lake City.

shalom PEACE

shovel & rake

a report

Beginning July 1, 2006, the Shovel & Rake Gang will welcome a new coordinator. Terry Connell will be replacing Jim McManus who has chosen to retire from that position after six and a half years of leadership. Terry is a present member of the Gang and Jim will continue to be.

There have been several major changes and projects since 1999: landscaping around the Chapel, the north bank terraced and landscaped; west of the gym terraced and landscaped; the Chapel-Library-Office garden landscaped and NYNOS fountain built and installed there; the Rose Garden renovated and a new rail built around it; lawns completely renovated; Peg Brockman Memorial Garden installed; new lawn created between gym and Max Station; year-round flowers in Beckham Court. These works were accomplished while routine jobs of keeping our building and grounds in good shape continued.

Now the gang is clearing for re-landscaping all of the bank east of the sanctuary except for its existing lawn and azalea bed. Also clearing, terracing and landscaping the area north of the sanctuary is planned to be started as soon as funds become available.

This "extra work" has been done by a group of men and women who have worked faithfully, some for more than 20 years, to make and keep our unusually large campus a source of beauty and inspiration.

Our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who meet Thursday mornings, 49 weeks each year, to work with what some have called "the best fellowship group anywhere." We give thanks, also, for former Coordinators Clarence Hulse and Guy Wheaton and all who worked beside them in accomplishing so much throughout those earlier years.

Current Shovel & Rake Members: Cal Brockman, Sr., Robert Cannon, Art Carpenter; Terry Connell, Bernie Cook, John Coppett, Tom Foster, Jeff Fujimoto, Lowell Greathouse, Betty Hager, Annie Heart, Bruce Hendrickson, Robert Hetzer, Ted Hoch, Lyle Iverson, June Kinney, Elwyn Kinney, Sue Luchs, Arvin Luchs, Bill MacDonald, Jim Manuel, Jim McManus, Debbie Morse, Walter Okell, Dick Pomeroy, Earl Riddle, George Rives, Bill Rizzo, David Rullman, Larry Sawyer, Karen Smith, Loren Smith, Eleanor Stubbs, Allan Van Hoeter, Bob Weber, and Honorary Members Dick Clark and Jim Whitcomb.



A CALL TO ALL

ARTISTS

It is time to identify all of the artists in our congregation not yet identified. If you are an artist in any medium ... watercolor, oil, pastel ... or you are a sculptor, weaver, quilter, photographer ... etc, please fill out the form below and send it to Mary Coppett, Chair of the Fine Arts Committee by August 1, 2006.

Name

Address City State Zip

Phone Number

Email

Types of Media

I can help with the following:

- Publicity
- Hanging
- Mailing
- Advertising

RETURN TO:
Mary Coppett
18820 SW Kelly View Loop
Beaverton, OR 97007

ORGAN CONCERT AT ZION LUTHERAN

Jonas Nordwall will present a concert on Father's Day, June 18th, at 3:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in Portland (First UMC's neighboring church down the street on 18th Avenue). This program is part of their inaugural concert series to showcase their new Martin Ott pipe organ. A free will offering will be taken. This family-friendly program includes selections that will be enjoyed by all.

summer @ first

A SUMMER POTLUCK

On Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 PM join First Church families as they celebrate the summer ministry of the Idaho Falls Mission youth group! There will be a variety of family games to kick-off summer fun. Bring your potluck dish to share. Join us as we celebrate the official beginning of Summer.

YOUTH GROUP HEADS TO THE BEACH

On Friday, June 23, First Church Youth and Idaho Falls Youth will have a day at Camp Magruder and the beach. Meet at the church at 9:30 AM. Visit www.fumcpdx.org/youth for details.

ADULT TRAVEL: OREGON FOOD BANK & MCMENAMIN'S KENNEDY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, June 28, travel to the Oregon Food Bank and see what they are doing to combat hunger in Oregon. Then gather with friends at the Kennedy School for lunch and a discussion about how we can make a difference in our community. A donation of \$5 for the Oregon Food Bank is recommended. Meet at the church at 10:00 AM to carpool. Lunch is not included. Deadline for reservation: June 23, 2006.

