



the First United Methodist Church of Portland

CIRCUIT RIDER

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color me fantastic!

First Church ARTS CAMP

August 11-15, 2014

9:00 AM to noon

For children who have
completed Pre-K through 6th grade

Registration is available online at
www.fumcpdx.org or in church office.



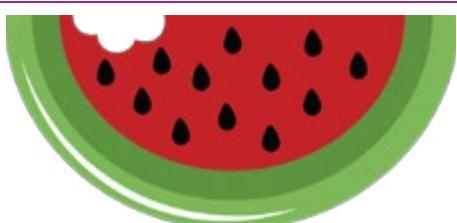
It's Free!

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.



★ LEARN
★ SING
★ CREATE
★ PLAY



INSIDE | Sunday Funday Potluck Picnic



a message
from
our pastor
Rev. Donna
Pritchard

Summer SOULSTICE

Thursday Night Worship

We've been enjoying summer in Portland, including a recent string (ten as of this writing) of 90 degree or hotter days. Which has me thinking about "the dog days of summer." It's a strange turn of phrase which I thought might have been coined sometime in the last century. I was surprised to learn, however, that the phrase actually dates back to ancient Rome! "Caniculares dies" or "days of the dogs" was what the Romans called the time between the first week of July through the second week of August. So, of course, the next question rises, "Why dogs?" For that answer, we have to reach for the stars. Specifically, the constellation named Orion. Orion is often referred to as "the hunter" and it is situated nearby another constellation called Canis Major, (Latin for "greater dog"). According to myth, Canis Major is one of Orion's hunting dogs.

Hang in there with me, now ... One of the stars found in Canis Major is Sirius (not to be confused with the "Siri" who lives in my iPhone). Sirius is also called (for some unknown reason) the "Dog Star" and with the exception of our sun, it is the brightest star visible from Earth, making it easy to track, even for early astronomers. During the Roman Spring, Sirius is visible in the southwest after sunset. But by the time mid-summer rolls around, Sirius rises and falls with the sun, making it impossible to see.

The early Romans knew Sirius was still there, in the sky with the sun when the weather was hottest. This led them to imagine that Sirius must be adding to the heat to create – aha! – the "dog days of summer!"

I hope you are finding ways to relax, renew, and maybe even keep cool this summer. Our **Soulstice** worship services at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings are a great way to do just that! August 14, join us in the Fireside Room for "Emergent" worship using sensory and interactive experiences. You won't want to miss the **Soulstice** service on Thursday, August 21 with Bluegrass worship featuring the Montavilla Gospel Bluegrass Band. Our final **Soulstice** service will be Thursday, August 28 at a local park, check fumcpdx.org for the specific locale.

We all know the "dog days" will not last forever. But what we choose to do with them – the connections we make, the renewal we receive, and the refreshment we enjoy – can help us keep "wagging more and barking less" far into the coming fall.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Donna

DISCIPLE

DISCIPLE ... Beyond Bible Study

Several folks have expressed an interest in serious Bible study in the context of a small group experience, and a progressive theology. Pastor Donna and Megan Jones are considering offering DISCIPLE Bible study at First Church in the fall. This is a 32-week experience, limited to no more than 15 persons in a class. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM beginning September 17. In addition to the weekly class meetings you will be reading almost the entire Bible. The best part of DISCIPLE is the "so what?" questions it asks, and the response it evokes in deepening one's own walk with God.

If you would like to learn more about DISCIPLE, come to an orientation on Sunday, August 10 at noon in the Fireside Room. If you already know you want to participate, fill out the registration form below and send it back to the church office along with a \$20 deposit. Total cost for the course is \$40 per person.

DISCIPLE Bible Study

REGISTRATION

Name

Email

Phone

Please enclose a \$20 deposit to hold your space (class is limited to 15).
Total cost is \$40/person
Return this form to the church office.



All-Church Sunday Funday

Come to the all-church event, Sunday, August 17. Join your First Church family as we enjoy an afternoon in the sun at Sellwood Park, Site H. We will begin at 4:00 PM and end at dusk. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch, and plan to enjoy an afternoon of field games, water games, community building, and relaxation.

For questions contact Megan Jones at: mjones@fumcpdx.org

pray

Prayers of Celebration

Marty & Margaret Martin, on the recent birth of their grandson, *Kieran Ziboon Martin*, born July 14, 2014 ...

Robert & Dawn Wilson, on the recent marriage of their daughter, *Claire Wilson to Haley Rhoden* ...

