



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 7,
2010
10:30 AM
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

November 14,
2010
10:30 AM



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

Share the Light

The Sundays of Advent



Advent One

FIRST Sunday OF Advent November 28

Worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
We light the First Candle of the Advent Wreath
UM Student Day
Sanctuary Bells play
Chili Feed and Advent Wreath Making



Advent Two

SECOND Sunday OF Advent December 5

Worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
We light the Second Candle of the Advent Wreath
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
World AIDS Sunday
You are invited to bring food for the FISH pantry



Advent Three

THIRD Sunday OF Advent December 12

Worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
We light the Third Candle of the Advent Wreath
The Cherub Choir sings
Our Sanctuary Choir performs excerpts from:
Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, with orchestra



Advent Four

FOURTH Sunday OF Advent December 19

Worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
We light the Fourth Candle of the Advent Wreath
A Service of Lessons & Carols
juBELLation plays
A Christmas Pop's Concert at 3:00 PM
featuring the musicians of First Church

THE 2011 FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN
Supporting the Blessed Community

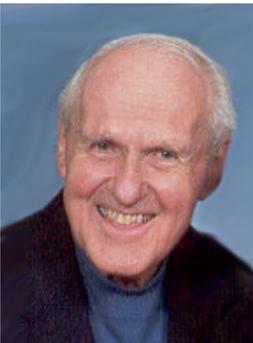
And what does the Lord require of you?
act justly, love mercy, to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Sonja Connor and Ralph Bolliger serve as co-chairs of the 2011 Financial Campaign that seeks \$910,000 in congregational commitments toward the Church's \$1.1 million budget for 2011.



“For many years, First Church has been called, out of its abundance, to lead in our community by serving and assisting the least among us,” said Sonja Connor. “When asked to help attract the financial resources that will enable our Church to continue its mission of serving others, I readily agreed. Ralph and I are writing to members of our congregation and asking for (1) a commitment in 2011 to the mission of our Church, and (2), where possible, an increase of at least 10% in our financial commitment for 2011 beyond our 2010 commitment so that we can avoid a second mini-campaign this spring. Our goal is one campaign.”



“Along with our letters, we have included a commitment card that we would like members to return as soon as possible so that we know where we stand in attracting the monies needed for our mission in 2011,” said Ralph Bolliger. “I liken our dollars to the church as fuel is to an automobile. Until each returns a card, we will not know how much fuel we will have to drive next year's efforts by our church to make a difference in our communities. Even if you are not now in a position to make a commitment, please return your card to us so we can determine how far our Church can travel in 2011.”

Sonja added that several members of the congregation have created a special “Challenge Fund” that will match increased and new commitments for 2011. “For example, if I committed to \$1,000 in 2010 and I increase my commitment to \$1,500 for 2011, members of our Church will match that \$500 increase, dollar-for-dollar.”

Ralph also added that although we tend to speak in terms of dollars and budgets, the purposes served by our commitments and efforts is to help realize Christ's work on this earth – a splendid calling and purpose. “Sonja and I thank members of our congregation for your thoughtful consideration of our requests as well as your assistance in helping us continue together, as a Church, to do justice, love goodness, and walk humbly with the Holy One.”

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR 2011 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

adult sunday school classes

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. This class is currently studying the book, *The Authentic Letters of Paul*.

FELLOWSHIP OF SEEKERS

This class meets each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 AM in Room 134. The class is open to all who seek spiritual growth through study and discussion of writings by current and historic religious thinkers. Following a time of fellowship, lively discussions are led by different class members each week.

FIRST CHURCH READS: THE SUNFLOWER BY SIMON WIESENTHAL

November 7, 14, and 21
at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room

This is a revised and expanded edition of the book, first published in 1976. It opens with Wiesenthal's personal story of an experience as a prisoner in a concentration camp in World War II. He then asks what would you do if a dying Nazi soldier asks for your forgiveness. Some of the responses in the original edition are included, along with 32 new responses.

