



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 11, 2010

10:30 AM
Rev. Peggy
Luckman
Preaching

July 18, 2010

10:30 AM
Dr. David
Poindexter,
guest preacher



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.

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LIVING A VIBRANT FAITH BELIEVING THINKING ACTING



VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION **BRAZIL**

Plan to attend a forum in the Fireside Room on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at noon to hear members of the Brazil VIM Team talk about their work and show pictures. A light lunch will be provided.

Welcome Rev. Peggy Luckman

We welcome Rev. Peggy Luckman as our new Minister of Discipleship. She will be preaching next Sunday, July 11, 2010. That service will be followed by a reception for Peggy and her family in Collins Hall.



memo

Rev. Peggy Luckman

Arvin has graciously offered me this space to share something of my story with you. First I want to say I am looking forward to being on the pastoral staff in this church, getting to know you, and sharing our faith and ministries in the years to come.

Born and baptized in Bloomington, Illinois, my faith was enriched by weekly Bible studies, youth groups, service to the Presbytery, mission trips, summer camps and several faith mentors. I attended Hastings College in Nebraska, and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education with minor emphasis in Organ and Sacred Music. I then taught vocal and instrumental music in public and private schools in Illinois, Colorado and Oregon and was organist and choir director in several churches.

In Colorado, I met my first husband. Our first baby died after a premature delivery. Two years later we were blessed with twin sons. Four years later we adopted our beautiful Korean daughter. In their growing years, I was the choir director at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Southwest Portland while Dr. Richard Rohrbaugh was pastor. Under his amazing teaching and preaching, my dream of attending seminary was reawakened. These years with Dick were a wonderful time of growth.

I received a Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary and was ordained at Northminster Presbyterian Church in North Portland. During that period of my life, I experienced the deep pain of divorce and brokenness of family. I left Ministry for a time of healing, and then took a job managing the youth and early childhood/parenting programs at Neighborhood House in Southwest Portland. I met Ed, and we were married. We have had 13 wonderful years together, including three family weddings, and the birth of seven grandchildren.

I was offered the pastorate of Clarkes United Methodist Church in Mulino. To teach the history and theology of the UMC to the people, I had to study it. The more I studied, and the more I interacted with colleagues, I realized I had found a new church home that was grounded in the gospel message of faith and practice, grace and servanthood, compassion and justice. I took the steps to transfer into the United Methodist Church, and became an Elder in Full Connection.

Six years ago Ed and I moved to Tillamook, and there had a challenging and truly wonderful experience of ministry. Now, I look forward to serving with you and sharing in the worship, study, and outreach ministries of this church.

I want to express my thanks to all of you who have made me feel so welcome here: Arvin, Tom and Colleen, Lowell, the wonderful Staff, the SPRC, Annual Conference attendees, and those who unloaded the moving van. To those of you I know from other settings who have sent words of welcome, thank you. I am humbled to be joining you in ministry.

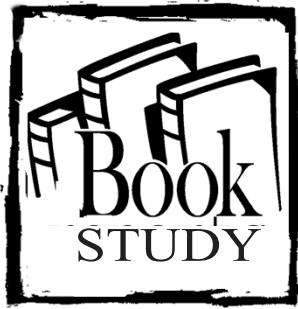
In Christ's love,

Peggy

*Come
hear
Rev.
Peggy
Luckman
preach,
Sunday,
July 11
and
welcome
her to
First
Church
at a
reception
following
worship.*

ADULT

sunday school class



CHANGING CHRISTIANITY

This class meets each Sunday from 9:00 to 10:15 AM in Room 110

The Changing Christianity Class offers the opportunity for wide-ranging conversations about religion and Christianity past, present, and future. Current conversations center on *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

summer internships

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS SPONSORED BY FIRST CHURCH

Just as we've done since 1968, First United Methodist Church is again supporting two young adults working as interns in community social services agencies. **Kristin Sellers** and **Spencer Roberts** began their eight-week internships last week, and by all accounts are heading into a rich and meaningful summer.

Kristin Sellers graduated from high school last month and feels her future is wide open. She's working at Northwest Portland Ministries on two key projects: helping organize and support the agency's annual fall fund raiser and packing and distributing food from NWPM's Food Pantry and Food Warehouse. The agency also organizes projects that help seniors remain in their own homes, so Kristin will also get the opportunity for direct service. Kay Ward has volunteered to mentor Kristin throughout her internship experience. Kay says this will be fun, but will also help her get to know our community better, too, since she has just recently moved to Portland.

Spencer Roberts just completed his junior year at the University of Oregon. His major is political science, and he's looking at working in education and law, perhaps serving as an elected official at some point. He'll spend his internship at Neighborhood House working with their SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) Program for the first part of the summer and then engaging with additional youth-focused activities during the rest of the internship. Jan Dunn will be Spencer's mentor.

Near the end of their internships Spencer and Kristin will give presentations to the congregation about their internship experiences. These will be held during a Forum after church in August, so watch your bulletins and newsletters for additional information.

Thanks go to the Loder Fund, the new Lowell Greathouse Community Internship Program, and the congregation for supporting this meaningful activity for our youth.

all-church barbecue

July 28, 2010

We're
Havin' a
BAR-B-Q!

ALL-CHURCH FAMILY BARBECUE

Yesiree, it's an all-out Western style Barbeque, for you and your friends ... for everyone!

