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HOLY WEEK



EASTER

9 & 11 AM

April 20

Palm Sunday, April 13, our worship will begin in Collins Hall at 10:30 AM. We will greet each other, sing a hymn and then parade with palms into the sanctuary. (Please note: If you have trouble walking, you are welcome to begin in the sanctuary as usual.) This will be a jubilant celebration of our faith.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, we will worship in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM, as we remember Jesus' last supper and celebrate Communion together.

Good Friday, April 18, join us in the chapel for a Tenebrae service of darkness and light at 7:00 PM, as we continue to walk the pathway to the cross and beyond.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 19, beginning at 11:00 AM, rain or shine, for children Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Easter Sunday, April 20, services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Celebrate with the music of the Chancel Choir and Festival Brass, and the share in the joy that, "Christ has risen, indeed!"

WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Portland declares that we will be an advocate for peace in our local communities and world. 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. Worship at 10:30 AM, Sundays.



2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Believe in the future of First Church

We've completed the bell tower renovations and we are about to re-dedicate it to the glory of God on May 4, immediately after worship. Hooray!

But now – you may have heard, there's something more to come ... so let's take a moment for a thoughtful conversation about the next phase of our Capital Campaign, launching soon.

From the first smile that greets you to the first organ notes you hear, to the warmth you feel as you experience the unique fellowship, you know that First Church is "home."

This is where the world comes home. Spanning a city block in one of the most traveled corridors of Portland, our home welcomes hundreds of worshippers, music lovers, community activists and people who need a caring hand. Just like any home, the care and dedication that it takes to maintain it requires our time, talents and financial resources to preserve it and to share it with others.

Sharing our home also means sharing our faith. We shine a light for the world when we reflect the excellence that God has given us. Our heritage is rooted in excellence. We have an intellectual curiosity that leads us to thoughtful action. The First Church community leads

the way in supporting social causes, providing community support services and sustaining active involvement in the arts. Our core values are on display through what we do every day. Our physical space needs to reflect this heritage of excellence as well.

And right now, our home needs your help. We will need everyone's help to take our ministries to the next level. We seek to create worship that is immersive and not passive. We want our voices and music to be heard as crisply and clearly on a digital file as it is in the Sanctuary.

We want the lighting to reflect the changing seasons and the space where we worship to be as engaging and tasteful as the service itself. And, we want to always be open to new forms which elevate and inspire new generations to join us for a healthy, vital congregation now and for many years to come.

Imagine a sermon where the Word is not only heard, but seen – where illustrations can be projected through video and photographs while also being painted with words.

Imagine the lights shining a bright spotlight on a soloist as the choir deeply moves us. Imagine being able to clearly see the face and hear the laugh of a child during the children's time, even if you are sitting in the very last pew. Imagine sharing fellowship and seeing the sermons come to life from across the sanctuary or across the country. This is not just a dream. It is our destination.

Your participation in First Church is an investment in your own faith development, and it is an investment in the world.

Your financial gifts will ensure that our physical space allows us to be our best.

In the coming weeks, we will share specific needs and you will see just how you can be a part of the Capital Campaign. In the meantime, please take some

time to reflect on how First Church is home for you, and how you might help us to welcome the world home here as well. It's time to imagine what First Church will become. It's time to believe.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Donna

It's time to experience First Church in a brand new way.



You are invited to a Special Palm Sunday Experience

I have an exciting opportunity for you and your loved ones on **Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday**. I hope you will make an extra-special effort to be in worship at First Church at our usual 10:30 hour. Then join me at the Gresham UMC at 2:00 PM for an immersive and engaging visual experience of the same worship and children's sermon. Watch as our worship comes to life in a whole new way.

Our Palm Sunday Worship Experience will give you a chance to see - first hand - how our worship can be enriched with the use of new technology, which is just one of the goals of the upcoming Capital Campaign.

I give thanks for your partnership in ministry, and can honestly say, *"I believe in the future of First Church!"*

Blessings,
Rev. Donna

Save the Date • Palm Sunday • April 13

The Impact of the Death Penalty

The film, *I Am Troy Davis: Two Years Later*, will be shown Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 PM, in our, Fireside Room. Jen Marlowe, co-author of *I Am Troy Davis*, and Troy's sister, Kim Davis, talk about the impact Troy's struggle has had on those still fighting for justice and an end to the death penalty with introduction by Dr. Audrey Terrell, President of Portland NAACP. Free event. Please RSVP to oregonabolition@gmail.com.

