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## BEYOND WORDS

# RECLAIMING *the* Great Society: PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTIVISM

IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

**Saturday, February 28**

**Reclaiming the Great Society:  
Progressive Political Activism  
in the 21st Century**

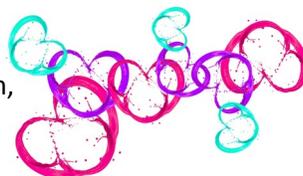
Saturday, February 28  
8:30 am to Noon | Collins Hall

This public event is sponsored by Church & Society, Planet Church, Reconciling Ministries and United Methodist Women of Portland First UMC. It will feature an informative discussion with professional lobbyists and local representatives about how we can help make change happen!

For more information, email Emily Wright at [emily.a.wright2014@gmail.com](mailto:emily.a.wright2014@gmail.com)

### 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.



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Spring  
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**a message  
from  
our  
Pastor**

**Rev. Donna  
Pritchard**

#### FROM THE PASTOR

This week we enter into the season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday and culminates with Easter Sunday. The season is all about following Jesus on the path that leads from one life into new life, from death into resurrection. Along the way we are given the opportunity to reflect and to repent.

Marcus Borg reminds us that ...

*Repentance is not primarily about feeling guilty about our sins, or about doing penance (think of the common practice of giving something up during Lent, whether meat or chocolate or alcohol or shopping, and so forth).*

*The Biblical meanings of repenting are primarily twofold. On the one hand, it means to “return” to God, to “reconnect” with God. On the other hand, it means “to go beyond the mind that we have” – minds shaped by our socialization and enculturation.*

This understanding of repentance is helpful for our Lenten journey this year. Sunday morning sermons will help us to go beyond the mind we have by considering the “Seven Respectable Sins” – the ordinary ways we regularly separate ourselves from God’s intentions for us and our own highest potential.

Then on Wednesday evenings, we will learn about some of the saints of history and saints of the present moment. We will see in their lives models of connection to God which may inspire our own return. (Supper is served from 5:30-6:15; study is from 6:15-6:55).

I hope you will join us on this Lenten journey as together we connect not only to God but to God’s new life for each of us.

Grace and Peace,  
*Rev. Donna*



**Call for “Favorite Things”**

Do you have a favorite t-shirt, quilt, or any other object that could be hung up for display? The Creative Spirits’ theme for the Collins showcase in March is: “Our Favorite Things.” We are looking to display your favorite objects! Could you part with them for a month? It will be a fascinating look into what the people of First Church sees as “their favorite things.” Anyone can participate!

The exhibit will begin on Sunday March 1 and will be up until Sunday, April 12. . Please send a description of the exhibit to Larry Sawyer larry\_sawyer@comcast.net by Thursday February 26, so that he can prepare display descriptions.



**Prayers of Joy**

*Pete Klimecky and Allison Caruthers, on the birth of their son, Colin Jacob, born February 3, 2015 ....*

**Prayers of Sympathy**

*Gary Kibble’s family, Gary was a recent attender and participant in a recent Newcomer’s Orientation, died February 9, 2015 ...*

*The family of Chet Thomas, his wife Judy and his sister Nancy Nordwall, on the death of Chet Thomas. Chet died on February 13, 2015 ...*

**Prayers of Concern**

*Jayden, son of Derek Parker and Katie Cadigan, on a recent appendectomy ...*

*Peggy Rockwood, recovering from knee surgery ...*

*Dortha Gibson, who was recently hospitalized ...*

*Dorothy Perkins, mother of Phyllis Leonard, was hospitalized after a fall ...*



**It’s Time to Prune Roses!**

Join the Shovel and Rake Gang to help prune the roses in the church rose garden on Thursday, February 26 at 9:00 am. Master Gardener, Dr. David Rullman, will demonstrate proper rose pruning for the best health of the plants and for maximum flowering. Bring gloves and pruners if you have them. The Shovel and Rake Gang meets weekly on Thursday mornings. This group maintains the church grounds and the Conference Center grounds. Members work several hours with a mid-morning break for coffee and a snack. All are welcome to join in for one Thursday, or on a regular basis.



**First Church Kid’s Arts Camp: Let Your Light Shine**  
 Illuminating God’s Love and exploring our talents through Music, Art, & Drama  
 August 17-21, 2015 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



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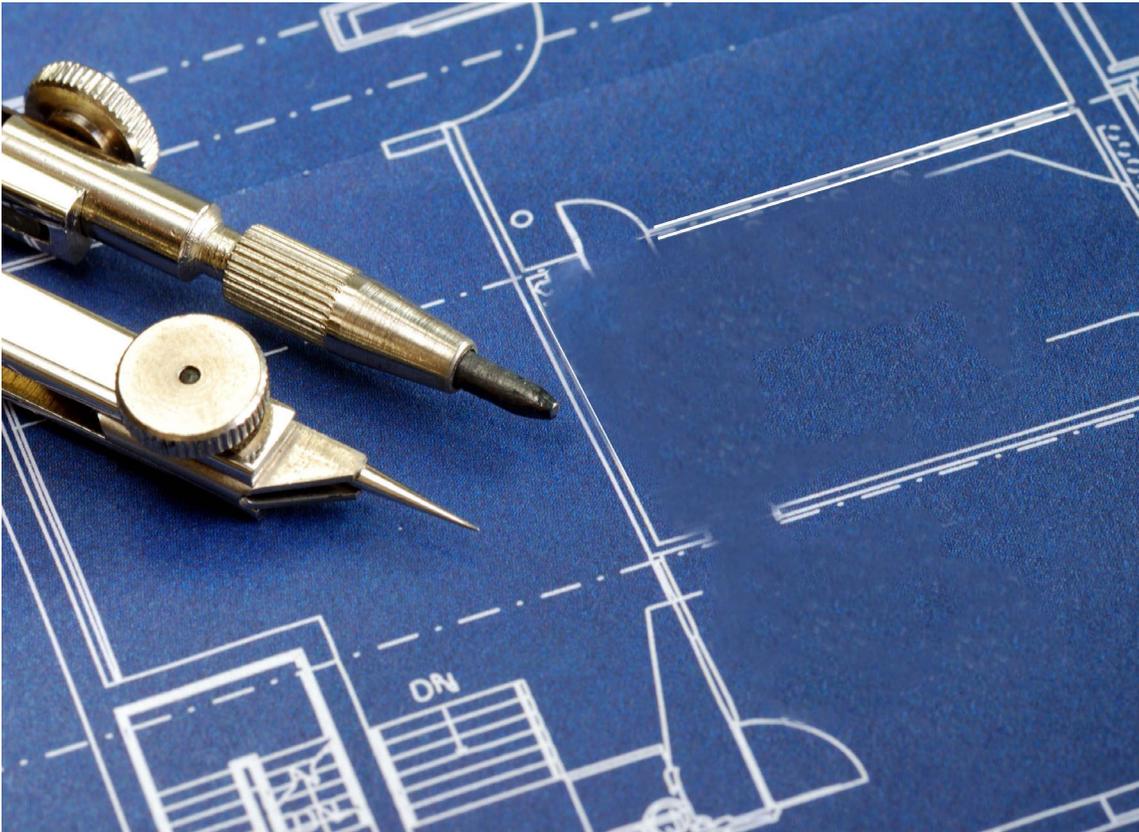
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The Vision  
Continues to  
Unfold