"In this important book fifty-three distinguished men and women respond to Wiesenthal's questions. They are theologians, political leaders, writers, jurists, psychiatrists, human rights activists, Holocaust survivors, and victims of attempted genocide in Bosnia, Cambodia, China, and Tibet." The book are available for purchase in class.

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS & CHRISTMAS TREATS

On Sunday November 28, 2010, Chuck Klang will play selections from his collection of Christmas CDs in the fireside room from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. This will include music from the Renaissance on up to contemporary works. Many lesser known, but beautiful works, will be played. Special Christmas treats will be provided.

first church orientation

FIRST CHURCH ORIENTATION

If you would like to officially join First United Methodist Church or learn more about our congregation, then this two-hour session and simple meal is for you. The next orientation will be **Sunday, November 7, 2010**, after worship in Room 110. For information or to register to be a part of one of these sessions, contact the church office at 503/228-3195. Child care is available. A class of new members will join during worship on Sunday, November 14, 2010.

united methodist women

All women are invited to participate in the following activities. We strive to develop a supportive fellowship as we promote concern for women, children and youth at home and abroad. President, Marion Hollenberg, 503/640-3270.

THE RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, November 17 at noon in Room 204. Lavonne Hawes will give a book review on *Basque Shepherd: 23rd Psalm*. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Chair: Betty-Lou Hare, 503/292-1773.



parents of children

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 11:45 AM, in the Fireside Room, there will be a meeting of parents who are interested in helping with the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant. A children's activity will be planned for that time so that parents may attend.

On Sunday November 21, 2010 at 9:30 AM in Room 202, there will be a meeting for parents who have children involved in the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant. We will have a brief overview of the script and costumes.

On Sunday, December 5, 2010, at 11:45 AM in the sanctuary, there will be a rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant.

On Saturday, December 18, 2010, from 10:00 AM to noon, in the sanctuary, there will be a dress rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant.

On Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2010 at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary will be the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant presented to the congregation.

global missions upcoming forum

take note

NOVEMBER 14 GLOBAL MISSIONS FORUM WITH MISSIONARY JANET LAHR-LEWIS

You are invited to a Global Missions Forum on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at noon in the Fireside Room. The forum will feature our Covenant Missionary, Janet Lahr-Lewis. A Mideast type meal will be served. The meal will be subsidized by donations, and a free-will offering taken for Janet's work, and mission itineration funding. The forum will conclude by 2:00 PM.

"A Light Shining in the Mideast" describes the tireless work of Janet Lahr-Lewis in the fragmented lands of the Palestinians and Israelis. Amidst the fear and suffering, Janet pursues her call, to do her part in bringing peace, reconciliation and healing to people living in uncertainty and darkness.

As a missionary for the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Janet is appointed as a liaison between ecumenical groups and Israel and Palestine. She is the primary contact for VIM (Volunteer in Mission) teams and other visitors who wish to make contact with local Christians in the area. Her focus is upon advocacy and activism. Some of her work includes informing visitors of the realities of the situation, organizing conferences, developing media campaigns, and planning worship experiences.

She will update us on the current happenings, giving us the inside story of the difficulties our Christian brothers and sisters are experiencing in the Holy Land. We anticipate a large gathering, with the participation of Sabeel members, and of people from other churches and organizations. You are urged to attend, to meet Janet, ask questions and be informed. This is a great opportunity, a real highlight of the season. All are invited and welcome.

YOUTH SPEAK! FOR YOUTH & PARENTS

On Sunday, November 21, 210 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in Room 202 youth in middle and high school and their families are invited to a party. Dinner will be served. This will be an opportunity to come and share your thoughts and ideas about our youth ministry with Rev. Peggy Luckman. She's hosting this "speak out" party and wants to hear from parents and youth. Please RSVP to Peggy at 503/228-3195 ext 244 or pluckman@fumcpdx.org by November 17, 2010.

YOUTH SPEAK!



FOOD & FRIENDS

Food & Friends is an opportunity for people to gather for dinner out. For those with children, child care is available in the church nursery. The next Food & Friends will be at The Widmer Brewing Company on Interstate on November 27, 2010. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM and child care is available beginning at 5:30 PM.



in our prayers

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY FOR ...