Bread for the World

Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters is important now, more than ever. This nationwide Christian movement seeks justice for the world's hungry people by speaking out with one voice to our nation's leaders about policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist in our neighborhoods, our country and our world. Our Letter writing opportunities will be held in the Commons in Collins Hall on April 27 and May 4. All supplies, including sample letters, will be provided. Background information on hunger, poverty, and U.S. food aid programs will be available.



Missionary to Speak

Janet Lahr, our covenant missionary in Palestine, will be a guest speaker at the upcoming Sabeel Conference. Following the conference, she will speak at First Church on Sunday, April 6 at noon in the Fireside Room. A light lunch will be provided.

EMO Community Awards Dinner

The Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be May 14 at the Hilton Hotel. A silent auction starts at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. First Church has purchased a table for the event. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at the church office.



Top Five Reasons to Fill Out a Communication Card on Sunday Mornings

1. You get extra stars in your crown, upon entering the pearly gates.
2. The back of the card is the perfect opportunity to say something nice about the Associate Pastor.
3. It reminds you what your name is each week.
4. It encourages visitors to fill one out too.
5. It supports the flagging pencil industry.

United Methodist Women of Portland First

United Methodist Women join with women in United Methodist congregations around the world in organizing for mission. We strive to develop a supportive fellowship as we participate with women, children and youth in nearly 300 international programs, in 103 national programs as well as several local programs. Our Unit President is Linda Anderson.

The Ruth Circle

The members of Ruth Circle are going on a road trip! Our dear and long time member Betty-Lou Hare has moved to Seaside. We miss her so we will meet Wednesday, April 16 at the church to be ready to leave via car-pool at 10:30 AM to her new home, have lunch and wish her well. A craft project is planned to bring home as a reminder of our visit.

Chair: Jeanette Chardon

12th Annual Quilt Show And Luncheon - April 11, 2014

See page five for details.

Church Women United

The meeting of Church Women United is Friday, April 4 at Sandy Community Presbyterian Church, 39290 Scenic Drive in Sandy. The business meeting begins at 10:00 AM followed by the special program at 11:00 AM. The speaker is Ms. Sunny Stautz, who has been serving in Guatemala working with the Mayan women to make them more self sufficient as they care for their families with very few resources. Also, please bring new, unwrapped baby items to be divided between Sandy Community Action and SnowCap. A potluck lunch will be served.

Roz Collins has information regarding carpooling from Gresham United Methodist Church.



Pathfinders

Pathfinders Fellowship will meet Saturday, April 12 at 11:30 AM in Room 202. Please note that this is a change in the date. All are welcome to gather for coffee and conversation and then share a lunch from the potluck table at noon.

After the business meeting, *Christmas in Norway*, will be shown featuring the St. Olaf Choir of Northfield, Minnesota, and Nidarosdomens Jentekor Girls Choir of Trondheim, Norway. The performance is given in the enormous 1070 A.D. gothic cathedral of Trondheim. Also featured is a Norwegian children's choir. All of this was filmed at night, with the lighting of the columns in royal blue, silvery blue, and in copper.

Please call Judy Moon if you plan to attend and the dish you will provide.



Christianity in a Changing World is an adult class studying Einstein's God: Conversations About Science and the Human Spirit by Krista Tippett. Come join us for discussion even if you don't have the book! 9:00 AM/Room 202

The Gathering is a class for young adults and parents of children and youth. For Lent, they are studying compassion and how "being compassionate" is part of charity, justice, families and relationships. 9:30 AM/Room 204, across from the Cherubs Choir.

How to Follow Jesus is an eleven-week class led by Rev. Dr. Tom Rannels. This study will focus on the Sermon on the Mount. 9:00 AM/Room 110.



Easter Egg Hunt

Plan to join your First Church family Saturday, April 19 for an Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 11:00 AM, rain or shine, for children Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade. Following the hunt, you are welcome to a hot dog lunch, participate in craft stations, and fellowship with one another. All ages are welcome to come, eat, participate, and observe. Invite family, friends, and neighbors!



PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Prayers of Sympathy for ...

Doug Johnson & Dan Hernandez, on the recent passing of Doug's father, Norman ...

Marta Hammel and family, on the recent passing of Marta's father, Lloyd Hammel, Jr. ...

