



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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THIS SUNDAY

June 17, 2007

WORSHIP
10:30 AM

SERMON
Rev. Dr. Arvin Luchs
Catch Me, If you Can
1 Thess. 2:1-12



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.



LIVING A VIBRANT FAITH

BELIEVING THINKING ACTING

CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP

We celebrate and cherish our volunteers and, as is our tradition, on the first Sunday of June we recognized three "Volunteers of the Year" with applause, a permanent plaque and a crystal paperweight. God's work at First Church involves hundreds of volunteers, and we thank you all. But when you next see these people, be sure to congratulate them for being this year's "Volunteers of the Year."



THE GUY WHEATON AWARD recognizes the work of volunteers within our congregation. Mr. Wheaton, one of the founders of the "Shovel and Rake" group was energetic in rallying and inspiring us to work together. No better example of that than this year's recipient, **R. "Marty" Martin**. Marty's tireless work—from scouting, to flowers, Chrismos and so much more is a blessing to our church.



THE LEWIS HUGHES AWARD for volunteer efforts that extend our work into the community and the world was awarded to **The First UMC Hunger Task Force**. Sparked by the concern of three members - Liz Jacob, Nancy Miller and Marnie Dey - the team has expanded to lead us in fighting hunger. The late Dr. Hughes, a physician for whom the award is named, is remembered for his dedication to outreach and service.



THE WESLEY SPIRIT AWARD is the newest award and remembers Methodism's founder, John Wesley, who urged the members of his society to cultivate spiritual awareness and practices and, at the same time, be involved in service to others. Anyone who knows **Art and Trudy Kayser** understands why they received this recognition for their deep faith and sincere dedication both to the work of our congregation and world-wide mission.

To be a part of First Church's contingent in the 2007 Pride Parade, meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 AM on Sunday, June 17, 2007 so that we can take the MAX to the parade site. The parade begins at 11:15 AM downtown. Several from First Church will already be at the parade site to hold our place. We will have a car and banners as a part of our formation once again. The parade should conclude around 1:30 PM. Let Lowell Greathouse know if you plan to join us. Go to the Pride Parade website at www.pridenw.org for more details on this year's event.



This week your pastors and elected representatives are meeting with other congregations in our Annual Conference in Salem. Ending hunger is at the top of our agenda. The Rev. Kenneth C. Horne, who heads the hunger-fighting organization The Society of St. Andrews, recently released a powerful commentary which I've abridged for you. *

Arvin

Enough is Enough!

“Enough is enough!” That’s a phrase you’ve heard many times. My mother taught me it meant, “I’ve had all I can take! Stop it NOW!” It still means that as I reflect on nearly 28 years in the anti-hunger movement

Hunger exists in our world for two reasons.

In the less developed world, people go hungry, and sometimes starve, for lack of enough food to feed them. Famine caused by drought, war and pestilence is endemic in far too many places. But for the first time in the history of the human race, eliminating this kind of hunger is clearly possible. It will take time, energy and lots of aid to poor countries. But with help in the form of food, infrastructure, agricultural help and education, famine can and must be eliminated from the human experience.

In the more developed world, on the other hand, people go hungry in the midst of plenty. To our enduring shame, this phenomenon is most blatantly visible in the United States. We Americans are rich beyond imagining in most things.

The list of what there is enough of in this country is impressive.

There is enough food thrown away every year in the United States to feed every man, woman and child that goes hungry.

There is enough surplus wealth in our country to deliver that food to those who hunger.
...A country as rich as this lets its children go hungry because it wants to, not because it has to.

There is enough know-how in our country to devise ways to distribute that food to those in need.

There is enough compassion in our people to want all of our hungry neighbors fed adequately.

Then why do we still have more than 35 million hungry people in our country? What is there *not* enough of?

There's not enough leadership. Our priorities at the national level simply do not include eliminating hunger.

There's not enough vision. America's religious bodies should band together and show our leaders and our people a vision of what "one nation under God" could look like if we let that God guide our priorities.

There's not enough outrage. Hunger has been with us for so long we have grown numb. To see a child go hungry is a shame and a pity when the hunger is caused by lack of food. It is a sin and a crime when food is plentiful and the people around that child will not trouble themselves to feed him.

It's time for us to declare “enough's enough.”

The Rev. Kenneth C. Horne

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a great response



A brief update on the Celebrating Our Past -- Creating Our Future Campaign, we have now passed the \$1,500,000 mark. Your response has been extremely gratifying and important as we prepare to move forward with concrete plans for implementing the vision of the campaign. Keep in mind that we will retire our existing mortgage, not undertake any new debt in accomplishing the goals of this effort.



