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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR an Aloha LUAU



Rally Sunday will have an Hawaiian theme this year! Come help us celebrate Rally Sunday by wearing your favorite festive island shirt or skirt to worship! Following Sunday there will be an **Aloha Luau Potluck Lunch** and **Ministry Fair** in Collins Hall. Hawaiian chicken and rice will be provided, you just bring a side dish to share! The Ministry Fair will be a fun opportunity to check out the vast array of ministry and mission opportunities at First Church.

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.



INSIDE | Color Me Fantastic Pictures



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



Aloha, ohana! Ho'olu komo la kuaa ... Hello, family! Please join us ... Sunday, September 7 is Rally Day, when we will officially kick off the new church program year with a Luau celebration in Collins Hall following worship. We'll share a really 'ono (delicious) lunch, while we learn about all the ways to become involved in the life of this congregation.

And, there is a lot to learn! Did you know that we have four children's choirs, (two vocal and two handbell), an adult handbell choir, AND our Chancel Choir for youth and adults?

Did you know you can travel the world with our very own First Church Travel Committee, or be a short-term mission worker through our Global Mission Committee? Did you know you can help advocate for sustainable environmental practices as a part of Planet Church committee, or help eliminate hunger and work for peace with justice with our Church and Society committee?

Did you know you can explore progressive theology and learn about the Bible in Sunday morning classes for all ages? Did you know you can develop relationships of trust and grow in your spirituality through fellowship groups, Sunday morning worship, Reconciling Ministries, and short-term mid-week classes? Did you know you can find support for specific issues in your life through recovery groups and fellowship groups based on particular ages and stages of life?

And, did you know that even beyond the direct, hands-on ministries of this church, we provide hospitality and make possible the work of many community groups? In just one typical month this year, we provided 580 hours of facility use to such diverse groups as the Portland Columbia Symphony, the Portland Symphonic Choir, the Alliance Francaise de Portland, La Scuola Italiana di Portland, New Avenues for Youth, New City Initiative, Jefferson Condo Homeowners Association, the City of Portland, Metropolitan Public Defenders, Oregon State Bar Association, Willamette Valley Development Officers, Multnomah County Dept. of Human Services, four 12-Step Recovery groups, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and the Oregon Repertory Singers!

Whew! It's enough to take your breath away! And all of this is why we are working hard to care for not only our ministries ... but also our facilities. I hope you know by now that we are in the midst of a capital campaign to care for our 57-year-old buildings and parking lots. During the Rally Day Aloha Luau, you'll get the latest update on the campaign and have a chance to pledge your support if you have not already done so.

Because, as you know, the church can only be strong on Rally Day and all our days, if we understand what the Hawaiians would call "kakou" – the realization that we are in this together, and that the church is family (in the best and broadest sense of the word), for all of us.

Me ka aloha pumehana ... With kindest regards and warm aloha,

Rev. Donna



Nancy Hascall

Nancy, director of Sanctuary Bells at First Church, passed away on August 13 after a valiant struggle with cancer. Her memorial service will be on September 19 at 2:00 PM at the Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego.

Nancy began as a handbell ringer and went on to become a conductor, soloist, clinician, composer, and arranger.

She directed the First Church Sanctuary Bells for over 20 years. Over the years she took them to a variety of conventions, where they rang in massed handbell choirs.

Nancy taught and conducted at numerous handbell events throughout the Northwest and nationally. She authored articles on ringing techniques for Overtones.

Nancy will be missed greatly in the world of handbells and by her First Church family, whose lives she touched in ministry and music.



The success of our Color Me Fantastic Arts Camp is due to our volunteers: Nancy Nordwall | Martha Powell | Aveline Ollinger | Erin Riley | Doug Force Anne Kayser | Dick Storment | Shirley Blalock | Phyllis Leonard | Frey Stearns Allyson Inouye | Rosa Parent | Sophia Parent | Josh Martin | Amaya Smole Beth Lindsay | Camryn Hoefner | Kay Ward | Bob Wilson | Josh Hauser Special thanks to our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator: Megan Jones for coordinating this wonderful event for our children!