Prayers of Concern for ...

Sally Yates, following a brief hospital stay ...

Debbie Kirkendall, recovering from heart surgery, (she is the daughter of, Nancy Moland) ...

Chrissy Benson's mother, Stephanie Stevens, who remains hospitalized ...

Rich Ottaviano, recently hospitalized ...

Anne Monteverdi, grandmother of Bruce Margetich, recovering from a recent accident ...

Allen Lumsden, facing ankle surgery ...

Darcy Miles, sister of Catherine Kerrigan, as she begins treatment for stage four lung cancer.



A Taize Service

A Taize Service will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. Join us for this contemplative experience of prayer songs and chants in the chapel.

We will be led by instrumentalists and singers in simple songs of worship. Scripture is read and reflected upon in silence. The service lasts about 45 minutes and is followed by a time of fellowship.

Giving is a CROCK POT



Community Warehouse Drive

During April, our Church & Society team is asking for your help in supporting Portland's Community Warehouse. We need your new or slightly used kitchen items. These will be distributed to people in need, especially those attempting to establish homes after being homeless.

Collection barrels will be placed in the narthex on April 6, 13, and 17.

Help people make "home" ... home!

Crock Pots and slow cookers are in particular demand at the Community Warehouse, as well as the following:

- Pots & Pans
- Can Openers
- Cooking Utensils
- Silverware
- Toasters
- Dish Sets



On the Wednesday Nights during Lent we have had an opportunity to unwind and "Rewind," using film clips to jump-start conversations about faith. Our last session of Lent will be Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room our theme will be **Re:lease** and will feature clips from **Chocolat**. A movie snack will be provided.

Portland's First UMC ■ United Methodist Women & MIX ■ Materials in the eXtreme Art Quilters

T W E L F T H A N N U A L Q U I L T L U N C H E O N April 11, 2014

The MIX Quilters (Materials in the eXtreme) are using the theme "My Favorite Things" for this year's show and luncheon hosted by Portland's First United Methodist Women. Tickets are \$20.00 with \$15.00 designated for Mission Giving. Net proceeds will help fund our worldwide mission outreach. Tickets will be available for sale after the church service in Collins Hall every Sunday until the deadline for purchase which is Sunday April 6. Preview of the quilts begins at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served at noon and will feature some repeat favorites plus new surprises! The program begins at 12:30 PM. For more information, please call Ruth Green at 503/269-8420, Shirley Blalock at 503/786-3437 or Trudy Kayser at 503/292-7528.





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Crosstalk is beginning a series of occasional articles about the history of the unique places around First Church that we all encounter. Our special correspondent, Adrienne Nelson, gives us a brief history of the nativity scene mosaic many of you have passed in the hallway:



The nativity scene mosaic that is located across from the nursery was made by the primary Sunday school class in the fall of 1964 with help from Mary Jane Hendrickson and Roberta Malin (Beckman at the time). Children created the different characters and elements that are in the Nativity. Those drawings were then transferred to the mosaic backdrop and the children placed tessera (small square pieces that are used in mosaics) in to the shapes. The tesseras are made out of floor tiles which the adults cut. Finally the mosaic was grouted and framed.

A special thanks to all that helped to create the mosaic: Mary Jane Hendrickson and Roberta Malin the adult artist; Hazel Balcomb who wanted the children to create the art and become more immersed in church life; Bruce Hendrickson who made the frame; and to Gwen Beckham, Gene Balcomb and other children (in 1964!) that created the characters and elements of the Nativity.

Thank you, Adrienne. If you have a story or memory about an area of First Church that you want to share, e-mail us at news@fumcpdx.org. Let's tell the First Church story in first person.

Faithfully serving you,
Kendall Martin - Manager, Marketing and Communications - e: kmartin@fumcpdx.org



EASTER LILIES & AZALEAS

It is time to order flowers to prepare our sanctuary for Easter. There are two choices: lilies or azaleas for \$15.50 each. Use the form below to indicate which flowers you want to order and if they are in memory or honor of someone. Return the form to the church office with your check, by April 14, 2014. Indicate: LILY in the memo portion of the check.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LILY | \$15.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AZALEA | \$15.50 |

Name

Name In Memory In Honor

Please get your order in ASAP.

ORDER EASTER LILIES AND AZALEAS



REMEMBER THE EASTER OFFERING Offering Envelopes available in the Church Office