On Sunday,  
February 22,  
see how the  
vision of the  
Sanctuary  
Renovation  
continues to  
unfold.





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# SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

MARCH - MAY 2015



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# CHANGES ARE COMING



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**Worship in Collins Hall in Mid-May 2015**

Plans are moving forward to begin remodeling work in our Sanctuary in mid-May. While contractors and technicians are busy putting in LED lighting, refinishing cork and replacing carpeting, changing out windows and installing a video system, we will move our Sunday morning worship services to Collins Hall, at least through the summer months. Stay tuned for more details. Also, check out the project drawings in the narthex beginning on February 22.

We are still receiving gifts to offset the cost of these much needed improvements. You can donate online at [www.fumcpdx.org/donate](http://www.fumcpdx.org/donate) or by marking your check for Capital Campaign.

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# 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, 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 three 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 March 22 and May 17.

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?**

April 9, 16, 23 | 6:00 pm / Room 110  
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**

### **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. 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.

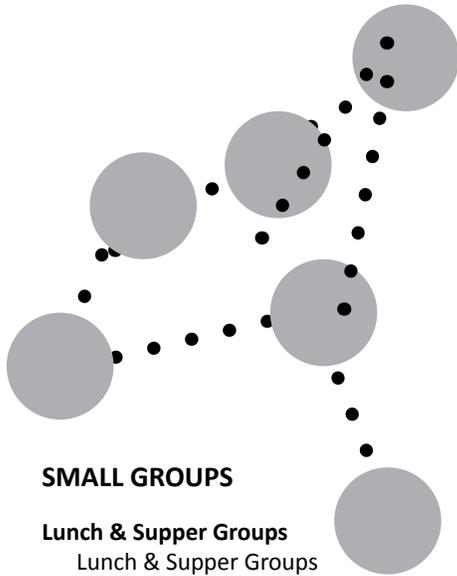
### **Stephen Ministry**

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](http://fumcpdx.org)**

# CONNECT



## SMALL GROUPS

### Lunch & Supper Groups

Lunch & Supper Groups

### Enjoy the Outdoors

First Church Birders  
Hikers  
Skiers and Snow Lovers

### Fellowship Groups

Ping Pong  
Bridge Group  
Pathfinders Fellowship  
Terwilliger Fellowship Group  
Willamette View Fellowship  
All-Comers Book Club - Evenings  
SWELL (Single Women Eat Lunch Late)  
SuperFans!

### Study Groups

Lenten Book Study: Slow Church  
Spiritual Direction  
Going Deeper: Methodism 101

### Service Groups

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

### Interest Groups

Reconciling Friends  
Financial Peace University  
Chancel Choir & Handbells  
P5 Robotics

### Shared Experience

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

go to [fumcpdx.org/groups](http://fumcpdx.org/groups)



## Financial Peace University

Come attend the first class and see what **you running your money** instead of **your money running you**, looks like! The next nine week Financial Peace University class will start on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm in Room 133. Course facilitator is Karen Bolin. Child care is available if requested. Take action now!

## P5 Robotics: Programming, Problem Solving, Perseverance, Partnership, and Play

(For parents & children)

This group will explore programming and robotics in a challenging, fun, and collaborative manner. We are initially considering parents with children in grades 3-5. There are no hard and fast rules other than the child must be able to developmentally and behaviorally participate in a reasonable manner. Sign up for more information. Facilitated by Phil Greenberg.

## Parenting for a New Age

Third Saturday Dinners,  
March 21, April 18, May 16  
at 5:30 pm / location to be announced

Being a parent is one of life's greatest joys. It also brings with it unique challenges at each stage of life. If your "kids" are in their 20s or 30s, living at home or on their own – join us for conversation, laughter and potluck supper, held in various homes. We'll start this quarter off with potluck at Rev. Donna's home in Beaverton. Email [dpritchard@fumcpdx.org](mailto:dpritchard@fumcpdx.org)

# RESPOND

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Great Society Lunch

February 28, Noon / Boise Fry Company (Burnside and SW 18th)  
After attending the Great Society advocacy forum (see page the front page of the Circuit Rider), join Rev. Jeremy for a no-host lunch to talk about how young adults can change the world—as well as catch up with one another!

### SOLVE Beach Party!

Saturday, March 28 / Netarts Bay Join Planet Church, the Young Adults and more for an early-Earth Day service project at the coast. SOLVE's annual Beach Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 28 and we'll be there. Our site will be at Netarts Bay, southwest of Tillamook, and the cleanup will be between 10:00 am and 1:00pm, with an opportunity for lunch at the coast afterward. Parking will be available at the site. To sign up, or for more information on the cleanup, carpooling or logistical details, email [planetchurch@fumcpdx.org](mailto:planetchurch@fumcpdx.org).