Pathfinders Fellowship

Pathfinders Fellowship will gather on Saturday, September 6 at 11:30 AM in Room 202. We will gather for coffee and conversation and then share a lunch from the potluck table at noon. Please call the Outlays at 503/649-9801 if you plan to attend and the dish you will provide. After the business meeting, Terry Connell, a retired colonel with the Army Corps of Engineers, will show a DVD on the building of the Panama Canal. The canal is celebrating it's 100 year anniversary!

Prayers of Sympathy

Nancy Hascall, died on August 13, 2014. Her service will be September 19 at 2:00 PM at the Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego.

Nan Schueler, died on August 24, 2014. Her service was Sunday, August 31 in the First Church chapel.

Prayers of Rejoicing and Concern

Kayla Carruth is now home, following back surgery.
Frances LeFever, recovering from surgery.



Rev. Donna Pritchard

It was just announced that Donna Pritchard was awarded first place in the 2014 "Earth Words" contest, established by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Oregon Interfaith Power & Light. This award recognizes excellence in preaching on creation care. Donna was honored for her beautiful sermon series, "It's a God Thing," preached in February of 2014.

The prizes are a Powell's gift certificate along with six items from the Shop IPL store for use in our congregation.

Planet Church would like to congratulate Donna for this well-deserved honor, as well as for her contribution to the homiletics of creation care.

All sermons given at First Church can be found online at fumcpdx.org





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SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2014



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SUNDAYS AT FIRST CHURCH



MORNING WORSHIP SERIES

Sundays at 10:30 AM



September | **Reality Christianity**
Using the images of "Reality TV"
to speak to some of the truths of
Christianity.



October | **It Is Written:
Making Peace with the Bible**
What do we do with difficult images
of God found in the Bible and our
society?



November | **Just Our Imagination?**
Exploring the unlimited imagination
of God's vision for our lives and our
world through the Beatitudes.



EVENING TAIZE WORSHIP

Taize continues in the fall at
First Church! Come join for this
contemplative time of music, prayer,
and reflection.

Sunday, September 28
at 5:00 PM in the Chapel

Sunday, October 26
at 5:00 PM in the Chapel

Sunday, November 30
at 5:00 PM in the Chapel

ADULT MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Education

Christianity in a Changing World
gathers every Sunday at 9:00 AM in
Room 202. This fall they will begin a
lively adult discussion of Catherine
Keller's, **On the Mystery**. "Creative,
witty, and wise, it traces an adventure
of the spirit for thinking folk, one
that doesn't duck difficult questions
but finds new ways through them."
Everyone welcome.

The Gathering is a community of
parents of school-age children.
We meet at the same time as the
children's choirs and youth Sunday
school: 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings
in Room 204. Rev. Jeremy leads us
each week in a time of conversation
and support ... it beats waiting in the
car or at Starbucks!

Making Sense of the Bible is a
video series featuring Rev. Adam
Hamilton, pastor of the largest UMC
in the world. This series will run from
September 14 through November 2,
Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in
Room 110.





WELCOME

If you are new to First Church, here are a few things that you might like to know ...

The Commons AM and The Commons in Collins Hall

Come to Collins Hall on Sundays from 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM. We'll be open for coffee, juice, snack and conversation. Then join us after the worship service for the Commons in Collins Hall and sign up for an activity, get information on a current issue, check out a book ... or just have coffee with a friend. Follow the signs from the sanctuary.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available on Sunday mornings in Room 211 from 9:00 AM through the worship service each week. It is available for infants through two years of age. For more information see page 8.

A Word about Parking

In addition to the parking next to the church, there is also parking available in the lots to the east of the sanctuary. Visitor parking and parking for senior citizens is specially marked near the front doors. The MAX and Tri-Met buses stop at First Church's entrance onto Jefferson Street.