The family and friends of Esther Green, Esther died on September 12, 2010. A private family memorial service was held September 17, 2010.

The family and friends of Jeanette Kappers, Jeanette died on October 23, 2010. Her memorial service will be Friday, November 5, 2010 at 2:00 PM in the chapel.

The family and friends of Thelma McGill, Thelma died on October 19, 2010. Her memorial service will be Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 1:30 PM in the chapel.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN FOR ...

Chan Aaby, who recently had surgery ...

Patricia Lund, who is in hospice care. Patricia is the mother of Jim Teisher's children ...

OUR PRAYERS CONTINUE FOR ...

April Hauenstein, Michelle Green, and Karen Smith

TO HELP MICHELLE ...

Friends of Michelle Green have established an account at Onpoint Credit Union to assist Michelle with her upcoming medical expenses.

If you would like to contribute to the account, specify **Michelle Ann Green Fund #1019157-8**. You may take your contribution to any Onpoint Credit Union branch. Please do not make contributions through the church office, but directly to the Onpoint Credit Union fund.

church directory



PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Photo sessions ended the second week of October with 260 families participating in our new church directory! We are currently designing the cover and the pages preceding the family photo section. Given no delays in the proofing-printing process, the books should be on hand in December or at the beginning of the new year.

Many, many thanks to the 32 volunteers who served to enhance our church community by making the photo directory happen. Many were hosts during photo sessions and completed reminder telephone calls. Others made photo appointments for all those families. Gwyneth Rochlin coordinated the hosting program while Phyllis Leonard was responsible for encouraging, making and changing appointments.

Many complimentary portraits have arrived in the church office ready for you to pick up. If you ordered additional photos, all will be mailed directly to you by Life Touch. Please call me at 503/624-0229 if you have questions or concerns about your photos.

Edie Jensen, Directory Coordinator

collins lecture



“WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR: IMAGINING BEYOND OUR BORDERS”

WHAT

The 2010 Collins Lecture, “Who Is Our Neighbor: Imagining Beyond Our Borders.” What “borders” do we create between people: geographic, cultural, religious, economic, political? How can we live together respectfully in diverse communities? The current national debates surrounding the migration of people and cultural and religious diversity provide a rich context for discussing these questions from a theological perspective. The cost to attend the lecture is \$10 per person. Download a registration brochure at www.emoregon.org or call 503/221-1054 for more information.

WHO

The keynote speakers will be the Rev. Dr. S. Wesley Ariarajah, a Methodist minister and professor at the Drew School of Theology, and the Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) and an ordained Assemblies of God pastor. With their personal histories and professional expertise, Ariarajah and Rodriguez will offer their insights on the topic. The lecture is presented by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and sponsored by the Collins Foundation.

WHY

The current national debates surrounding the migration of people, immigration reform, and cultural and religious diversity provide a rich context for discussion of these issues from a theological perspective. The 2010 Collins Lecture will tackle the central challenges that we face as we strive to live into Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:35, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” How we choose to face these challenges has crucial implications for our shared future.

The Collins Lectures are designed to provide an opportunity for clergy and laity to explore issues related to religion and social ethics. The lecture has been part of EMO’s ministry for over 30 years and is funded by the Collins Foundation.

WHEN & WHERE

Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7:00 PM at the First Baptist Church, 909 SW Eleventh Ave., Portland, Oregon.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.

CHECK IT OUT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Forgiveness is a topic of great interest this month. Here are two you can find in the church library. *The Crying Tree*, by Naseem Rakha, is a complex, layered story of a family’s journey toward justice and forgiveness comes together through spellbinding storytelling. Children struggle with forgiveness, too. *I Am Extremely Absolutely Boiling*, by Lauren Child, finds Charlie and Lola trying their best to beat the summer heat, but things go from hot to boiling when another boy accidentally knocks Lola’s ice cream to the ground and won’t apologize.



