



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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THIS SUNDAY

July 15, 2007

WORSHIP

10:30 AM

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Arvin Luchs

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Luchs



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

Portland's First United Methodist Church

ALL-CHURCH

PICNIC

July 22



OAKS PARK

fun for
everyone



On Sunday, July 22 there will be an All-Church Picnic. We return to Oaks Park with our same great location on the grass. Many, many people enjoyed our picnic in the park last year, so don't miss out this year! We'll provide the chicken and beverages. You provide a side-dish or dessert and the fun! Event begins at 1:00 PM and runs to 4:00 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 R. Luchs

A friend of mine, who hales from southern Louisiana, used to say that he came from the part of the state that found every opportunity to "partee!"

We are a little more sedate than that-but we have reason to "partee!" On September 9th we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our building! And we want you to join in.

On April 1, 1956, the dedicated and visionary members of First Methodist—then located at 12th and Taylor—broke ground for a new building at a new location, 18th and Jefferson Streets in Goose Hollow. The first phase of the building was consecrated on August 4th, 1957 and dedicated (that happens when the mortgage is paid off) on February 25, 1962.

A Committee, under the able leadership of Corinne and Duane Paulson have been organizing for the recognition.

A festival worship is being planned to give thanks to God for the grace that has sustained us and recognize some of the clergy and members who played key roles in our life. After worship we'll celebrate in Collins Hall.

Can you help us identify those still among us who were part of First Church at the time this building was built? Here is the list we've been able to glean from church records. We'd be grateful if you could correct any errors-and add names of others who should be invited and recognized.

September 9th should be a great day to "partee!"

See you in church!

Arvin



PEOPLE AFFILIATED WITH

FIRST CHURCH



YEARS OR MORE

If you have any changes or additions to this list, please contact the church office 503/228-3195.

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| Frances Adams | Jim Manuel |
| Janet Bennett | Eloise Matlack |
| Willard Bleything | Geneva Pollock |
| Calvin Brockman, Sr. | Karl Poppe |
| Evelyn Casey | Carrie Saito |
| Maribeth Collins | Larry Sawyer |
| Richard Clark | Bob & Marilyn Schuberg |
| Marion Elder | Nan Schueler |
| Alycejoy Epperson | Glenola Six |
| Dr. Harry & Pearl Evans | Florence & Allen Snyder |
| Dorotha Gibson | Douglas Stearns |
| LaVonne Hawes | Dwight & Judy Thomas |
| Betty-Lou Hare | Mark Teppola |
| Joyce Hulse | Jean Whitcomb |
| Elwyn & June Kinney | Norman White |
| Betty Lemmon | Rebecca White |
| Jane Lenon | Norman Zeller |
| Mark Loder | |

adults at first

sunday classes

items of note

FELLOWSHIP OF SEEKERS

The Fellowship of Seekers is an on-going adult class that seeks spiritual growth through study and discussion of writings by current and historic religious thinkers. The class has just started, *Inscribing the Text: Sermons and Prayers of Walter Brueggemann*. Books are available in the classroom. Lively discussions are led by a different class member each week. Sundays at 9:15AM in room 134.

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.



poverty innovators

STOPPING POVERTY FOR GOOD, MEET THE INNOVATORS

Classes will be held Sundays in room 110 from 9:15 to 10:15 AM.

Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007

✘ Fazel H. Abed

The achievements of BRAC, the world's largest citizen action committee for ending poverty.

✘ Muhammed Yunus

The global leader of micro-finance and insightful innovator of finance and providing resources to change the lives of poor people.

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007

✘ Obed Grajew

Brazilian manufacturer of toys who has created an international forum to eliminate child labor abuse and foster adherence to socially responsible business practices.

✘ Alice Teppler Marlin

A pioneer in socially responsible investing who has become a major force in governing companies to adhere to socially responsible standards up and down the supply chain.

Two 10 to 15 minute presentations will each be followed by time for open discussion and comment.

UMC HIKERS - JULY 2007 HIKE

Our July hike will be on Saturday, July 28th on the Oregon Coast. We'll meet in the Tigard UMC parking lot (9845 SW Walnut Place) at 8:15AM to form carpools and head out to Oswald West State Park, south of Cannon Beach. The hike will be a 5-mile round trip to the tip of Cape Falcon. The hike features mammoth evergreens and spectacular ocean views. Hikers should bring a lunch, snacks and water, wear comfortable hiking boots and dress appropriately for the weather. There is a suggested \$8.00 per person donation to the driver for carpooling.