Greeters are Here to Help!

Have a question? Our greeters wear white stoles (strips of fabric) and are by the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Ask them any question and they'll be able to find an answer for you.



NEWCOMERS

First Church Orientations will be held on September 21 and November 23.

New to First Church? Longtime visitor looking to get more involved? We offer First Church Orientations bimonthly just for you! We gather after Sunday worship for a light lunch (hosted by our Newcomers Team), presentation and Q&A with our clergy, and a guided building tour. Child care is provided and we conclude by about 1:30 PM. RSVP with Rev. Jeremy (jsmith@fumcpdx.org).



Want to Go Deeper?

In the fall and spring, the Newcomers Team offers a small group, "Going Deeper," that meets for three weeks of supper and Methodism 101. It is taught by our clergy. Sign up in the Small Group guide or by contacting Rev. Jeremy or Martha Powell.

CARING/CALLING & PASTORAL CARE

First Church seeks to provide pastoral care for those who are: sick at home or in the hospital, in a time of personal or family crisis, experiencing grief following a death, or in need of caring support. We also seek to keep regular contact with our home bound members. Pastoral care is provided by all the clergy staff as they work with members and friends of the church. The women of the church have a prayer shawl ministry in which they make and gift shawls to persons experiencing major health issues. They are often presented in the chapel following a Sunday worship or given during pastoral calls. Specific needs and requests should be directed to Rev. Dick Storment, our Minister of Pastoral Care who can be reached at 503/228-3195 ext 233 or at dstorment@fumcpdx.org.

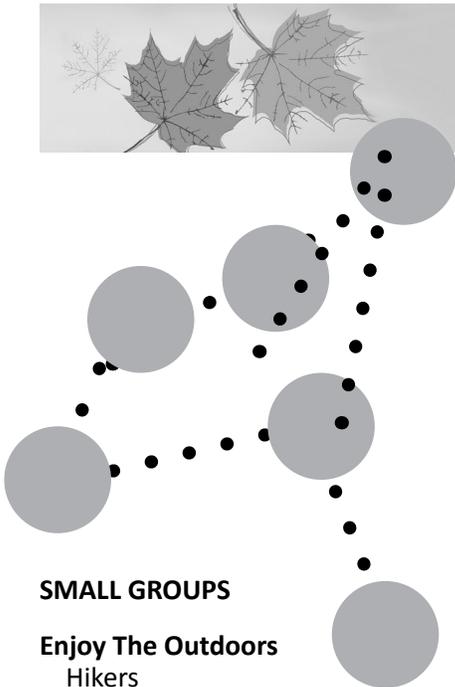
Stephen Ministry

For a number of years we have had an active Stephen ministry program at First Church, which provides caring Christian support and friendship through a trained lay ministry team. These individuals provide a listening ear when a crisis arises. They are there when you are dealing with a death, prolonged illness, or other challenges. The members receive intensive training and ongoing supervision and training. To receive the services of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Dick Storment through the church office.

visit our website at fumcpdx.org



CONNECT



SMALL GROUPS

Enjoy The Outdoors

- Hikers
- First Church Birders
- *RESTARTED* Waterfront Walkers

Fellowship Groups

- Ping Pong and Board Games
- Bridge Group
- Pathfinders Fellowship
- Terwilliger Fellowship
- Willamette View Fellowship
- All-Comers Book Club | Evenings

Study Groups

- *NEW* Disciple Bible Study
- *NEW* Spiritual Direction
- Going Deeper

Service Groups

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

Supper Groups

- *RESTARTED* Regional Supper & Lunch Groups

Interest Groups

- Reconciling Friends
- Chancel Choir
- Bells (for Adults & Young Adults)
- Financial Peace University

Common Experience Groups

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

Financial Peace University

(This group began September 4 and registration will be closed after September 12)

We're not a nation of savers. The typical American could not even cover a \$5,000 emergency without having to borrow money. This nine week class meets on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in Room 133. Come attend the first class and see if you running your money or if your money running you! Course facilitator is Karen Bolin. Child care is available if requested. Take action now!