Families, singles, couples, young & old can kick up their heels at this delightful mid-summer event. So, mark calendar for Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 5:30 PM in Collins Hall and the Collins Hall Courtyard. There will be ...

Barbeques set up in the Collins courtyard, being overseen by Shovel & Rake. There will be fun, food, and fellowship as we share summer experiences around the tables.

The evening's program will be highlighted by the dancing and singing team of Mark and Helena Greathouse. They will entertain us with selections from all-time western favorite, including Oklahoma! You'll have a chance to dance to Mark's lively accordion music as well ...

All young cowpokes, age 18 and under, will receive a ticket that says "free." For wranglers and old hands (over 18) a \$10 donation per person is suggested. So, \$20 for two-parent families, and \$10 for one-parent families will guarantee a fun-filled evening for all. There will be games and campfire singing for the "giddyap & go" group; Y'all come! But we do need a nose-count, to be sure we provide enough vittles for all. Your hosts are the United Methodist Women, and Children & Youth Ministries.

Food will be served from 5:30 - 7:00 PM, with entertainment for both youngsters and the young-at-heart interspersed throughout the evening. Just for fun, dig out those cowboy boots, straw hats, red neckerchiefs-- get in the spirit of a great church family event!



DR. DAVID POINDEXTER guest preacher

POINDEXTER TO PREACH JULY 18

Dr. David Poindexter will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 18, 2010 during the 10:30 AM worship. An ordained United Methodist minister, now retired, his ministry has not only been in the pulpit, but in our denomination's presence in the United Nations and as head of the Population Communication International—one of the major non-governmental agencies devoted to international population issues. David Poindexter is considered a pioneer in the field of entertainment-education, employing popular media to spark social awareness and change. He recently received the Everett M. Rogers Award presented by famed producer, Norman Lear (*All in the Family, Maude, etc.*) at the Annenberg School of Communication in California. His sermon will be based on Isaiah 40 and is titled: *Message from Outer Space*.

a note of thanks

Dear First Church Members and Friends,

Wow! Thanks so much for the memorable celebration my last Sunday at First Church. I was deeply moved by your kindness and generosity ... and by the many parting words that day. Thanks to Arvin and the First Church Staff for the great send-off and for the opportunity to be in ministry together. It has been a pleasure working with you! And thanks to Richard Allan and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for organizing the wonderful reception and for the gift of the beautiful quilt and the gifts to endow the community internship program at First Church. This is truly important work and a great First Church legacy. What can I say? Susan, Lindsey, Kelly, and I have enjoyed being a part of your circle of love. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,
Lowell Greathouse

church library

A new picture book, *Water, Water, Come Down!* belongs on the book shelves of all our young children. The author, Walter Wangerin, Jr., introduces children to the concept of baptism through Biblically based verse and colorful illustrations. Parents, grandparents and godparents will want to read the book to their children again and again as they tend the child's baptism journey.

Hark! By popular demand, the library now has several books by Mark Schweizer in his series with titles such as *The Organist Wore Pumps* and *The Tenor Wore Tapshoes*. Prepare for laughter and intrigue in these easy read mysteries featuring organists, musicians and clergy.

acolytes

ACOLYTES NEEDED

Have you ever dreamed of being an acolyte? This summer we are on the search for an Acolyte Coordinator. In the meantime, we are inviting anyone from the congregation who is able and interested to acolyte. Recently Jim Teisher and Megan Humphreys-Loving served as acolytes. It was the first time for the both of them. Why not acolyte with your child or partner or a friend? For more details on acolyte responsibilities or to sign up, contact: Megan Humphreys-Loving at mhumphreys-loving@fumcpdx.org or 503/228-3195 ext. 227.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

First Church Youth along with Megan Humphreys-Loving and their sponsors will travel to Eugene, Oregon August 1-6, 2010 to participate in LAST: Learning and Service Together! To learn more about this program, visit their website at: www.lastnw.com.

Publication Deadlines

Articles for The Circuit Rider are due no later than 10:00 AM on the Thursday before publication the following Wednesday. The next Circuit Rider will be published on July 21, 2010.

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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our prayers prayers and concerns

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION FOR ...

Christopher Howard, son of Carol and Hal Howard. Christopher & Victoria Xiaodan Liu were married on June 16, 2010 in Estes Park, CO and now reside in Littleton, CO.

Issac & Kelly Jamieson, on the birth of a daughter, Reesa on June 22, 2010. The proud grandparents are Marty & Holly Martin.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY FOR ...

The family and friends of Almon "Al" Geiss. Al died June 27, 2010.
His memorial service was July 1, 2010.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN FOR ...

Shirley Carlson, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

WE CONTINUE OUR PRAYERS FOR ...

Rev. Orville Coats, Bruce Gaffield, Neita McGhee, Robert Meyers, Jay Stewart, Elwyn Williams, and Sally Yates

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY ABROAD ...

AJ Jennings



HONORING GRADUATES

Throughout the summer as we learn of new graduates we will continue to make you aware of them. *Gregory Howard*, son of Carol and Hal Howard, received his BA degree with departmental honors in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of Oregon. Greg is participating in a mapping internship with the City of Brookings, Oregon, this summer.

If you know of other graduates that have not yet been recognized, please contact the church office at office@fumcpdx.org.