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 November 17, 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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don't forget the
TIME CHANGE

FALL BACK

On Saturday night, November 6, 2010, before you go to bed, be sure and set your clocks back one hour.

CHINOOK BOOKS FEATURED IN NOVEMBER

Visit the Planet Church table in the Commons the first three Sundays in November and pick up a copy of the 2010-2011 *Chinook Book*. The books feature coupons for earth-friendly products and services, as well as information and tips for living a more environmentally mindful life. *Chinook Books* also make great Christmas presents, and sales support the work of Planet Church. During the week, *Chinook Books* will be available for purchase in the church office.

**CHINOOK
BOOKS
AVAILABLE**

ADVENT AT FIRST CHURCH



Share the Light

THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

FIRST

Sunday OF Advent November 28

Worship - Sanctuary Bells play
UM Student Day
Chili Feed and Advent Wreath Making

SECOND

Sunday OF Advent December 5

Sacrament of Communion
World AIDS Sunday
You are invited to bring food for FISH.

THIRD

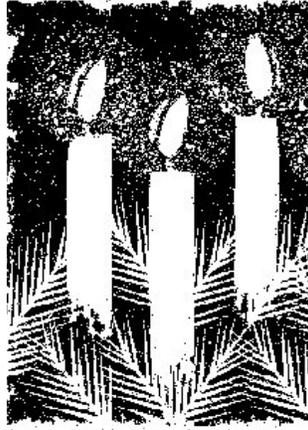
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FOURTH

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juBELLation plays
Christmas Pops Concert at 3:00 PM
in the sanctuary featuring the musicians
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GIVE

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

Collins Hall will be the setting for this year's Alternative Christmas. Returning to the original theme of international mission, this Advent celebration will provide you with suggestions of alternative gifts you might give for Christmas this year. There will be three vendors, one each week of December before Christmas with items you might purchase to help organizations working to better the lives of people through crafts and other handwork. There will also be suggestions of mission gifts that can be given to Advances which help support programs the United Methodist Church sponsors throughout the world.

Come to Collins Hall and check out the variety of options, and choose a gift that you would like to give! Gift cards will be available with the purchase of an Advance "alternative gift."



Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

FAMILY SERVICE ... 5 PM

Families and children are especially invited to this fun and entertaining Nativity pageant! Cherubs and Sound Seekers will sing.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES ... 7 & 9 PM

Experience the glow of the candles and the warmth of Christmas love and caring as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The Chancel Choir will sing and Jonas Nordwall will be at the Mary L. Collins Pipe Organ.

COMMUNION SERVICE ... 11 PM

Gather with our church family at the close of Christmas Eve for a service of Holy Communion.



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 26

WORSHIP ... 10:30 AM

Come enjoy the carols and beauty of the season as we worship together.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Below is a sampling of Advent events at First Church in the coming weeks.
Look for expanded details on these events in upcoming publications.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Chili Feed and
Advent Wreath Making
Noon - Collins Hall



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 4**
Zoo Lights
for Everyone!
5:00 PM - Dinner
Registration is due
November 15, 2010



**SATURDAYS,
DECEMBER
4, 11 & 18**
Need some "me time"?
The church nursery will be
open from 10:00 AM to
2:00 PM. Signs ups
available in the
church nursery.



**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 5**
Our All-Church
Conference
will convene
at noon in the
Fireside Room.



**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 12**
Youth Holiday Party
at 12:30 PM



**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 12**
Missions Forum: Kenya
noon in the Fireside Room



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
Christmas Pops Concert
at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary
Featuring the musicians of First Church

COMING IN JANUARY



January 9

Forum on Human Trafficking

January 16-17

Youth Lock In and Service Project

January 22

Blazers Game Family Faith Night

The Portland Trail Blazers host a night of family fun at the Rose Garden. A portion of ticket prices goes to benefit CityTeam.

Ticket order deadline: December 15, 2010.

Contact Megan Humphreys-Loving for ticket pricing and to make reservations: mhumphreys-loving@fumcpdx.org

January 23

Third Grade Bible Presentation in the worship service