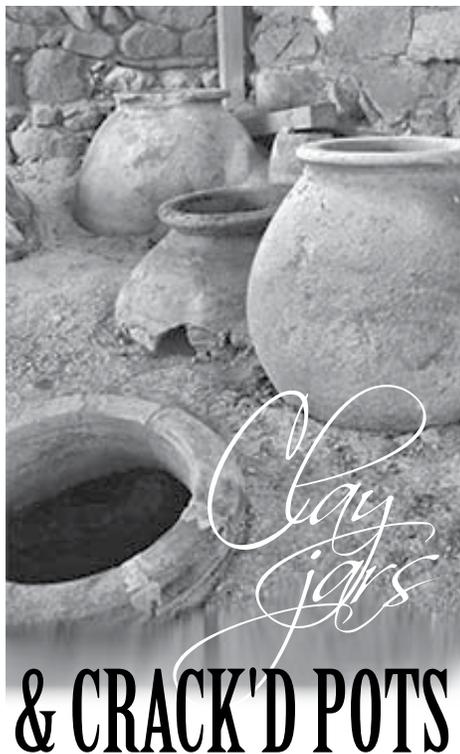
### SoulCollage®

Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm / Fireside Room  
Bring \$5 for lunch and your imagination to this workshop which helps you get in touch with your own inner wisdom! Rev. Donna will lead each person to make a series of collages. Pre-registration will help ensure adequate materials for everyone who wants to play along! [dpritchard@fumcpdx.org](mailto:dpritchard@fumcpdx.org)

### Young Adults Game Night

Friday, May 8 at 7:00 pm / Fireside Room  
A time for fellowship and excellent group games. Bring games and "game friendly snacks." (No dinner will be served.)

# TIME AWAY



*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*  
2 Corinthians 4:7

## **ALL CHURCH SPRING RETREAT**

Jars of Clay & Crack'd Pots: The World's Craziest Treasure Hunt

### **April 24-26 | Camp Magruder**

Register NOW for your space at this year's All Church Spring Retreat! Join us for a weekend of music, fun, friendship building, and relaxation at Camp Magruder along the beautiful Oregon coast, near Rockaway Beach. Through songs, games, arts, lively discussions, and reflection, we will consider the treasures within ourselves and how those can be used within our community and world. There will be something for everyone – singles, couples, families, youth, children – people of all ages! So grab your compass, pack a bag, and let's head for the high seas for this year's **Treasure Hunt**. Registration forms will be available online or in the church office after March 1.

# SUMMER CAMPS

Mark your calendars for Camp!  
The Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church is offering camps for ALL AGES:

### **Mini Camp | June 22-25**

For children who have completed 1st – 2nd grade

This is a great way to introduce young children to camp. Campers will have the opportunity to participate of activities and worship. They'll also build confidence in themselves and lasting friendships.

### **Beach Adventure Camp | June 21-26**

For children who have completed 3rd – 6th grade

Campers at Beach Adventure will have the opportunity to challenge themselves and choose their own adventure each day. Campers will explore their relationships with God, nature, and themselves through well supervised hands on activities while developing new friendships.

### **Celebrating the Arts | June 21-26**

For teen who have completed 6th – 8th grade

This camp focuses on music, art, and drama working towards a production to share with friends and family at the end of the week. Campers will also have the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities and nature exploration. Join old friends and new ones as we celebrate everybody's talents and gifts in the arts.

### **MADD Camp | June 21-27**

For teen who have completed 9th – 12th grade

During this exciting high energy week of camp you'll have the opportunity to focus on music, art, dance, drama, or technical design. We'll work together throughout the week to put together a production to share with family and friends. We'll also enjoy boating, swimming, archery, wave jumping, extreme field games, campfires, a talent show, small group discussions, faith exploration, and crazy dress up nights of all kinds. Hang out with old friends and make new ones

### **Family Camps**

#### **Fourth of July Family Camp | July 3-6**

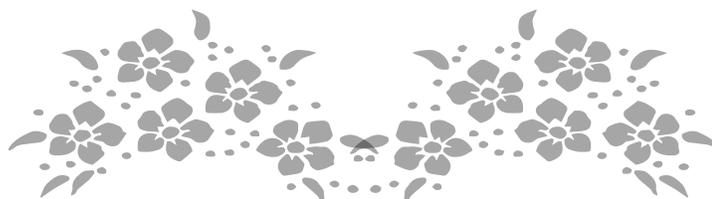
This camp gives families of all ages a chance to experience the joys of the outdoors. Camp activities include swimming, boating, archery, sand castles and much more. Together our families will combine over the extended weekend to make one large family.

#### **Grand Camp I or II**

June 19-21 or August 14-16

Make long-lasting family memories that cross generations. Grand Camp offers many ways for grandparents and grandkids to connect and enjoy the outdoors. Take time to grow closer to one another, and together, grow closer to God.

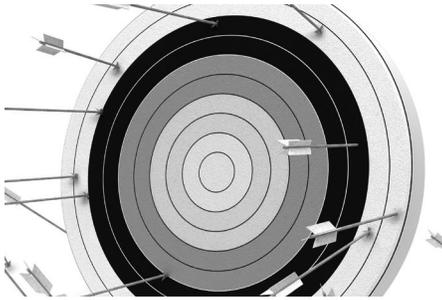
Both Camp Magruder and Suttle Lake have many other camp options for elementary, middle, and high school students with dates in June, July, and August. Some funds for camp scholarships are available. Please see Megan Jones for details. Get more information and register for camp at [www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org)



# SUNDAY MORNINGS

## MORNING WORSHIP SERIES

Sundays at 10:30 AM



Lent / March

### Seven Respectable Sins

We know the “big sins” ... but what about the “lesser” ones? What are they hiding?



