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Group Ministries Summer Term 2014



a good place to grow!



YOUTH SUNDAY ■ MAY 18
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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.



**a message
from
our pastor
Rev. Donna
Pritchard**

Albert Einstein once commented that “Imagination is more important than knowledge.” English poet Percy Shelley says that, “The great instrument of moral good is imagination.”

Henry Ward Beecher, abolitionist and social reformer, called imagination, “... the secret marrow of civilization ... the very eye of faith.”

Professor and psychologist Ann Ulanov goes so far as to suggest, “There is no life of the spirit without the imagination.”

So what do you think of your own imagination? Do you honor it along with all the knowledge you have gained? Do you look to it to help you make the world a more just, kind, loving and healing place? Do you trust your imagination to lead you into deeper relationship with God?

To imagine – to dream, and envision, to visualize and conceive – seems to me to be vital work for our church today. Whether we are finding new ways to connect to the life-changing work of the Goose Hollow Shelter (go to www.pdxhfs.org to volunteer); or finding new ways to connect with one another through Sunday School classes or small group ministries (see www.fumcpdx.org for details); or whether we are finding new ways to connect with the world in compassion and service; or whether we are finding new ways to connect with God in worship; or finding new ways to connect our past, present and future with funding for our Capital Campaign ... It all begins with our imagination.

What we can imagine we can create. What we imagine together will in part determine what we experience together. It is vital work for us to do in this time and place.

In just a few weeks we will enter into a great season of imagination. Some call it “graduation,” the celebration of the finish line for certain academic endeavors. I prefer the term “commencement,” reminding us all that endings are more rightly seen as beginnings. For all those who will don cap and gown and receive diplomas this spring, I say congratulations – and thank God for imagination!

The power of imagination not only helps us achieve the milestones of diplomas and degrees – it also helps us to take the next steps. Imagination helps us to “commence” rather than simply “graduate.” Imagination will take us from endings to beginnings, over and over again, as individuals, and as a community. Imagine that!

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Donna



GROUP MINISTRY

SUMMER 2014



Groups at First Church are a great way to connect with people.

Sometimes our world seems as if it only exists on Facebook and Twitter. Group Ministry at First Church allows you to connect with people in real time and in real ways.

Groups at First Church are not forever and ever.

Our study groups meet for six to twelve weeks, so a short-term commitment with four sign-up periods a year. Our supper groups sign up for four suppers as their goal. And our fellowship and service groups have open membership.

Just Right

There will always be enough people participating, so even if a group is small, you will not feel uncomfortable.

Listed to the right are groups that are available this summer. If you would like more information on these groups, a Summer Term group brochure is available in the narthex.

To register for a group, go to: www.fumcpdx.org, or email: jsmith@fumcpdx.org.



Enjoy the Outdoors

First Church Birders
Hikers
Waterfront Walkers



Fellowship Groups

Ping Pong
Bridge Group
Pathfinders Fellowship
Terwilliger Fellowship Group
Willamette View Fellowship
All-Comers Book Club - Evenings
All-Comers Book Club - Mornings



Study Groups

PB&J: Peanut Butter and Justice
Theological Science Theatre 3000



Service Groups

Shovel and Rake Gang
Families in Action
Village Support Network
Goose Hollow Family Shelter



Lunch & Supper Groups

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Interest Groups

Reconciling Friends
Summer Choir
iWitness



Shared Experience

Parenting for a New Age
Epiphany Women
Graceful Aging Fellowship
United Methodist Women

Prayers of Sympathy for ...

Alan Pierce and family, on the death of his mother, *Mary Pierce*. Her memorial service will be Saturday, May 24 at 2:00 PM at the church ...

Vonda Persijn and family, on the death of Vonda's father, *Rev. Dale Turner*, who at one time worked for the United Campus Ministries in Higher Education, who passed away recently. A service honoring his life will be held later this summer ...

Prayers of Concern for ...

Karen Hurst, who is recuperating from heart surgery ...

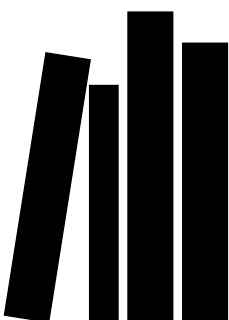
Chet & Judy Thomas, Chet is undergoing new medical tests ...

Expressing Our Gratitude ...

First Church members and friends, I am deeply humbled by all the prayers, thoughts, cards, and phone calls directed my way since my five hour eye surgery. My eye is healing as it should, and it appears that I won't lose my eye which I am very grateful. Thank you everyone. You are the best.
Thelma W. MacDonald

To my church family,
The thoughtfulness and concern expressed by my FUMC friends through prayers and cards following my recent surgery is much appreciated. It's wonderful to feel surrounded by the compassionate community of our church. Thanks.

Joan Jozwiak



Spring Library Book Sale

The First Church Library will hold a used book sale on Sunday, May 25, before and after worship in Collins Hall. Everything must go. Books are for "sale" by donation. Take what you want ... give what you can (cash or checks only). All proceeds will benefit First Church Library. Volunteers are needed for Saturday, May 24, during the morning to help set up for the sale. Please leave your name and a contact number with the Sunday volunteer in the Church Library.