Following the hike, Marge Terdal has invited the group to come to their beach house near Neahkahnie Mountain for some light refreshments. We should be back at the church between 5-6PM. 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.

MORE FIRST CHURCH COLLEGE GRADUATES

AJ Jennings graduated with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Air Force Academy in May.

If someone in your family has recently graduated from college, please let the church office know so we can share the news with the entire congregation...and join in your celebration! Again, let us know names, the college involved, the degree, and the major.



CHURCH AND SOCIETY: FIRST INTERN SELECTED

Kathleen Metzger, a member of First Church and a student at Oregon State University, has been selected as a First Church Intern for 2007. Kathleen will be working this summer at the Good Neighbor Center in Tigard. The Good Neighbor Center is dedicated to providing safe emergency housing and supportive services to empower individuals and families to be self-sufficient. In the fall, Kathleen will be sharing her experiences in a special presentation for those who are interested. Look for details later. This internship and a second one to be offered in the fall are made possible through a generous grant made to First United Methodist Church by the Smith Family.

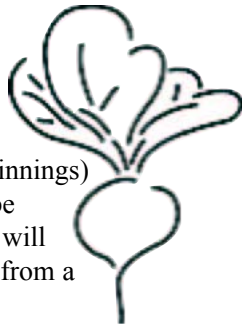


LAST CHANCE FOR SPAMALOT

Last Chance to Order Tickets: See the hit musical Spamalot....August 29th. There are still a few tickets available. Contact Paul Adams at padams@fumcpdx.org or 503/228-3195 x. 229 if you're interested.

FARMERS TABLE

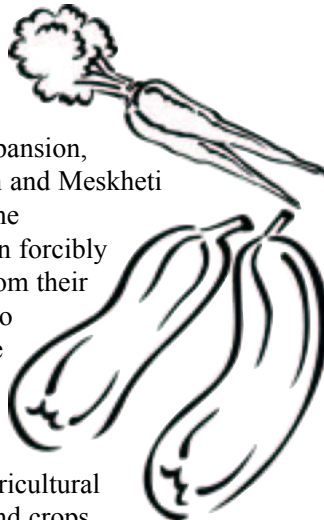
Sunday after worship enjoy coffee and fresh produce in the courtyard near Collins Hall! Refugee Meskhetian Turkish farmers will offer certified organic produce from Hayat (New Beginnings) Farm! On alternate Sundays they will be joined by refugee Hmong farmers who will offer flower bouquets and strawberries from a local family farm.



Come and say hello to these wonderful farmers! Refugee farmers in the U.S. face many challenges. Crop production systems can be unfamiliar; marketing is often difficult; start up loans can be tricky to obtain; access to farmland can be limited; and language and traditional labor practices are frequently a barrier. But they are succeeding thanks to their hard work, support from all of us, and the help of the Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Mercy Corps Northwest's New Refugee Agriculture Program

The homeland of the Meskhetian Turk, known as Meskheti (now known as Samtskhe-Javakheti), lies along the borders of Georgia and Turkey.

Turkish settlers moved into Meskheti as part of Turkey's expansion, and the resulting mix of Turkish and Meskheti populations became known as the Meskhetian Turk. In 1944, Stalin forcibly moved the Meskhetian Turks from their traditional Georgian homeland to southeastern Uzbekistan. Before the deportation, the Meskhetian Turks lived in rural villages where they were skilled farmers who developed sophisticated agricultural techniques. They raised cattle and crops, and sold their fruits, vegetables, wool, meat, and dairy products at local markets.



There are roughly 180,000 Hmong people in the U.S. Most grew up as poor farmers from the hilltops of northern Laos, but came to the U.S. as refugees after the Vietnam War. They have been resettling here since the 1970s, where many continuing the tradition of family farming.

The Asian Hmong culture is agrarian, and places a great deal of emphasis on relationships between relatives and members of clans, with respect for elders and strong families. Many efforts are made to preserve traditional ways and to keep the memory of the accomplishments and suffering of ancestors.

looking ahead



The Fall Frolic All-Church Retreat is an annual event celebrating the outdoors, friendships, God's beautiful world and all that makes us special! Fall Frolic is for the entire First Church Family. Camp Magruder is a new location for our 2007 Fall Frolic. October 12, 13, and 14, 2007 is a three-day weekend for schools in Oregon, so come early and enjoy the day at the beach.

Registration forms available at the church office. Call for details 503/228-3195

UPCOMING FIRST CHURCH ORIENTATION

Sunday July 15th from 12:00PM - 2:00 PM in Room 110.