April | **Indispensable:**

### Three People You Can't Live Without

Nobody is an island unto themselves and faith is best lived out in community.



May | **Special Sundays**

May is filled with special Sundays: Confirmation, Mother's Day, Youth Sunday, Memorial Day, and Reconciling Sunday. Each week is a celebration!



*vibrant worship  
is central to the  
ministry of  
First Church.*

*our preaching  
our liturgy ... our music*

*and you! make for  
vibrant and vital worship*

Holy Communion  
is typically  
celebrated the  
First Sunday of each month



## ADULT MINISTRIES

### Sunday Morning Education

**Christianity in a Changing World**  
9:00 AM / Room 202. Join us this spring for a lively adult discussion of Diane Butler Bass's, **The People's History of Christianity**. "... two thousand years of Christian voices whose faith called for social action and radical love." Everyone welcome.

### Short Term Classes

9:00 AM / Room 202.

In **March**, explore **When Spirit and Matter Meet**. Examine spirituality through the eyes of poets and artists. Taught by: Rev. Dr. Sheldon Hurst, Art Historian and Spiritual Director.

**April 12 - May 17 | How Did THAT Get in the Bible?** A study of the canonization process that resulted in the Bible we know today. Taught by: Rev. Dick Stormont

### The Gathering

9:30 AM / Room 204

is a community of parents of school-age children. We meet at the same time as the children's choirs and youth Sunday school. Rev. Jeremy leads us each week in a time of conversation and support ... it beats waiting in the car or at Starbucks!

### Church Library Book Sale

Sunday, May 10th / Collins Hall  
The First Church Library's spring used book sale will be Sunday, May 10, before and after worship in Collins Hall. We will have plenty of great books of all types available (fiction, non-fiction, children's books, craft books, cookbooks and more). This is a chance to add to your collection, knowing that all proceeds benefit the First Church Library.

# JOYFUL MUSIC



## Music Opportunities for Adults

The **Chancel Choir** sings for Sunday morning worship services. Directed by Erick Lichte, rehearsals are on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. All are welcome to sing in this volunteer choir.

The **Oregon Repertory Singers** will join the **Chancel Choir** to present two concerts of the **Chichester Psalms** by Leonard Bernstein on April 25 and 26, in our sanctuary. Both concerts begin at 3:00 pm.

The **Sanctuary Bell Choir**, under the direction of Kris Sparks, rehearses on Wednesday evenings in Room 202 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. You need to have a bit of musical experience to play in this group, but volunteers are welcome! They would love to add two or three more ringers! They plan to attend the **Siskiyou Summit Handbell Conference** May 1-2 in Ashland.

They are scheduled to play for worship on April 19, May 10 and June 14.



## Music Opportunities for Children and Youth

The **Cherub Choir**, directed by Nancy Nordwall, is for children age 4 by September 1st through Second Grade. This choir meets on Sunday mornings in Rooms 206 and 209 from 9:30 – 10:15 am. They are singing for worship on March 1, May 3 and June 14.

The **Sound Seekers Choir**, directed by Ronnee Edwards, is for children in grades 3 – 6. This choir rehearses on Sunday mornings in Room 130 from 9:30 – 10:15.

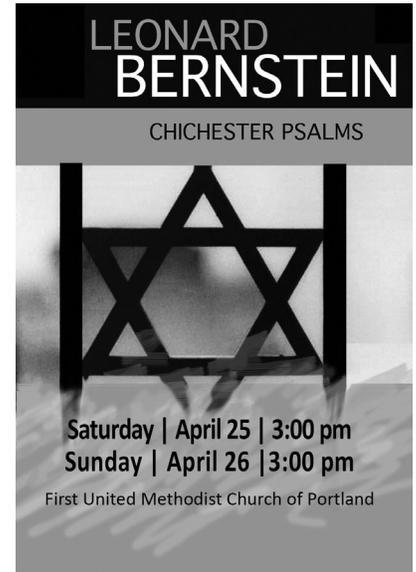
They are singing in a **Talent Show at Terwilliger Plaza** on February 22.

They are singing for worship on March 8, April 19 and June 14.

**juBELLation**, directed by Karin McDonough, is the handbell choir for people in grade 6 through young adults. They rehearse on Thursday evenings in Room 202 from 5:45 – 7:00 pm.

They will play for worship on April 12, May 17 and June 14.

**Genesis**, also directed by Karin, is the handbell choir for grades 3 – 5 and meets Sunday after church at noon in Room 130.



On Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 3:00 pm, The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, its conductor Erick Lichte, and organist Jonas Nordwall will join Oregon Repertory Singers in Leonard Bernstein's festive **Chichester Psalms**, one of Bernstein's few overtly Jewish works, which alternates joyous statements of faith with serene melodies asking for peace.

The performance will also include the Northwest premier of Rodion Shchedrin's, *Sealed Angel*.

Both performances will be in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Portland.

Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$30 (service charges may apply.) To purchase tickets go the web-site: [orsingers.org](http://orsingers.org)

For more information about participating in the music program at First Church, contact Kelly Qualls: 503/228-3195. Check out our website at [www.fumcpdx.org](http://www.fumcpdx.org)

# NURTURE



## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

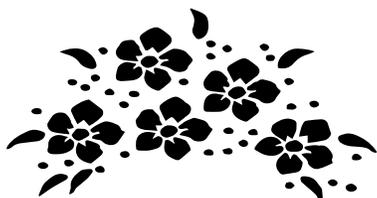
### Nursery Care

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 handbell rehearsals. Please contact Megan Jones if you would like the nursery to be available for one of your events. Nursery staff are trained in First Aid and are CPR-certified.

### All-Church Spring Retreat

April 24-26, 2015

See page 5 for details.



### Sunday School

Sunday school classes for children are held each Sunday morning from 10:45 am to 11:30 am. Children are dismissed from the 10:30 am worship service directly following the Children's Message. Parents are welcome to meet their children at their classroom following worship.