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United Methodist Women of Portland First **grow**



UMW Unit Meeting

The UMW Unit will meet Wednesday, June 4 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Those that attended the UMW National Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky April 25-27 will share their experiences. In preparing for the World Thank Offering that will be a part of the November Unit meeting, members are invited to bring a symbol of what they are thankful for to share. A musical year in review written by Colleen Foster will be featured. We will then enjoy lunch at the Oregon Culinary Institute. Cost is \$12.00 and payment is required in advance. Please make payment to treasurer Shirley Blalock.

Tabitha Circle

The Tabitha Circle and the Senior Quilt sewers will meet for brunch Monday, June 2. This will be an opportunity to discuss this year's process and plan for next year. Time and place to be announced later. For more information call: 503/709-5469.

The Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, May 21 at noon in Room 202 for a potluck salad luncheon. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Our guest speaker will be Marilyn Outslay. Her topic is the General Conference 2016 to be held in Portland and what does it mean for UMW. Chair: Judy Moon, 503/543-2220.

Circle Of Friends

The Circle of Friends will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 9:30 AM in the church parking lot to car pool to Forest Grove to visit Adelantes Mujeres. It offers Latina women and their families the tools to achieve self-determination in the areas of education, empowerment and enterprise. *Adelante* means move forward, go ahead, or flourish and *mujeres* means women. Contact Liz Jacob or Cheryl Bittle for more details.

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle members will be given glimpses of the April UMW National Assembly, at their upcoming meeting on Thursday, May 22, at 2:00 PM in the Club Room at Terwilliger Plaza. Participants at the Assembly returned home sparkling with the excitement of the conference. All are welcome. Chair: Colleen Foster, 503/808-7389

Planning Team

The Planning Team will meet Wednesday, May 28 at 9:30 AM in Room 110.

"Undie Sunday" – June 8

The UMW of FUMC is collecting underwear of all sizes and types for all ages and both genders to be donated to centers assisting those living in poverty. These items are most needed, yet seldom donated. Items need to be new, in the package or with the store tag still attached. This includes diapers, too! Please bring them to the church narthex June 8.

Church Women United

Church Women United will meet June 6 at Faith UMC in Troutdale, 27324 SE Stark, 97060, telephone 503/661-4520. We will gather at 9:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. We will be bringing donations for My Sister's House, a home for single moms and their children as they rebuild their lives after abusive situations. Ms. Carla Piluso, former chief of police for the city of Gresham will be the speaker. A potluck lunch will be served. Please bring a dish to share.

Christianity in a Changing World ...

explores contemporary questions of our Christian life. Class participants choose books, videos, and guest speakers representing a wide array of subjects and view points, including those that are controversial, seeking new ideas and findings which are related to our rapidly changing world. The book under current discussion is: *The Evolution of God*, by Robert Wright - exploring how people's views of God have developed and changed in our Judeo-Christian tradition. 9:00 AM/Room 202

The Gathering is a class for young adults and parents of children and youth. We 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.

Living the Lord's Prayer is a class led by Sarah H. de Salazar. This study will focus on prayer and contemplation. 9:00 AM/Room 110



THE 2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The future of First Church starts today.

**No matter where we start our journey,
the pathway leads us home.**

Thank you
We are currently at **28%** *of our pledge goal.*

Learn more and pledge your support. fumcpdx.org/believe

FORUM: IMAGINE NO MALARIA

On Sunday, May 18, at noon in the Fireside Room, the Outreach Committees and the United Methodist Women co-sponsor the forum, Imagine No Malaria. Our very own Julia (Kayser) Frisbie is the Pacific Northwest's Imagine No Malaria field coordinator. Her presentation will include success stories, resources, and lots of time for questions about how close we are to eradicating this disease. A light lunch will be available.



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Sunday, May 18

5:00 PM ■ Fireside Room

Songs of Worship

Scripture

Reflection

Fellowship





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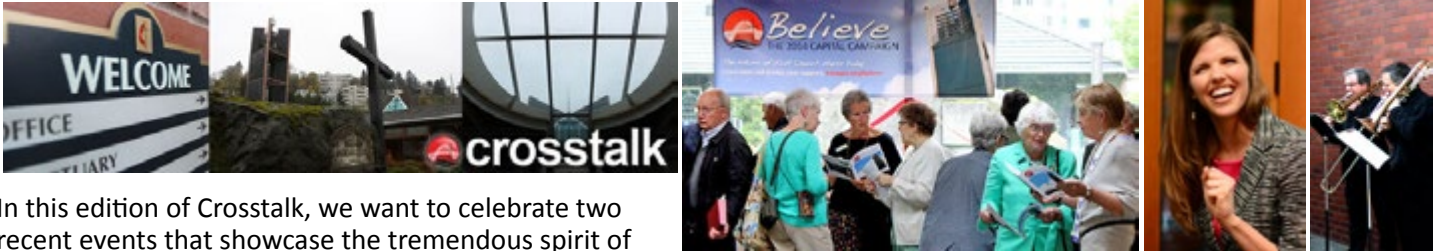
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In this edition of Crosstalk, we want to celebrate two recent events that showcase the tremendous spirit of the First Church community.