FORUM: HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

Want to host a high school exchange student from Brazil, China, Germany, Japan or Korea? Students from these countries will arrive in Portland to participate in a cultural exchange by living with an American host family and attending an American high school. Learn more about participating in this wonderful opportunity. Will Romaine, from Education, Travel and Culture, will be in the Fireside Room at noon on Sunday, July 9 to discuss the program and answer questions.

ADULT TRAVEL:

TRANSITION PROJECTS: JEAN'S PLACE

On Tuesday, July 11, travel to Jean's Place, a homeless shelter, transitional shelter, and transitional housing program for women. Since 1969 Transition Projects has helped thousands of people transcend the streets of Portland. TPI offers a unique mix of services to help people overcome barriers to stable housing and employment. These services include: job training, continuing education, alcohol, drug and mental health counseling. A donation of \$5 for the Transition Projects, Inc. is recommended. Meet at the church to carpool at 10:00 AM. The deadline for reservation: July 1, 2006. Call: 503/228-3195 for reservations.

ADULT TRAVEL: WASHINGTON COUNTY AG TOUR

On Saturday, July 22 enjoy an educational tour of local farms. The tour bus is air-conditioned. A box lunch is included, as well as a summer picnic buffet on the deck at the new Tillamook Forest Interpretive Center. Bus departs promptly at NOON from Intel Jones Farm campus and returns at 8:00 PM. Cost is \$50 per person. Deadline for reservations is July 1, 2006. Call Debbie Morse at 503/228-3195 ext 222 for reservations.

VBS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL X2

June 15 and 16: Treasure Seekers (K thru Grade 5)

This year VBS will be structured differently. It will run for two days only, June 15 and 16 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Before care and after care will be available. VBS will be for Kindergarten through 5th grade only. As in other years VBS is a cooperative effort with other downtown churches. This year VBS will be located at First Presbyterian, downtown Portland. The cost is \$20.00 per child for three or fewer children.

Contact: Agnes Zach at 503/228-3195 ext. 227 or email her at azach@fumcpdx.org.

June 19-21: On the Farm (Preschool thru Grade 2 only)

First United Methodist Church and the Idaho Falls Mission Group present VBS for Preschool-2nd Grade. From 10:00-12:00, we will be exploring God's word using a farm theme. Cost is \$10.00.

BASEBALL



PORTLAND BEAVERS BASEBALL / FAITH NIGHT AT PGE PARK

On Wednesday, August 23, 2006 come cheer on the Portland Beavers against the Las Vegas 51s on a warm summer evening in August. There will be a pre-game concert, featuring Christian bands, beginning at 5:00 PM, talks by some of the players and then the game, beginning at 7:00 PM. Plan to park and meet at the church, it's a short walk or MAX ride to PGE Park. Bring the family! Cost: \$10.50, includes concert and the game. Deadline for registering: July 15, 2006

around the parish

prayers and concerns

WE PRAY FOR ...

John Cobb, at Kaiser, Sunnyside, in grave condition in the ICU;
Janet Bennett, at Beaverton Rehab, recovering from hip surgery;
LaVonne Hawes, recovering at West Hills Rehab following hip surgery;

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR ...

Al Leonard, Dick & Agnes Clark, Jim Whitcomb and Tom Iverson.



The Church Office has begun Summer Office Hours. The office will be open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. You can reach the office by phone at: 503/228-3195 or by e-mail at: office@fumcpdx.org. Also, visit our website at: www.fumcpdx.org

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please note

A THANK YOU

Our heart-felt thanks for the beautiful cards and warm congratulations at the celebration, on Sunday, of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We also wish to express thanks to our children, all those who assisted and the musicians who brought beauty and inspiration to the day. We feel very blessed!

- *Tom & Colleen Foster*

UP COMING ANNIVERSARY

Allen and Florence Snyder will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2006. They joined First Church on January 28, 1948

A WINNING ROSE

Bev Graver entered the 2006 Portland Rose Show in the Professional Class with a beautiful deep yellow rose called Midas Touch from Cannon Beach. I received a second and third on this rose. No first place award was given.

Publication Deadlines

Articles for *The Circuit Rider* are due no later than 4:45pm on the Thursday before publication the following Wednesday. The next *Circuit Rider* will be published on **June 28, 2006**.

Bulletin insert information is due no later than 4:45pm on **Wednesday**.

Sunday service participant information for the Sunday bulletin is due no later than noon on **Wednesday**.

E-mail: office@fumcpdx.org or place in the *Circuit Rider* box in the office.