Ralph Bolliger and Peggy Cook, on their marriage on Saturday, August 2 ...

Prayers of Concern

Al Dobbins, will have back surgery August 8 ...
Marti Lucas, recently diagnosed with cancer ...

Prayers of Sympathy

Claire Rives, died on Sunday, July 20, a memorial service at First Church on Saturday, August 16 at 2:00 PM.

Expressions of Gratitude

Judy and I are truly grateful for the prayers of our pastors and church family for my sister Sara in Illinois. They certainly helped. She is now continuing rehabilitation in her home.

Bob & Judy Hetzer

enjoy



Yamhill/Carlton Historic Tour

Enjoy a piece of Oregon history on September 13 with a visit to the charming communities of Yamhill and Carlton. Featured will be a tour of the Yamhill United Methodist Church, founded in 1849, with the current church built in the Gothic Revival style in 1898 ... also, a restored Queen Anne house. Our guide will be Jeffrey G. Barlow, PhD, Professor Emeritus of History, Pacific University. Enjoy the Carlton Crush Harvest Festival with live music and entertainment and food from many local restaurants. Cost: \$20 / Lunch on your own

The registration deadline is:
August 22, 2014

learn

Christianity in a Changing World

is an adult class studying: *What a Friend They Had in Jesus*, by Harry Cook. It is a discussion of the culture, history, and theology of 19th and early 20th century hymnology and how that might continue or contrast with our current theological inquiries.

9:00 AM/Room 202

Short-Term Summer Classes ...

These are one or two week classes, on a topic at a time. 9:00 AM/Room 110

August 10

The Gospel of Dr. Seuss,
Led by Rev. Donna Pritchard

August 17

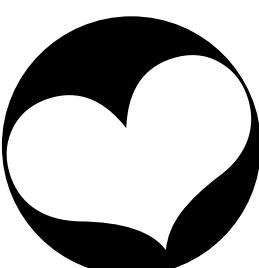
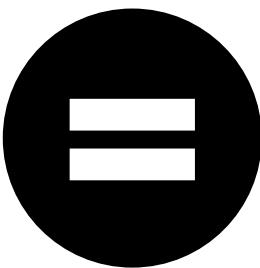
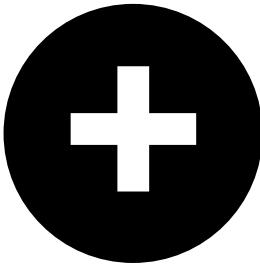
Mindfulness, Led by Dr. Kim Hutchison

Contemplative Living:

An Experience of Spiritual Deepening is each Monday through August 25 from 5:30-7:00 PM. Join us for a light supper, followed by teaching and a chance to try on some contemplative practices to deepen our connection with God and one another. Led by Rev. Donna and Rev. Sheldon Hurst, a certified Spiritual Director.

Fall Semester of Small Groups

is starting up in September!
We have new groups starting every semester as our laity share their passion for a topic to study, an activity to do together, or a regular meal to share with folks. Please contact Rev. Jeremy by August 18 if you would like to lead a small group or know of a need for one covering a particular area. Sign up begins on September 14!



2014 Downtown Compassion Clinic Returns

First Church is again helping to sponsor the annual Downtown Compassion Clinic at the Portland Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, August 16. This one-day event is focused on providing free medical and dental care to the under-insured, the uninsured, and the homeless members of our downtown community.

For \$32 you can provide medical care for one person to receive medical attention and other much needed services. Last year, First Church raised enough in donations to fund the treatment services for approximately 60 low-income patients. This year our goal is 62!

Church and Society members will be collecting donations during Coffee Hour in Collins Hall, through Sunday, August 10. All donations are welcome. This is the only fundraising effort of the year for Church & Society.

Volunteers are also needed the day of the Clinic. There will be information in Collins Hall on specific volunteer opportunities. Contact Mark Ohlson, 503/228-3195, ext. 220 or Debby Fisher, 503/645-4802 if you have questions.

Please visit their website: downtowncompassion.org.