DISCIPLE Bible Study

DISCIPLE Bible Study returns to First Church this year. It will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, September 17 through May 20. This in-depth look at the Bible is designed to not only help us get acquainted with the content and the context of Scripture, it also helps us develop our own response to God's call in our lives. Class size is limited to 20 and pre-registration is required. Contact Rev. Donna to sign up or for more information. The class is filling fast.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a process which helps us to recognize and tell our sacred stories in everyday living. If you would like to explore disciplines for your own spiritual journey, and connect with others on the way, consider joining the Spiritual Direction Group beginning in October. Dr. Sheldon Hurst will provide leadership for this group; look for more details in the Small Groups brochure.

Supper Groups

Supper groups return to First Church in October! We took a hiatus in the summer but they are back! Sign up to be paired with other folks in your area. For our longtime supper groups, you'll get to meet some new faces too! Sign up in the Small Groups guide coming out on September 14.



RETREATS

2014 Man Retreat

The First Church Men's Retreat will be November 7 and 8 (beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday and ending at 7:00 PM on Saturday at the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center just outside of Sandy, Oregon. Rev. Jeremy and Doug Force will lead this time of food, prayer, hiking, late-night board games, and devotion in the lush greenery. Hotel-style rooms, meals are provided.



2014 Women of Spirit Retreat

The First Church Women's Retreat will be November 14 and 15 (beginning at 6:00 PM on Friday and ending at 7:00 PM on Saturday at Camp Cascade, just outside Lyons, Oregon. We will play together, pray together, learn, love, and live together as "women of spirit" in a beautiful, comfortable setting. Open to all women of the church, this is a great gift to give to yourself!

BEYOND CHURCH WALLS



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Olive Oil Sale

On Sunday, September 21, Global Missions Committee will be selling award-winning Palestinian olive oil! First Church is an Interfaith Partner with Canaan Fair Trade, which pays a living wage to farmers for their crops. Your purchase makes it possible for Palestinian farmers in the West Bank to support their families.

Global Missions Presents! Kenya!

On October 5, Join us in the Fireside Room for lunch and to hear Betty Cobb-Colgan talk about her recent mission trip to Kenya! She will show slides and talk about the work of the latest Oregon-Idaho Conference Mission Team.

PLANET CHURCH

Chinook Book Coupon Kickoff

On Sunday, September 14, visit the Planet Church table after church on for a first look at the 2015 Chinook Books and Mobile Apps, a resource providing a treasure trove of coupons for discounts at eco-friendly local businesses. Revenue from the sale of Chinook Books supports the efforts of Planet Church, including eco-upgrades at First Church.

People's Climate March

Join Planet Church for the People's Climate March, on September 21. Churches, faith groups, international NGO's and grass roots organizations gather for a Climate March in Portland. It is a call for action on climate change. They will be commission during worship that morning. Meet in Room 110 after worship on September 21 for fellowship and a light lunch. At 12:45, we will leave and walk to Shemanski Park in the South Park Blocks. There will be music and speakers, and the event will end with a march through Southwest Portland.

First Church Birders

First Church Birders will visit the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday October 18.

Join us as we venture out to Sherwood and the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. We'll be looking at raptors, the influx of wintering waterfowl, and whatever else presents itself. We will meet at the refuge at 9:30 AM or meet at the church at 9:00 am for carpooling. Contact planetchurch@fumcpdx.org to register.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Imagine No Malaria Picnic

On September 21, following worship, we gather in Room 202 for a brown bag picnic, and fun and entertainment. Other congregations who have been working in raising awareness of Imagine No Malaria will join us. This is the capstone event organized by our 2014 Greathouse Intern, Aveline Ollinger.