Nursery .....	Room 211
Three Year Olds .....	Room 207
Pre-K .....	Room 208
Kindergarten .....	Room 205
1st and 2nd Grade .....	Room 206
3rd and 4th Grade .....	Room 133

### Momentum

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). Momentum also steps out of the classroom to foster friendships among students and families during fellowship activities and service projects. Our next Momentum events:

#### Spring Break Staycation Hike

Monday, March 23

#### Starry, Starry Night in Downtown Portland for the Starlight Parade

Saturday, May 30.

#### Super Sunday

Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 pm

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.

### Palm Sunday Processional

Sunday, March 29

10:30 am | Collins Hall

Come for a joyful celebration as we begin Holy week. Bring your whole family to join in the parade. Meet in Collins Hall to learn the processional route. Palm fronds will be provided for all.



### Easter Sunday Activities

Sunday, April 5

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Children will participate in a fun, rotational Sunday school, offered during both Easter Services. Rotations will include a Bible story, craft & snack, and an Easter Egg Hunt or Scavenger Hunt (depending on grade level).

### 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. To receive more information about future Families in Action projects, please contact Jennifer Martin or Megan Jones.

Our next FIA project is:

#### Earth Day Ivy Pull

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Tryon Creek State Park

Families in Action is partnering with Planet Church for an Earth Day Ivy Pull at Tryon Creek State Park. Join your FUMC friends for an hour or so of ivy pulling, followed by an interpretive presentation lead by a Tryon Creek Park Ranger. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking at Tryon Creek.



**CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL**

**Youth Bible Study**

High School youth, 9th - 12th grade, meet for Bible Study in Megan’s office beginning 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. Students who are not currently attending are welcome to join the class at the beginning of the spring semester. Students meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:15 am in Room 125. In addition to the class, supplemental field trips are available throughout, providing opportunities to 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 next Confirmation activity will be a **Seder Meal** hosted by Anne Kayser on Saturday, April 4 beginning at 6:00 PM.

**Youth Music Program**

Please see page 7 of this guide for more information.

**Families In Action: Youth**

Families in Action: Youth (FIA:Y) will have opportunities for youth and their families to join with other families for service and fellowship. FIA:Y will incorporate a meal together and a service project and give students the opportunity to learn new skills, develop friendships, and give back to their community.

**Our Next FIA:Y Project:  
Plant Trees with Friends of Trees**

Saturday, March 21  
8:45 am – 1:00 pm

Carpool from church at 8:15 am Friends of Trees restores green spaces and natural areas in and around Portland by planting native trees and shrubs. Gloves, tools, guidance, and breakfast treats provided. We will carpool to our work site in Happy Valley. Please RSVP by March 1.



**Confirmation Sunday | May 3**

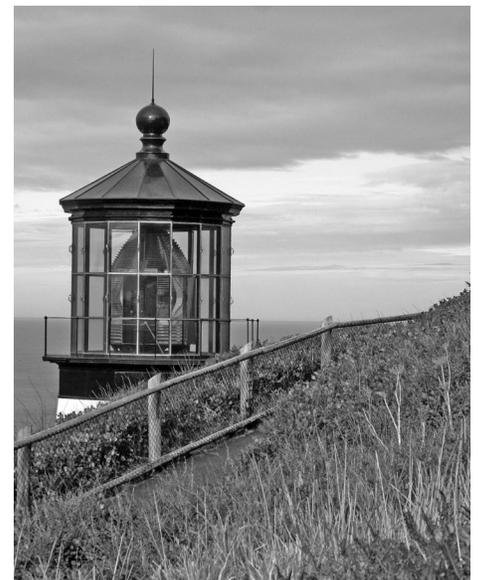
Eighth grade students who have been attending Confirmation class and desire to become members of the church will be confirmed during the morning worship service on May 3.

**Youth Sunday | May 17**

Youth Sunday is an opportunity for our 7th – 12th grade student to plan, write, and carry out a Sunday morning worship service. Youth will write liturgy, prayers, and sermons. Two Youth Sunday Planning Meetings are scheduled for March 1 and April 12. Lunch will be provided. Meetings will last about an hour. All confirmation and high school students are encouraged to attend.

**Camping At Cape Disappointment  
May 29-31**

Let’s spend the weekend at Cape Disappointment State Park near Ilwaco, WA on the Long Beach Peninsula. We’ll start the 2.5 hour drive late Friday afternoon and spend the next two nights in yurts located at the state park. Over the weekend, we’ll explore the beaches, hike long the trails, visit the nearby lighthouses, and revisit history at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Students 7th – 12th grade and adults are invited to attend. A \$20 donation is encouraged to cover the cost of the yurts and food. Please provide a \$5 deposit to secure your spot by April 12.



**Graduation Sunday | June 7**

Students and families are encouraged to attend and participate in a special presentation honoring our High seniors on Sunday, June 7, during the morning worship service and after worship Coffee Hour.

# BEYOND CHURCH WALLS

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

### Olive Oil Sale

Sunday, March 1  
After Worship | Collins Hall

First Church shows its support of Palestinian farmers by purchasing their fair trade, organic olive oil products and participates in the Interfaith Partners program of Canaan Fair Trade, which markets the products of 1700 farm families in 50 villages. Any profit from our olive oil sales is donated to United Methodist mission projects that assist Palestinian community development efforts. Global Missions will be selling olive oil on March 1 in Collins Hall. Credit cards are now accepted.



### One Great Hour of Sharing School Kit Assembly Event

Sunday, March 15  
After Worship | Collins Hall

Our Third Annual UMCOR Kit Assembly Event! This year, you can help assemble school kits! Donations of school items (or cash!) will be accepted on March 1 and March 8 in the narthex. Completed kits will be taken to the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City, and eventually delivered to school kids around the world. See the church website for item lists.



### Palestine: What's Going On, What Can We Do?

Sundays April 12, 19 & May 3  
Noon | Fireside Room - Light Lunch Available

Global Missions is sponsoring this three-week series of forums about Palestine and what United Methodists can do as a church and as individuals to heal a broken part of the world.