If you would like to learn more about First United Methodist Church or officially join, then this two-hour session and simple meal is for you. Learn about the church, what it means to become a member of this congregation, and meet others who are interested in First Church. Child care will be provided. For more information or to register to be a part of one of the sessions, contact the church office at 503/228-3195.

the edge

thoughts for the journey

Rev. Lowell Greathouse, Minister of Discipleship

Jean Vanier is the founder of l'Arche, an international network of more than one hundred communities that serve the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. These communities are now located in more than thirty countries. In his book, entitled *Becoming Human*, Vanier writes: "...every child, every person, needs to know that they are a source of joy; every child, every person, needs to be celebrated. Only when all of our weaknesses are accepted as part of our humanity can our negative, broken self-images be transformed." (*Becoming Human*, page 26)

first church music

returning youth and upcoming events



HANDBELL AND juBELLation YOUTH RETURN

Our youth handbell choir, juBELLation, just returned on June 25th from a six-day tour of Tennessee and North Carolina. All 14 members--John Allan, Tracy Cheever, Michelle Fisher, Sarah Goff, Kelsey and Michael Hall, Leif Iverson, Jennifer Jones, Julia Kayser, Molly McCarthy, Kate Moening, Alex Wade, and Emily and Andy Wright-- were able to participate. They were accompanied by director Karin McDonough, as well as Tim McDonough and Debby Fisher. They played two church concerts (Grace Lutheran in Oak Ridge, TN and St. William Catholic in Murphy, NC) and two outdoor



concerts (Ikan Farm in Bluff City, TN and John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC) before arriving at the Area VI handbell festival in Chattanooga, TN, where they attended workshops and rang with the most advanced players, the Bronze group. This was a very special opportunity for the youth to travel to a beautiful region of the country where they were excited to share their unique ministry of music. While on the trip they also did a bit of sightseeing which included the Country Music Hall of Fame, Parthenon in Nashville, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a side trip into Georgia for dinner at Waffle House, and a guided tour through the Cumberland Caverns (largest caverns in Tennessee). THANKS to the congregation for all their generous support!



THE FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The Friends of Music of First Church cordially invite you to a performance by the award winning violinist, Darin Qualls, in collaboration with our own well known pianist, Elizabeth Caswell on Thursday evening, August 2nd at 7:00 in our Sanctuary. It is said that, "The mastery and passion of Mr. Qualls' violin sets any audience alight." Mr. Qualls and Ms. Caswell will be playing a Copland sonata and a Ravel sonata followed by intermission. After the intermission they will do Korngold "Much Ado about Nothing" then the Faure Sonata #2 in F minor, and finish the concert with the Sarasate Carmen Fantasy.



our prayers

prayers and concerns

PRAYERS OF CONGRATULATIONS

Geoff & Ronnee Edwards, on the birth of Arin Taylor born on June 29th weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN FOR ...

Carol Howard, Jim Jozwiak, and Judy Rogers, undergoing chemotherapy

Patrick O'Brian, who continues to struggle with health problems

David Jenkins, who is hospitalized with complications following his recent knee surgery

Rev. Kathy Boyes, who is receiving chemotherapy for Leukemia
She is the pastor of St. Paul's UMC in Milwaukie

Rev. David Bean, who will be having surgery on Friday. He is the pastor of Cherry Park UMC, in East Portland.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR ...

Margaret Allen, Sadame Tsunenaga, and Dick Clark

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY ABROAD ...

Those serving in the armed forces and posted overseas include:

Daniel Bomberger, Jared Bomberger, Michael Panck, Karl Alger, Vanessa Walton, and Ryan Martin.

notes

from the congregation

NORWOOD GLENDENNING

Dear Church Friends,

There will be an Open House at the care facility residence of Norwood Glendenning, to celebrate his 95th birthday. He will 95 on July 24, 2007. The Open House will be on Sunday, July 22, 2007 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at 9347 SW 35th Ave, Portland, OR (just off Barbur Blvd., to the NW, between Alice and Baird Streets.) Cards to him at that address might be sent by those who wish to do so.

The Family of Norwood Glendenning

AN INVITATION...

Olive Luchs, Dr. Luchs' mother, is celebrating her 100th birthday at the end of July. Arvin and Sue will be hosting an informal reception in her honor on Sunday, July 29th, 2007 from 2pm to 4pm at her residence (Canfield Place, on the corner of Murray and Hart Roads in Beaverton. Parking in the residence lot is limited—there is street parking in the Carolwood neighborhood to the south of the building.) Everyone is welcome.

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 **July 25, 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**.

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