The Oregon Food Bank

On September 27, join fellow First Church volunteers for a few hours at the Oregon Food Bank in Beaverton at 9:00 AM. Work with other community volunteers in repacking bulk food items into family-size containers for distribution to Portland's hungry families. Bring family and friends, too! Contact Mark Ohlson to sign up by September 21.

Voter Forum

David Leslie, the Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will lead a forum at First Church, after worship, on Sunday, October 12. David will bring and distribute papers written by EMO which describe in detail their positions on various ballot measures Oregon voters will be voting on in the November 4 General Election. A light lunch is provided and a Q&A session with EMO will follow.



Community Warehouse Drive

During October, Church and Society is asking your help in supporting Portland's Community Warehouse. We need your new or slightly used kitchen items as well as any extra linens you may not need any longer. They go to help get formerly homeless families back on their feet in new homes. Collection barrels will be placed in the narthex on October 12, 19, 26. Let's make houses into homes for those in need!



FISH Emergency Services

FISH donates emergency food supplies to Portland's hungry families. When you donate \$1 to FISH, they can buy about \$3 worth of food from the Oregon Food Bank, where most of their items come from. Once a year, First Church collects cash instead of food to help FISH. We'll have a table in the narthex November 16, 23, and 30 where in addition to non-perishable food, Church and Society volunteers will gratefully accept cash donations which will be given to FISH to buy the food items from the Oregon Food Bank that are most in demand.



TRANSFORM THE WORLD

RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Over 20 years ago, First Church members voted to become a “reconciling congregation,” the term United Methodists use for a church open and affirming to all people, regardless of sexual orientation. Today, members of Reconciling Ministries are active in all activities, leadership, and ministries of First Church. The group works toward full participation of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life of the international United Methodist Church, both in policy and in practice. All church members and visitors are welcome to attend Reconciling Ministries events.

Building An Inclusive Church | A Workshop on the Basics of the Reconciling Process

Join us October 25 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Fireside Room as we host a half-day workshop for UM churches in the Portland area. This is an opportunity to learn the basics of building an inclusive church and meet the leaders of our Reconciling Ministries Team in the Oregon-Idaho Conference. It is free and open to all. Space is limited so please register early. We will cover: LGBTQ 101 (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity), Graceful Engagement (Engaging Conflict Well), and Steps in Building an Inclusive Church.

Third Sunday Lunches

October 19 and November 16
These monthly lunches are a great opportunities for fellowship and support. We meet under the rainbow umbrella in Collins Hall and then either eat off site or have a brown-bag lunch on-site. Contact Bill at LGBTQ@fumcpdx.org for any questions.



PORTLAND HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTIONS

Volunteer at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter by playing with the children, making a meal, or staying overnight. This is one of the most rewarding volunteer positions that we offer because you really do get to interact with the families we serve quite a bit, and you can clearly see how you make a difference in the lives of these families. Check out the info at www.pdxhfs.org/volunteer and come to one of our monthly Volunteer Orientations:

Tuesday, October 7
5:00 PM in Room 201

Tuesday, November 4
5:00 PM in Room 201

Tuesday, December 2
5:00 PM in Room 201

Join us at the PHFS Family Reunion Fund Raiser on Friday, October 24th from 5-9pm. Our biggest fundraising event of the year, the 2014 PHFS Family Reunion Fund Raiser will include an evening of exciting games & family reunion fun, seated dinner, live auction, a paddle raise, and fantastic entertainment. We will be playing Celebrity Family Feud, PHFS Plinko, Mini Golf, and more. Plus, we'll have some surprise live entertainment to share with everyone. Tickets are \$100 and are on sale at pdxhfs.org. We hope to see you there!



NURTURE

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Nursery Care

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings for infants and young children, available at 9:00 AM until 12:15 PM. If a special event follows the morning worship service, nursery care will be extended. The nursery is also available during our regularly scheduled choir and hand bell rehearsals. Nursery staff are trained in First Aid and are CPR certified. The nursery can be requested for other events throughout the week. Please contact Megan Jones if you would like the nursery to be available for a special event.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes for children are held each Sunday morning from 10:45 AM (they will be dismissed from worship following the Children's Time) to 11:30 AM. Parents are to meet their children at their classroom following worship.