June 17

JUNE

FARMER'S TABLE after church and continues through August
PRIDE PARADE (meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15AM)
LAST COMMONS—EAST for the summer
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL schedule begins
CHANCEL CHOIR, during the summer, meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM to rehearse the anthem to be sung in worship. ALL are invited to come and sing.

JULY

July 9-16 **YOUTH 2006 CONVENTION** - First Church youth in North Carolina
 July 14 **WASHINGTON COUNTY AG TOUR**, A Local Travel Adventure
 July 15 **FIRST CHURCH ORIENTATION**
 (after church from 12:00 to 2:00 PM in Room 110)
 July 22 **FIRST CHURCH PICNIC** (at Oaks Park following the worship service)
 July 28 **EPICUREAN EXCURSION/WALKING TOUR**,
 A Local Travel Adventure

AUGUST

August 1 **FALL FROLIC FAMILY CAMP** (Camp Magruder) Registration due
 August 2 **FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT**
 August 9 **PORTLAND FOUNTAINS TOUR**, A Local Travel Adventure
 August 15 **TEACHER TRAINING AND PARENT EVENT**
 August 26 **LAST SUNDAY FOR THE FARMER'S TABLE**
 August 30 **ASHLAND**, A Local Travel Adventure

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coming in
SEPTEMBER

September 6
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
 SET-UP**
 September 7-8
CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT
 September 9
**WELCOME HOME SUNDAY
 AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY
 CELEBRATION
 CHOIRS AND SUNDAY
 SCHOOL BEGIN**

adults at first

sunday classes

FELLOWSHIP OF SEEKERS

How do you introduce Christians to Islam? Join us Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 AM in room 134 to explore your faith.

CHANGING CHRISTIANITY

Join as the Changing Christianity Class studies *Bridging Science and Religion*, edited by Ted Peters and Gaymon Bennett, in room 202 from 9:00-10:15 AM.

fumy

first united methodist youth

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

First United Methodist Youth are going to Youth 2007, a national conference of United Methodist youth that is being held next month in Greensboro, N.C. We are closing in on our budget for the trip, we need your support for the final stretch. Please help support our youth by purchasing shares for \$20 apiece. The Travel Committee has agreed to match your donations so it's a good way to make your money count twice! Make your checks payable to "FUMC" and write "Youth 2007" in the memo field. Check with Paul Adams for more details.

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please take note

FIRST CHURCH VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TRIP

Join other First Church volunteers as we work at the UMCOR Sager Brown site in Baldwin, Louisiana from April 13-19, 2008. Our team of 10 people will packaging supplies for disaster relief around the world and tutoring children. We will take a day trip to see how reconstruction work is going in the Gulf Coast region. Deadline to sign up is October 14, 2007. For details or to register contact Lowell Greathouse at 503/228-3195 or lgreathouse@fumcpdx.org.

UMC HIKERS - JUNE 2007 HIKE

The next hike will be on Saturday, June 23, 2007. They will hike around beautiful Lost Lake in the Mt. Hood National Forest. The trail is 3.4 miles long with only a 100-foot elevation change. 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 \$7.00 per person donation to the driver for carpooling and parking pass. Hikers should also bring \$3-5 for an optional snack stop in the afternoon. 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.

umw

united methodist women

All women are invited to the following meetings.
President: Pat Brockman, 503-292-6270

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet Friday, June 20, at noon in Room 204. Come, join us and help plan our 2007-2008 programs. Bring your ideas. We look forward to an even better year ahead. Ruth Green will surprise us with one of her fabulous desserts. Bring your favorite sandwich. This will be our last fellowship time together until we meet again in September.
Chair: Betty-Lou Hare, 503/292-1773

NO BOARD MEETING

There will be no UMW Board Meeting in June. Our next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 29, at 9:30 AM in Room 110.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

The School of Christian Mission will be held at George Fox University, in Newberg, OR. July 12-15. Full time attendees July 12-13 or July 14-15. Mini School attendees Areas of study:

- 1) Music and Mission taught by Colleen Foster,
- 2) Globalization
- 3) Israel/Palestine

Men are welcome. Call Peg Cook, 503/452-7298, for registration information.

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT

A Young Women's Event for women, ages 18 and up will be held July 13-15, 2007 at George Fox University, in Newberg, OR. The theme is: *Sister to Sister – Nurturing Each Other*. Registration, \$100. Fee includes four meals, two nights lodging (Friday & Saturday). Childcare is available on site for children under age two.. Call Peg Cook at 503/452-7298, for scholarship and registration information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 22.

UMW Metro District Annual Meeting, Montavilla UMC, 232 SE 80th Av., Portland. Bonnie Parr Philipson, speaker, The Bishop's Initiative on Hunger.

October 26-27.