#### April 12 | Jewish Voice for Peace

Guest speakers Maxine Fookson and Ned Rosch, Portlanders who are active members of Jewish Voice for Peace, will talk about the current state of affairs in Gaza.

#### April 19 | A Complicated Geography

A presentation by a Conference group just returning from Israel-Palestine on the complicated and shifting geography of the country from 1947 until today.

#### May 3 | Boycott/Divest/Sanction

A presentation by the Conference group on the Boycott/Divest/Sanction (BDS) movement, a global response to demand that Palestinian civil rights be recognized.

Come to all three or as you are available for substantive, informed conversation on the Holy Land.

## PLANET CHURCH

### First Church Birders

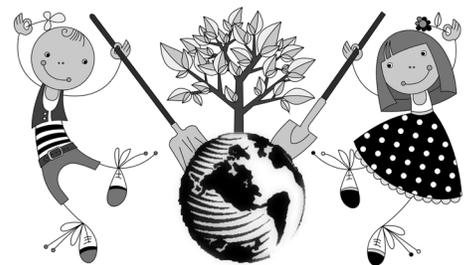
Saturday, March 21 | 9:00 am

The First Church Birders will return to Oaks Bottom (Portland's first wildlife refuge) to catch the last of the winter waterfowl and get a jump on the breeding season. Meet at the refuge's south parking lot (corner of SE 7th and SE Sellwood Blvd.) at 9:00 am. Carpoolers can gather at the church parking lot at 8:30 am.

### Beach Party!

Saturday, March 28  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Netarts Bay (by Tillamook)

Join Planet Church, the Young Adults and more for an early-Earth Day service project at the coast: SOLVE's annual Beach Cleanup. Our cleanup site will be at Netarts Bay, southwest of Tillamook with an opportunity for lunch at the coast afterward. Parking will be available at the site; we also expect to coordinate carpooling from the church. To sign up, or for more information on the cleanup, carpooling or logistical details, email [planetchurch@fumcpdx.org](mailto:planetchurch@fumcpdx.org).



### Earth Day Sunday School

Sunday, April 19 during Sunday School

Planet Church will take over Sunday School, providing a tour of the campus, and highlighting environmental themes represented on the grounds. Parents will drop off and pick up their children in the classroom as usual.

## Earth Day Forum

### Empty Cupboards on a Hot Planet

Sunday, April 26

After worship | Fireside Room

Planet Church presents a forum on the effects of Climate Change on food production. Renée Harber, Horticulture Department Chair at Clackamas Community College and member of Planet Church, premiered this program at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's "Earth Care Summit" in January to enthusiastic reviews. As Renée notes, "Farmers have always been at the mercy of the weather, but heat waves, droughts and other weather extremes make growing food even more challenging."

A question and answer session will follow the talk and Planet Church will provide a healthy lunch.



## A Neighborhood Walk

Saturday, May 30

9:00 am | Leave Church Parking Lot

UMC Hikers and First Church Birders are partnering to bring author and walker extraordinaire Laura O. Foster to FUMC to lead a guided tour of the 'hood. Ms. Foster, who describes herself as a "forensic pedestrian" has written several books on the hidden history, nature, and joys of rambling around our city. The walk will leave from the church parking lot at 9:00 am and return in time for lunch. This will be a strenuous walk, from Goose Hollow to Portland Heights, so be prepared for stairs and a 300 foot elevation gain. Wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather.

## CHURCH AND SOCIETY

### First Church CROP Hunger Walkers

Sunday, April 26

CROP Hunger Walks support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development effort around the world. You can participate in Portland's CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, April 26. It's your choice to start a team of your own walkers, join an existing team, or walk as an individual. Call 888/297-2767 to find out about Portland's CROP Hunger Walk. They have all the expertise and free promotional materials to help you take the first steps in a successful CROP Hunger Walk!

### 2015 Greathouse Summer Internship

Applications will open for 2015 Greathouse Summer Internships March 15 - April 15. Interns selected by May 15.

Each year, First Church provides summer employment via the Greathouse Internship Program. Interns earn approximately \$2000 each working 200 hours in the organizations of their choice. Last summer our interns served The Goose Hollow Family Shelter and the Imagine No Malaria effort. Starting March 15 you can apply online at [fumcpdx.org](http://fumcpdx.org) or download and drop off the application at the First Church to the attention of Mark Ohlson, Volunteer Coordinator. Questions? Email Mark at: [mohlson@fumcpdx.org](mailto:mohlson@fumcpdx.org)



### Community Warehouse Drive Kitchen Supplies!

Sundays, April 12, 19, 26 | Narthex  
Portland's Community Warehouse takes used goods and puts them to good use! They take furniture and all kinds of household goods and redistribute them to neighbors in need. In April, we will be collecting in the Narthex the following items: Pots & Pans, Dish Sets, Silverware/Flatware, Cutting/Chopping Knives, Microwaves, Toasters, Coffee Makers, Blenders, Can Openers, Casserole Dishes, and Baking Pans. Help make someone's house a home.

### The Beaverton Food Bank

Saturday, May 16

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Beaverton Food Bank

Several times per year, our Church and Society team organizes trips to volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank, serving in the food re-packing room with other community minded volunteers. Bulk food received by the Food Bank is packaged into family sized portions to be distributed to hungry Oregon families. Check out the sign-up sheets at the Outreach Table in Collins Hall after worship starting Sunday, April 26. Or you can email Mark Ohlson, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at: [mohlson@fumcpdx.org](mailto:mohlson@fumcpdx.org). See you at the Food Bank!