Nursery	Room 211
Pre-Kindergarten	Room 208
First & Second Grade	Room 206
Third & Fourth Grade	Room 133
Kindergarten	Room 205
Fifth & Sixth Grade	Room 125

Momentum (Grades Five & Six)

Momentum is a student ministry specially designed for fifth and sixth graders, focusing on Bible education, increased involvement in worship, character building, and nurturing peer interaction. Students participate in weekly Bible Study from 10:45 am to 11:30 am on Sunday mornings in Room 125 (the Youth Room). Our **Momentum Kick-off Party** will be Saturday, September 6 at 4:30 PM at the Hutchison's home. Please email Megan for directions.

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 28
Acolytes are an important part of our worship service and we depend on the children of the church to provide us with this tradition. On Sunday, September 28, Martha Connell, Acolyte Coordinator, along with Rev Jeremy will facilitate a training session in the sanctuary, following morning worship service. Both parents and students should plan to attend.

Super Sundays

Super Sundays are fun evening activity times for kids and an opportunity for parents to fellowship together. Children participate in planned activities at the church, hosted by Megan and other volunteers, while parents have dinner together at a restaurant of their choosing. Nursery is provided. The next Super Sunday will be Sunday, October 19 beginning at 5:00 PM.

Families In Action

Families in Action (FIA) is a bi-monthly service opportunity for the whole family to join with other families for fellowship while accomplishing acts of kindness. If you would like to receive more information about future Families in Action projects, please contact Jennifer Martin or Megan Jones.

Christmas Pageant Interest Rehearsal

On Sunday, November 2, students participating in Cherubs or Sound Seekers, should plan to attend a first reading and singing of our 2014 Christmas program. Parents should plan to attend in order to assist children in selecting parts. Lunch will be provided in Room 202 following the morning worship service.



Third Grade Bible Retreat

On November 1, all third grade students are invited to attend the Third Grade Bible Retreat. Join Megan and Rev. Jeremy for a fun day of Bible education, games, and food. On November 2, during the worship service, there will be a special presentation of Bibles.

Advent Wreaths & Chili Cook Off

On Sunday, November 30 the entire congregation is invited by Children & Family Ministries to Collins Hall following morning worship for a fun beginning to the Advent Season! Come dressed in your favorite Christmas sweater and work together as a family to construct an Advent Wreath for your home. Submit a pot of homemade chili in our Second Annual Chili Cook Off for a chance to take home the golden ladle. Stay tuned for entry forms and details.

What's Up Wednesdays

What's Up Wednesday, which provides details about children and family ministry news and upcoming events. If you are the parent of a Pre-Kindergarten to sixth grade child and would like to receive our weekly email newsletter, contact Megan Jones.

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GROW



CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Youth Bible Study

High School youth, grades 9-12, meet for Bible study in Megan's office at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. Our youth discuss Biblical and spiritual topics, current events, and subjects that are relevant to youth today.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation is offered to all of our 7th and 8th grade students. They meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 AM in Room 136. In addition to the class, supplemental field trips are available throughout, providing opportunities delve deeper into a particular topic, or to give students the opportunity to experience the worship practices of other faiths. During the spring months, eighth grade students will begin meeting with adult mentors.

Our **Confirmation Kick-off Party** will be Sunday, September 14 at the Kayser's' home, beginning at 1:00 PM.

Youth Music Program

Please see page 11 of this guide for more information on the youth music program.

Families In Action: Youth

Families in Action: Youth (FIA:Y) will be opportunities for youth and their families to join with other families for the purpose of service and fellowship. Much like our original FIA group, geared towards families with young children, FIA:Y will also incorporate a meal together and a service project. FIA:Y will give middle and high school students the opportunity to learn new skills, develop friendships, and give back to their community.