The first event was "For the Love of Music" which was a night of music, fellowship and great food at The Fireside Restaurant on Sunday, April 27 to support our phenomenal music program.

The second event was the rededication of the Rev. Clarence True Wilson Bell Tower that occurred Sunday May 4. Rain or shine, the event and the worship service that followed were first steps along the path to celebrating the future of First Church.

We have created a special photo album for you to view, share and download some pictures from both events. We've also placed a few other images that have been requested so I invite you to visit the First Church website and enjoy the snapshots of our vibrant congregation.

fumcpdx.org/galleries2014

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

Believe

The future of First Church starts today

THE 2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRAM SUMMARY



The objective of the 2014 Capital Campaign is to complete upgrades to our facilities that save energy, conserve our financial resources and achieve compliance with current building and environmental codes.

We are seeking to raise \$1.35M of pledged support by Labor Day of 2014 which will enable us to complete a series of priority projects before the end of 2015.



The first component of our work is to redesign and reconfigure the restrooms near Collins Hall and the First Church Library. This project includes the installation of changing stations and redesigning the interior so that we increase accessibility for all by complying with the technical guidelines outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The second component of work will include some environmentally friendly interior and exterior work. We intend to lay new carpeting in the narthex and the nearby women's restroom so that we increase safety and refresh the look of this high traffic area.



An increasing safety concern also exists in our annex parking lot along 18th Avenue. We intend to protect the environment and reduce the accident risk posed to the public by cautiously resettling and repaving around the tree roots that are breaking through the pavement.

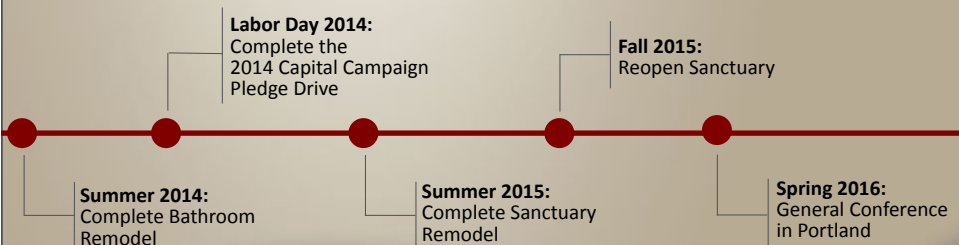
Our plan includes a list of recommended enhancements that enable us to increase safety, energy efficiency and usability of our Sanctuary. These enhancements include the installation of energy efficient and quake-resistant panes to replace our existing single-pane windows that overlook Beckham Court.



Our existing fixtures are no longer being manufactured and the installation of new LED lighting will derive the dual benefit of increasing our light level while helping us to more effectively manage our energy and maintenance costs.

The final component of our work will involve the installation of a new video projection system that will enable us to experience worship with the addition of visuals and sound.

Capital Campaign Timing



2014 Capital Campaign Budget

Sanctuary Renewal	\$829,000
LED Lighting	\$300,000
Projection System	\$250,000
Windows facing Beckham Court	\$100,000
Flooring <i>(includes narthex and women's restroom)</i>	\$74,000
Sound <i>(in the Chancel Choir Loft)</i>	\$5,000
*Other Expenses <i>(listed below)</i>	\$100,000

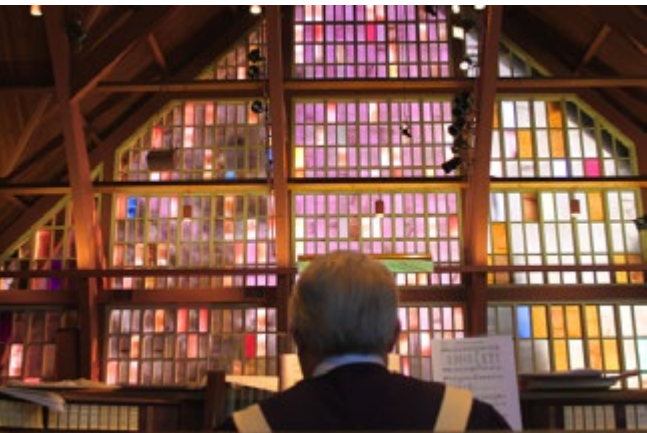
Bathroom Remodels (4)	\$250,000
Parking Lot Paving & Tree Removal	\$35,000
Handicap Accessible Doors (3)	\$15,000
Contingency (20%)	\$221,000

Grand Total **\$1,350,000**

**Total Cost includes the following expenses for the Sanctuary:*

- Electrical Contractors
- Building Permits
- Moving, Storing and Refinishing Pews
- Moving, Storing and Protecting the Organ Console & Organ Pipes
- Project Management Fee







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2014 Capital Campaign Estimate of Giving

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