UMW Oregon-Idaho Conference Annual Meeting, First UMC, Portland. Contact: Mary Covert.

April 04-06, 2008

UMW Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii

leadership

council minutes

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 16, 2007

- **Champoeg Declaration - Oregon/Idaho Reconciling United Methodists** encourage our church to sign the Declaration for presentation at the Annual Conference in June. Arden Bryce, First Church Reconciling Ministries Coordinator, read the Declaration. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept and sign. A copy of the Declaration is posted in the office.
- **Staff Changes - The Community Outreach/Shelter Director position** will be two part-time positions. The Director of Children & Family Ministries position is open and posted. A timeline was given for filling these positions.
- **Reports from:** Music, Children's, Adult, Global Missions, Shelter Council, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Road to Peace, Inc., the Finance Committee
- **The Hunger Ministry** reported that 83 letters were offered to legislators this year. They had hoped to send 150 letters. The group would like input from the congregation on how to increase this number in the future.
- **The Health Task Force** reported that there were currently three different health care reform bills in the legislature: The Archimedes Movement, the Kid's Act, and The Universal Health Care. The task force intends to get info to the congregation on these issues. See Dick Pomeroy.
- **Highlighted Item: Stewardship**
Source material: *Faith & Money*, by Michael Reeves with Jennifer Tyler and *Good Sense Budget Course* by Dick Towner and John Tofilon.

A copy of the minutes are available in the office.

photo directory

it's not too late ...

If you have not had your photo taken yet for the new Church Directory, plan to do it Monday, June 18 or Tuesday, June 19. Photos will be taken in the afternoons and evenings. To make an appointment or reschedule, call Olan Mills at 1.800.866.2263. Identify yourself as a caller from First UMC and give them our contract number: 20291. If you do not have an appointment yet, expect a call from Olan Mills to invite you to sign up. In addition to being in the directory, you will receive a free 8 x 10 custom color portrait. questions? Call Edie Jensen at 503/624-0229.

music notes

the chancel choir



56 YEARS IN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

June Kinney was honored on June 10, 2007 for her 56 years in the Chancel Choir. She started in the choir while the church was still on Taylor Street. Other retirees were also honored for their many years in the choir. Pictured are: Nancy Beth Davis, June and Elwyn Kinney, Art Kayser, Bernie and Peg Cook, Hazel and Ray Balcomb, Kitty and Earl Riddle, Hazel Wells, and Doris and Bill Lavelly. Not pictured are: Ferol McClure, Char Dietterich, Gwyneth Rochlin, Bob Fulton, Pat Rullman, Nancy Miller and Mary Covert.



HMONG FARMERS

Beginning in June please greet Hmong farmer, Yua Lo, who will provide three kinds of luscious Oregon grown strawberries (\$3.00 a pint or \$13 for a half a flat) and amazing bouquets of dahlias, delphiniums, lilies, etc. Prices for a bouquet, arranged and wrapped, range from \$8-\$20, or just choose one or two flowers and pay what you can (cash or check please).

Our Meskhetian Turkish farmers are having a slow start with their vegetables this spring and have asked to wait until Sunday, July 8, 2007 to begin bringing produce to our Farmers Table. When they arrive they promise to have a wide array of 15 kinds of vegetables, all organically grown. Well worth waiting for!

our prayers

prayers and concerns

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR...

Rev. Bonnie Parr Philipson, our District Supt., on her recovery from a heart procedure.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN FOR ...

Margaret Allen, who is on Hospice
Janet Bennett, moving into assisted living at Calaroga Terrace
Elaine Jones, recovering from a heart procedure
Patrick O'Brien, anticipating hospitalization
Carol Howard, undergoing chemotherapy
Jim Jozwiak, undergoing chemotherapy
Judy Rogers, undergoing chemotherapy
The family of Eva Catherine "Kitty" Perkins, she died
April 17, 2007

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR ...

Sadame Tsunenaga, Dick Clark and "Mike" Rogers

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY ABROAD ...

Those serving in the armed forces and posted overseas include:
Daniel Bomberger, Jared Bomberger, Michael Panck, John Lemmon, Steven Johnson, Karl Alger, Vanessa Walton, Craig Kubala, and Michael LeClair.

notes

from the congregation

SNYDER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The entire congregation is invited to the 65th wedding anniversary reception for Allen and Florence Snyder on Sunday, June 24 in Collins Hall immediately following Sunday worship. Come and celebrate the occasion and a harpist has been engaged to provide special music.

THANK YOU

My thanks to all those who have sent prayers and good wishes to me since last Sunday. Special thanks to Shirley Blalock and Virginia Bender who came to my aid. All medical reports are positive. For some reason I had very low blood pressure that day.
- Bill MacDonald



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 27, 2007**.

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

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

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