Our first FIA:Y project will be in Saturday, September 27. We will accompany Church & Society to the Oregon Food Bank in Beaverton, followed by lunch.



Chili Cook Off

On Sunday, November 30, all middle and high school youth will help with our annual Chili Cook Off. Students will set up, bake cornbread and desserts, as well as stay to clean up after the event. Families are encouraged to submit a pot of chili. All proceeds raised will help fund our Youth Winter Retreat.

Shout OUT!

Shout OUT! provides details about youth ministry news and upcoming events. If you are a youth or the parent of youth and would like to receive our weekly email newsletter, please contact Megan Jones.

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YOUNG ADULTS

A Young Adults Game Night is scheduled for Friday, October 10. Gather in the Fireside Room at 7:00 PM. Bring games and "game friendly snacks" or just yourself! (No dinner will be served.)

The Young Adult Fellowship meets monthly (date/time varies). Contact Rev. Donna to receive these email updates.



September 7
Rally Day & Hawaiian Luau

October 5
World Communion Sunday & Special Offering

October 26
Fall Festival

November 2
All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 30
First Sunday of Advent UM Student Day Special Offering Advent Wreath Making Chili Cook Off



VIBRANT LIVING

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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.

UMW Unit Gatherings

UMW Unit Gatherings are the first Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room.

October 1

The Church and People with Disabilities

Featured speaker Rev. Janine DeLaunay, pastor of Aloha UMC, is passionate about the church and people with Disabilities.

November 5

Pledge Service

Come celebrate & commit to supporting UMW's local, national, & global outreach. Our Program features the Sunshine Division of the Portland Police Department, which provides food and clothing relief to Portland families and individuals in need.

Special UMW Fall Events ...

Columbia District UMW Annual Meeting

This gathering will be October 11 at Trinity UMC, Portland, OR, facilitated by Dixie Jacky, President of the Oregon/Idaho United Methodist Women. The theme is "Make it Happen." We will share experiences of the 2014 Assembly.



Oregon-Idaho Conference UMW Annual Meeting

The Oregon-Idaho Conference will be October 25 at Eugene First UMC.

Circles

Circle Of Friends

Fourth Wednesdays at noon in Room 202 Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.

Naomi Circle

Fourth Thursdays at 2:00 PM in the Club Room of Terwilliger Plaza.

Ruth Circle

Third Wednesdays at noon in Room 202. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.

Tabitha Sewing Circle

Second Mondays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Room 202. Projects include baby gowns and sweater/jackets, school bags, mend the robes for the cherub choir and make Biblical costumes for the Sunday School rooms.

Reading Group | Book Chat

First Wednesdays at 1:00 PM, after UMW Unit meeting in the Fireside Room. Join us as we discuss and explore new insights. Books are selected to expand understanding and participation in God's mission for humanity in this changing world.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE

A Preview Eastern Canada

On Sunday, September 14, please join us at noon in the Fireside Room for a preview presentation of Eastern Canada. Highlights include: historic sights such as McGill University and Notre Dame Cathedral in Montreal, traditional maple syrup making, and the 1000 Islands between the US and Canada. See the power of Niagara Falls from the Canadian side.



Portland State University Science & Engineering Tour

Join us on November 18 to visit Portland State University, a 50-acre campus near the Portland Park Blocks, along with the new science complex on the waterfront. Central to the tour will be breakthrough research within the College of Engineering and new innovations in the teaching of science found in the new integrated facilities. Sign up for more information.

Coming in December

Great Hymns of Faith

We will travel to the Collins Retreat Center for hymn singing and learning their stories, led by the Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett. Registration deadline is November 30.

JOYFUL MUSIC



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir sings for Sunday morning worship services. Directed by Erick Lichte (pronounced Light), it rehearses on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All are welcome to sing in this volunteer choir.