Goose Hollow Family Shelter

Portland Homeless Family Solutions operates the only shelter this side of the Willamette that supports homeless families with children and remains open year round. Both our Goose Hollow Shelter and the Thirteen Salmon Family Center day shelter rely on the generosity of donors to provide guests with the best possible experience. Small, regular donations help the shelter operate smoothly and best serve our guests. Please drop donations in the box located between Collins Hall and the nursery. This month's needs:

Trimet passes
(Adult, All-Day)

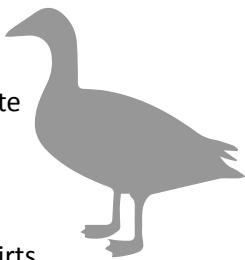
Children's Toothpaste

Diaper Rash Cream

Baby Shampoo

New Adult Undershirts
(mens, all sizes)

Adult Underwear
(S, M, L for men & women)



more ways to serve

School Supplies August Drive

Join Families in Action for our annual Back to School Supply Drive. Donations will be collected in the narthex during the month of August and redistributed to William Walker Elementary and The Goose Hollow Family Shelter. Please visit the website for a list of suggested items.

- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Color Pencils
- Markers
- Erasers
- Pocket Folders
- 4" or 5" scissors
- Rulers
- Black Sharpies
- Kleenex Boxes



Tabitha Circle

Tabitha Circle has a new meeting day in August. On Monday, August 18 they will meet from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Room 202. Beginning in September, they will meet regularly on the second Monday of the month. The invitation is out to those who like to do needle craft, knitters, those who crochet and sewers. They are trying to complete 100 baby gowns and sweater/jackets before the September UMCOR trip. They also plan to sew UMCOR school bags, mend the robes for the cherub choir and make some Biblical costumes for the Sunday School rooms. Chair: Kay Ward 503/915-7974



Mark Chamberlin Award

At the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the UMC, Pat Brockman was awarded The Mark Chamberlin Award. It is given by The Methodist Federation for Social Action for exemplifying the highest practices and ideals of servanthood in the cause of justice. Pat's life has been lived in service to God and others. As a young wife and mother, Pat served on missionary posts that included the Philippines and Papua New Guinea. She later earned her graduate degree in social work.

Pat Brockman has been a valued member of Portland First United Methodist Church. She has served as Lay Leader, led the Global Missions committee, served on the UMW Board, as well as singing in the choir. Additionally, Pat served as a long-term volunteer at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter and participated in the UMVIM trips to Guatemala, Brazil, and Palestine/Israel. Pat has served as an advocate for the needy, the poor and the marginalized. She also worked with OR-ID Chapter of the MFSA helping to lead the ongoing struggle for social justice.



Summer Interns Forum

On Sunday, August 17, there will be a forum at noon in the Fireside Room. A light lunch will be served. Our two Greathouse Interns, Aveline Ollinger and Maggie Zach, will share their summer internship experiences. Aveline is working with Imagine No Malaria and Maggie is doing administrative projects at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter.



Stephen Ministry

In July, Stephen Ministers gathered for a picnic to honor Joan Jozwiak who, after 16 years, is retiring as a Stephen Minister. Over the years she has worked both as a Stephen minister and as a trainer. Joan said the most rewarding times were providing care for individuals and coming to know the other Stephen Ministers. Thank you, Joan, for all you have shared in this caring ministry.

A graphic logo for the Circuit Rider newsletter. It features a black silhouette of a quill pen in an ink bottle on the left, and the letters "CR" in a large, stylized white font on the right.

Newsletter Schedule

This will be the last issue of the Circuit Rider for the summer. The next issue of the CR will be mailed on Wednesday, September 3 along with our Summer Program Guide. For the most up to date First Church news, go directly to our website: fumcpdx.org

Summer SOULSTICE

Thursday Night Worship

It has been an exciting summer at First Church! Many people have enjoyed our Thursday Night Summer Soulstice series. There are three more opportunities to be a part of this series. Each Thursday service begins at 7:00 PM. Our final Thursday service will be an outdoor worship experience at a local park, check fumcpdx.org for the specific locale.

EMERGENT AUGUST 14

BLUEGRASS AUGUST 21

OUTDOOR AUGUST 28

7PM





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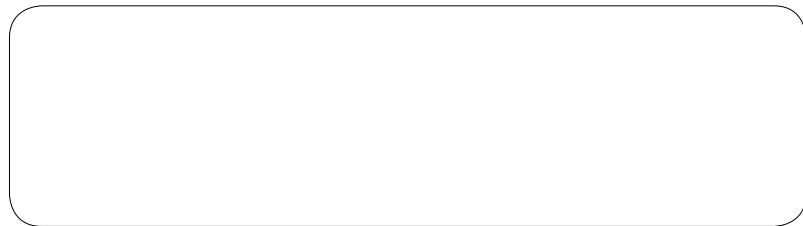
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the pathway leads us home.

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