# UM WOMEN



## 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. Our unit has a rotation of leaders.

### Circle of Friends

Fourth Wednesday of each month at noon in the Fireside Room. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided. Chairs: Mary Covert and Trudy Kayser

### Naomi Circle

Fourth Thursday of each month at Terwilliger Plaza. Chair: Colleen Foster

### Ruth Circle

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon in Room 202. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided. Chair: Jeanette Chardon

### Tabitha Sewing Circle

Meets the second Monday of each month from 10:00 to 4:00 PM in Room 202 to sew items for UMCOR. Bring a sack lunch. Co-Chairs: Kay Ward and Erin Riley

## UMW Unit Gatherings

UMW Unit Gatherings are the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room for a business meeting with our program at 11:00 AM. There is a brown bag lunch at noon in the Fireside Room. Here is a schedule of topics:

March 4

### Native American Social Justice

Eva Johnson and Gloria Marple will tell of their ministries with the Native American community and our Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

April 8 | **Resources with Roz Collins**

Roz Collins, Program Resources for the Oregon/Idaho Conference UMW and Pacific NW Coordinator for Church Women United will be our guest speaker. Roz, always an enthusiastic speaker, loves books and is knowledgeable about everything UMW.

May 6 | **Imagine No Malaria**

Julia Kayser Frisbie will share the latest information from Imagine No Malaria.

Special Events:

March 6, | **World Day of Prayer**

Gather at 9:30 AM in the Chapel for the Church Women United World Day of Prayer. The program features liturgy written by the women of the Bahamas. Chair: Ruth Green 503/698-8420

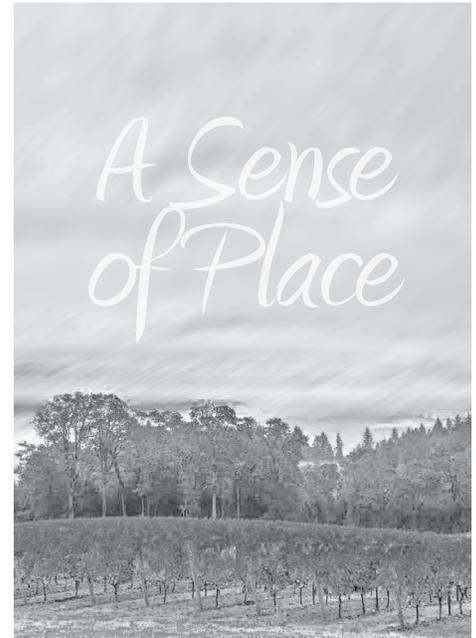
March 7 | **District Enrichment Event**

at Fremont United Methodist Church

April 10 or April 11

**District Spiritual Growth Retreat**

Alton L. Collins Retreat Center



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

# QUILT LUNCHEON APRIL 17, 2015

Quilt Preview | 11:30 AM

Luncheon | 12:00 PM

Program | 12:30 PM

Tickets | \$20.00

Portland First UMW Thirteenth Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon will be April 17, 2015 in Collins Hall. Our theme, *A Sense of Place*, celebrates our region with its rich, fertile soil and the stunning beauty of the Willamette Valley.

The luncheon will be hosted by Portland's First United Methodist Women. For more information or tickets contact: Trudy Kayser at 503/292-7528.

# VIBRANT LIVING

## TRAVEL COMMITTEE



### **Portland Police Bureau Mounted Patrol Unit Tour**

Thursday, March 5 | 10:30 am

A true Portland icon, we will meet the Portland Police Mounted Patrol Unit, learn how these unique members of the Police Department are trained, cared for and the important role that they play in keeping our city safe.

It will bring a smile to your face as you get a chance to admire these beautiful horses. Following the tour will be a group lunch in the area. Carpool from the church at 10:30 am. Group lunch at your own expense. Registration is \$10.00 in the church office with a deadline of February 25.

### **Albertina Kerr Center & Kidd's Toy Museum Tour**

Monday, April 20  
10:30 am - 3:00 pm

It's double feature day! We begin with a visit to the Albertina Kerr Center, a highly admired non-profit in Oregon. The Center helps children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. We will hear the Albertina story and eat lunch in the quaint Albertina's Kitchen. We conclude with a tour of the Kidd's Toy Museum, a unique collection of mechanical banks, railroad memorabilia and dolls. Enjoy a bit of nostalgia as you see how toys reflect adult values and the achievements of their time. Registration is \$10.00 at the church office. Lunch is at your own expense. Deadline for registration is April 13.

### **Lone Fir Cemetery Tour**

Thursday, June 4 | 9:00 am

Learn about the early history of Portland by touring the Lone Fir Cemetery, the city's outdoor history museum. Set in a grove of trees, it spans 30 acres, has more than 25,000 burials that make a fascinating story. Our tour will feature early Methodists that help shape the history of Portland. We will gather at First Church at 9:00 AM and car pool to the Cemetery in East Portland. A group lunch will follow in a restaurant nearby. Register in the Church Office: fee is \$10.00/person. Lunch is at your own expense. Deadline is May 18.



### **PATHFINDERS FELLOWSHIP**

Pathfinders Fellowship is a group that meets monthly for a potluck lunch at 11:30 am in Room 202 to enjoy each other's company and catch up on what is new in each other's lives.

March 7 | **Iceland**

Ted and Judy Moon will present a DVD of their July 2014 cruise to Iceland, the Faroe Islands and the fjords of Norway.

April 11 | **A Half-Century of Trees**

Dallas and Sharon Boge will describe their more than half century of Christmas tree farming and describe the annual cycle that Christmas tree farmers follow.

### **55 ALIVE SAFE DRIVING COURSE**

55-Alive is a unique program for older drivers. This popular course is offered successfully at First UMC. This year it is a one day class will be offered Thursday, March 19 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room. An instructor from AARP teaches this refresher course for drivers 55 years of age and over. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Make checks payable to: AARP and bring the payment to the class. Register soon since class size is limited to 30 students. To register call the church office at 503/228-3195 or by email at [ltemple@fumcpdx.org](mailto:ltemple@fumcpdx.org)



### **QUILT PROJECT FUNDRAISER Pins & Pens: Stitching Gift Quilts**

Saturday, April 25  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm | Fireside Room

This event supports those who are creating personalized quilts for each of the graduating seniors as a gift from their church community. Tickets are \$25.00 or \$50.00 for Patrons. All Patrons will receive a signed copy of Ms. Kirkpatrick's book, **Aurora: An American Experience in Quilt, Community, and Craft**. Award-winning Oregon author and storyteller, Jane Kirkpatrick, will be the featured guest and speaker. We look forward to being entertained and inspired. Tickets will be available soon. Information regarding them will be on the church website. Additional information about Ms. Kirkpatrick can be found at her website: [www.jkbooks.com](http://www.jkbooks.com).