The Sanctuary Bell Choir

The Sanctuary Bell Choir, under the direction of Kris Sparks, rehearses on Wednesday evenings in Room 202 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The first rehearsal for the fall will be September 10. They provide music for worship at First Church several times a year, playing five (and sometimes six octaves of Schulmerich Handbells. The only requirement for membership in Sanctuary Bells is the ability to read music. Beyond that, anyone who desires to learn, and will make a personal commitment to regular attendance, is encouraged to participate.

For more information about participating in the First Church music program, contact Kelly Qualls: 503/228-3195 x 235 kqualls@fumcpdx.org

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN The Cherub Choir

The Cherub Choir, directed by Nancy Nordwall, is for children that must be 4 by September 1 through Second Grade. This choir meets on Sunday mornings in Room 206 from 9:30 – 10:15.

They will sing on:
October 19 | November 23
December 21

The Sound Seekers Choir

The Sound Seekers Choir is directed by Ronnee Edwards. All third through sixth grade children are welcome. This choir rehearses on Sunday mornings in Room 130 from 9:30 – 10:15. They will sing on:
October 5 | December 21

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

juBELLation Handbell Choir
juBELLation, directed by Karin McDonough, is the youth/young adult handbell choir. They rehearse on Thursday evenings in Room 202 from 5:15 to 7:00 PM. The first rehearsal for the fall will be September 11.

Genesis Handbell Choir

Genesis, also directed by Karin, is for beginning handbell players and meets on Sunday mornings after church in Room 130. The first rehearsal for the fall will be September 10.



Jonas Nordwall

performing at

Temple Beth Israel

1972 NW Flanders
& 19th Street, Portland

September 21 | 4PM

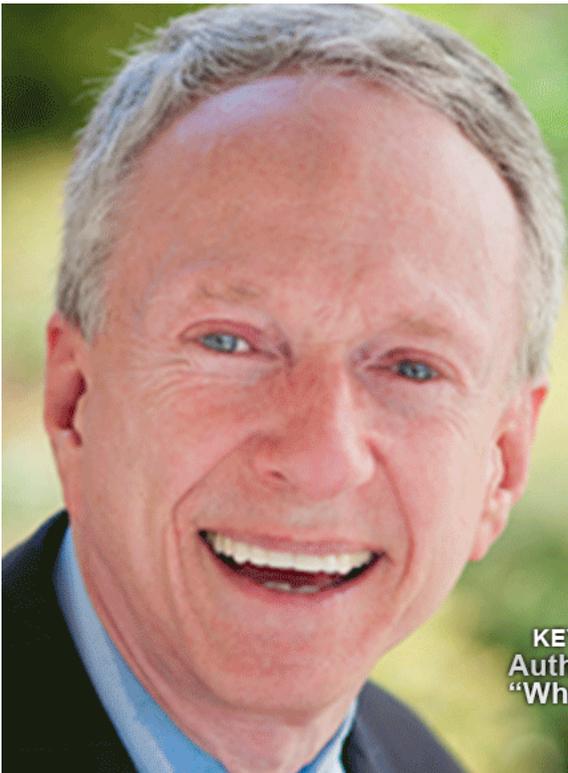
with special guests

Cantor Ida Rae Cahana
of Temple Beth Israel

The Chancel Choir of
Portland's First United Methodist Church

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Parenting Your Parents

A FREE FLOWING DISCUSSION ABOUT A SUBJECT THAT MATTERS TO EACH OF US

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PORTLAND

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4

9:30 AM - NOON DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER **JIM COMER**
Author of the book "When Roles Reverse: A Guide to Parenting Your Parents"

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WITH
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TO HEAL



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The people of The United Methodist Church

Make the healing real. Visit
ImagineNoMalaria.org or text
Malaria to 27722 to give \$10.

SAVE A LIFE



During October and November, First Church will be leading a series of community outreach activities to raise awareness for Imagine No Malaria. [We need volunteers like you.](#)

e-mail us at register@fumcpdx.org and we'll keep you informed about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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