# COMPASSIONATE HEART



## 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](http://www.pdxhfs.org/volunteer) and come to one of our monthly Volunteer Orientations: at 5:00 PM in Room 201.



- Tuesday ..... March 3
- Wednesday ..... March 18
- Tuesday ..... April 7
- Wednesday ..... April 15
- Tuesday ..... May 5
- Wednesday ..... May 20

### Solution Salons

Please join the conversation about homelessness and poverty in our community. At a salon, PHFS staff, board, and other community members discuss ideas for ending poverty. This is also an opportunity to ask questions and present ideas. Food and beverage will be provided.

#### First Salon

Tuesday, March 17  
noon | Room 204

#### Second Salon

Wednesday, April 15  
noon | Room 204

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held Tuesday, May 19, location TBD. Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled evening of games, awards, and delicious food, all in gratitude for our wonderful volunteers.

### Community Connect Fellowship

Students and young professionals looking for a summer internship should keep a weather eye for more news about the 2015 Community Connect Fellowship. This summer-long internship offers students real world experience in nonprofit management, some serious community service, and the opportunity to work closely with local business partners. Application announcement coming soon!



# 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.

### Reconciling Forum

Sunday, May 31  
after worship in the Fireside Room  
Rev. Jeremy Smith will lead us through: "How Did We Get Here? A Brief History of the LGBT Debate in the United Methodist Church."  
This is an effort to prepare us for General Conference in May 2016.

Enjoy a delicious lunch and learn about the continuing story of our church’s struggle to grow into a more inclusive, fair and just community. Will we be prepared to help write the next chapter as it takes shape at the gathering of United Methodists from all over the world at the General Conference right here in Portland next year? Let’s get ready! Open to the public.

### Third Sunday Lunches

March 15, April 19, May 17  
Third Sunday Lunches are great opportunities for fellowship and support. We meet under the Rainbow Umbrella in Collins Hall and then either eat offsite or have a brown-bag lunch on-site. Contact Reconciling at [LGBTQ@fumcpdx.org](mailto:LGBTQ@fumcpdx.org)



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judgement

JAMES 2:13



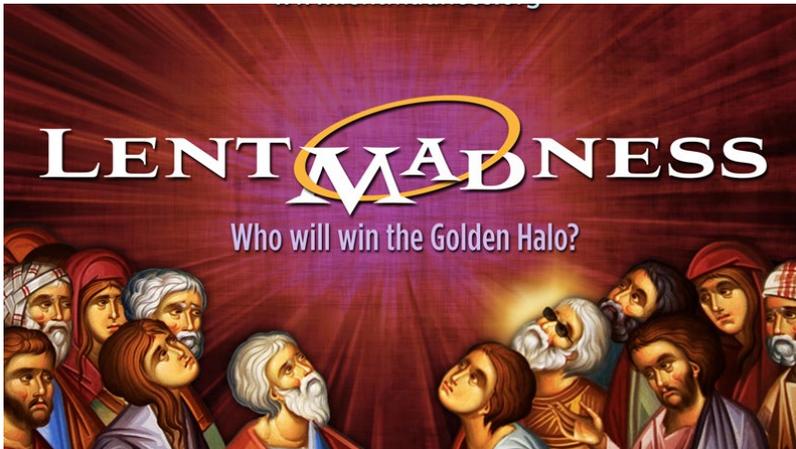
## General Conference Is Coming! Sign Up To Volunteer

Next year is the United Methodist General Conference where we determine our polity and standards of living together in a diverse denomination. This coming year, it will be held May 10-20, 2016 at the Oregon Convention Center. First UMC will be the host for several events and our congregation has been heavily involved over the past three years of planning for it.

We need your help. Please start planning now to take some vacation time from work to be available for hospitality and advocacy during this huge event. You can watch a video and register your availability and interest online at :

[gc2016pdx.org](http://gc2016pdx.org)

Please do this soon so that we can better know availability, gifts, and time commitments of our congregation. Thank you in advance for your generosity with your time and talent!



Theme for our Lenten Suppers this year is:  
**Lent Madness: Who Will Win the Golden Halo?**  
Our Lenten Suppers will begin Wednesday, February 25 and go through March 25. Here is the schedule:

5:30 to 6:15 PM  
**Lenten Supper** A light supper in Collins Hall

6:15 to 6:55 PM  
**Lenten Study** Lent Madness in the Fireside Room

Join us as we look at the lives of the saints. Then create your "brackets" and cast your votes to see who rises in the standings and who falls by the wayside (but not from grace!)



**Lenten Book Study: Slow Church** | March 1-22  
Four Sundays in March | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM | Room 110

This book study will take a look at how the Church can better be locally focused, yet with a global mindset. Grab lunch after church then come back for this four week book study. Book purchase required. Led by Rev. Jeremy. Sign up online at: [fumcpdx.org/groups](http://fumcpdx.org/groups)

# Holy WEEK

**Palm Sunday | March 29**  
Join us for a grand processional of palms and praise, beginning in Collins Hall, beginning at 10:30 AM.

**Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 7:00 PM**  
Join us for a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Good Friday | April 3 | 7:00 PM**  
Join us at 7:00 pm in the Chapel for a service of serious reflection.

# Easter SUNDAY

**Easter Sunday | April 5 | 9 & 11 am**  
Rise and shout, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed." We will have two services of glorious celebration of resurrection and hope at 9:00 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary.