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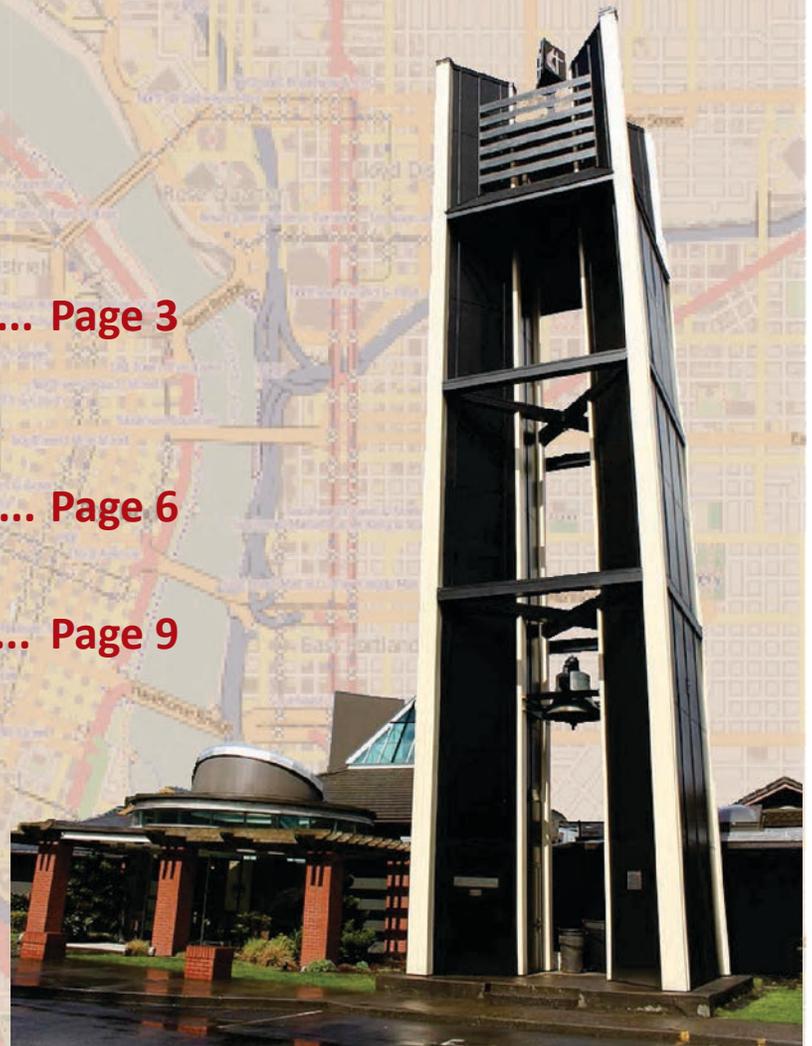
FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

SUNDAY SERVICES



8:30 a.m. Chapel Service

A relaxed service with contemporary piano music and a unique open response time. Children welcome for the whole service.

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service

A service with organ, choir, and traditional hymns. Children's time and Sunday School offered. Both services are "come as you are" and have nursery care.

GUEST PREACHERS



Sept. 20 - Rev. Dr. Susan Henry Crowe, General Secretary of the UM Board of Church and Society.

Sept 27 - Rev. Erin Martin, Columbia District Superintendent.

WORSHIP SERIES

September: *Lessons from the Master Teacher: Jesus' Parables for Today*

Come hear the stories Jesus told to help us participate in Gods of wholeness and peace.

October: *iDoubt: Questions of Faith*

Theologian Frederick Buechner once commented that "Doubt is the ants in the pants of faith". Our doubt is often what moves us farther along in our spiritual journey than any of our certainty.

November: *God's Economy*

Together we learn what it means to live in gratitude and generosity as people of faith!

Advent: *For All the World, Jesus*

Join us for this joyous season of preparation and anticipation as we consider just who is Jesus? And why should we care about his birth at Christmas? What difference does Jesus make to me today?

ADULT MINISTRIES

Christianity in a Changing World 9:00 a.m. / Room 202

Join us this Fall as we explore our Christian life by encountering contemporary issues. Come join the conversation about the questions raised in *Immortality: the Quest to Live Forever and How it Drives Civilization*, by Stephen Cave. All are welcome!

The Gathering 9:30 a.m. / Room 204

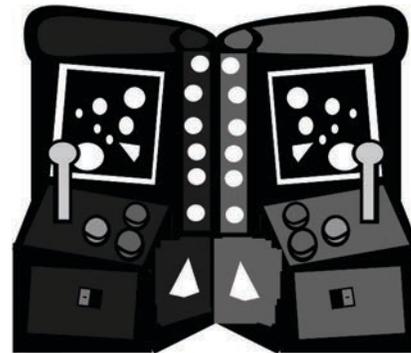
The Gathering is a community of parents of school-age children. We meet at the same time as the children's choirs and youth Sunday school. Rev. Jeremy leads us each week in a time of conversation and support-way better than waiting in the car or at Starbucks!

Room 110 Study 9:30 a.m. / Room 110

October: *Laudato Si*: Planet Church hosts a six-week conversation on a book on the environment and creation care. see page 6 for more details.

November *Enduring Spirituality*: Come hear from some of our retired pastors how they sustained a spirituality that gives them life many years over... and how you can too.

YOUNG ADULTS



Young Adult Night at Ground Kontrol Thursday, September 10th @ 6pm

Our younger adults will get together for the "open gaming" night at this arcade pub in NW Portland. Pay your own cover, and appetizers are donated for some collaborative and arcade games.

Young Adults Lunch Sunday, October 11th at noon.

A time for fellowship and conversation with our clergy and young adults.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

September 13
Rally Sunday & Ministry Fair

October 4
**World Communion Sunday
Blessing of the Animals @ 3 p.m.**

November 1
**Fall Festival
All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings time Ends**

November 29
**First Sunday of Advent
UM Student Day Special Offering**

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 8:30 a.m. 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 Orientation

Sunday, October 4th, Room 202

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. Donna (dpritchard@fumcpdx.org).

Going Deeper

Wednesdays in November

Methodism 101 for newcomers and long time members alike.

New Friend's Lunch

October 11, November 8, December 13

Meet under the umbrella at Coffee Hour to go offsite to a no-host lunch with our Newcomer's Team. It's a great way to get to know other folks in the church and find things in common.

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 Stormont, our Minister of Pastoral Care who can be reached at 503/228-3195 ext 233 or at dstormont@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 Stormont through the church office.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT FUMCPDX.ORG

CONNECT

Financial Peace University

Our nine week Financial Peace University class will start on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in Room 133. Course facilitator is Karen Bolin.

Greeters

Our greeters are an active ministry that welcomes people to worship each Sunday. Training is available to help you answer any questions or greet people well. Sign up and Jean Holznagel will contact you.

First Church Companions (FCC)

There are friends and members of our church who reach a time in their lives where they can no longer attend or be present because of age, or health or other life circumstances. In order to keep an active connection to our fellowship we are establishing a group who would agree to regularly, (at least once every three weeks) make contact with individuals or with a family. Sign up and Rev. Dick Storment will contact you for more information.

West Linn area Moms Group

Kimberly Coke is beginning a daytime mom's group in the West Linn area. Kickoff is September 9th for a small group of women discussing books and praying together. Sign up online and Kim will contact you for details.

SIGN UP AT FUMCPDX.ORG/ GROUPS

RETREATS



Connections – Women's Retreat
November 13-14th,
Collins Retreat Center

Women of all ages are invited
November 13 and 14 to celebrate

and deepen our connections with God, each other, and ourselves. This will be a playful, creative time using "InterPlay", a process designed to help us unlock the wisdom we carry in our own bodies. Through movement and stories, silence and song, affirmation and play we will make connections that matter. Writer, dancer, and InterPlay Facilitator Coke Tani will join Rev. Donna to guide this light-hearted community exploration, at the Collins Retreat Center (just 45 minutes outside of Portland) from 7:00 pm Friday through 7:00 pm on Saturday. Cost for the retreat is \$125 per person; you can register now through our church office.



An Active Peace - Men's Retreat
January 29-30, Collins Retreat Center

Guys of all ages are invited for an overnight retreat with Rev. Jeremy and Collins Program Director Rev. Todd Bartlett, studying non-violence and how we can embody that in our lives, speech, and advocacy. No matter your age, there's a way to seek peace that can carry you through the tumult. Collins Retreat Center is 45 minutes outside of Portland. We'll meet from 7:00 pm Friday through 7:00 pm on Saturday. Cost for the retreat is \$95 per person; you can register now through our church office.

SMALL GROUPS

Enjoy The Outdoors

Hikers
First Church Birders
Snow & Ice Lovers

Fellowship Groups

Ping Pong and Board Games
Bridge Group
Pathfinders Fellowship
Terwilliger Fellowship
Willamette View Fellowship
All-Comers Book Club
SWELL (Single Women Eat Late Lunch)

Study Groups

Going Deeper

Service Groups

Shovel and Rake Gang
Families in Action
Village Support Network
Goose Hollow Family Shelter
Office Volunteers
Greeters
First Church Companions

Supper Groups

Regional Supper & Lunch Groups

Interest Groups

Reconciling Friends
Chancel Choir
Bells (for Adults & Young Adults)
Financial Peace University
P5 Robotics
First Church Travelers

Common Experience Groups

Parenting for a New Age
Epiphany Women
Graceful Aging Fellowship
United Methodist Women
West Linn Moms Group

BEYOND CHURCH WALLS

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Olive Oil Sale

Sunday, September 20 after worship / Fireside Room

First Church shows its support of Palestinian farmers by purchasing their fair trade, organic olive oil products. First Church 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 Committee will be selling olive oil on **September 20** in Collins Hall. Credit cards are now accepted.



KIT KAMP

October 16-18, Camp Magruder
An opportunity for fellowship and fun while sewing items for emergency kits distributed by UMCOR throughout the world. Register online at gocamping.org, or contact Erin Riley.

PLANET CHURCH



Forum-

Empty Cupboards on a Hot Planet Sunday, September 27th at Noon in Room 202 On Sunday, September 27th following worship, Planet Church will present a forum on the effects of Climate Change on food production. Renée Harber, Horticulture Department Chair at Clackamas Community College and member of our committee, premiered this program at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's "Earth Care Summit"

last January to enthusiastic reviews. A question and answer session will follow the talk, and as usual, Planet Church will provide a healthy lunch for forum attendees.

Praise Be Unto You...Engaging with Pope Francis' Laudato Si' Encyclical Sundays, October 4 through mid-November Planet Church is organizing a small group discussion of Pope Francis' eagerly awaited and recently released encyclical on Climate Change. This document, *Laudato Si'* ("Praise Be Unto You"), represents perhaps the most thorough consideration we have yet seen of the faithful response to Climate Change. Copies of the Encyclical as well as the study guide will be made available. Check the Planet Church tables in the Commons during September to view the materials and let us know if you are interested in attending.

First Church Birders Visit Fernhill Wetlands Saturday, November 7th at 9:30 a.m.

Meet the First Church Birders at Fernhill Wetlands (1399 SW Fern Hill Rd., Forest Grove, OR) on **Saturday, November 7th**, for a late fall field trip. The walk will begin at 9:30am, and as usual, those who wish to can meet at the church parking lot at 9am for carpooling. Fernhill Wetlands is the former "Forest Grove Sewage Pond", and before you say anything you should know that "sewage ponds" are some of the best birding spots around. Fernhill has a checklist of over 160 species, and in late fall and winter, the ponds should be filled with waterfowl. We expect to be out for a couple of hours, and of course this time of year weather can be cold, wet or both, so be sure to dress appropriately; and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email planetchurch@fumcpdx.org.



Portland Homeless Family Solutions (PHFS) operates the Goose Hollow Family Shelter, a temporary shelter for homeless families with children located at First Church. PHFS has many ways that you can engage with them to help make a difference in the lives of homeless families with children this fall: Volunteer at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter by playing with the children, making a meal, or staying overnight. We would love to see you at one of our fall orientations to get you started in volunteering. Learn more: www.pdxhfs.org/volunteer. Goose Hollow Orientation dates are September 1st, October 6th, and November 3rd at 5pm in room 201.



2015 Family Reunion Fundraiser Friday, October 16th | 5:00-9:00pm | The Melody Ballroom (SE Portland)
The 2015 Family Reunion Fundraiser will be a night to raise support for homeless families with children. The Family Reunion this year will feature some of our favorite Family Reunion games like PHFS Plinko and PHFS Putt-Putt, plus PHFS will reveal a few new games this year. We hope you'll join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, games and a seated dinner, a live auction and paddle raise, and as normally promised at a PHFS event: fantastic all-around entertainment!

Tickets: \$100 | Purchase at www.pdxhfs.org | Includes Dinner & Hosted Beverages

CHURCH & SOCIETY



USED GOODS TO GOOD USE

Community Warehouse Drive in September

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. The Warehouse helps over 60 families (many recently homeless) every week by turning their empty housing into comfortable, functional homes. In September, we will be collecting kitchen supplies and appliances. Check the website for the list! Collections will be in Fireside Room on Sundays, September 13, 20, and 27.



Downtown Compassion Clinic Needs Help

This year, the Downtown Compassion Clinic is vacating the cavernous Memorial Coliseum for First Baptist Church in downtown Portland. Why? Well, thanks to universal drug and health care initiatives, many fewer uninsured poor are looking for the medical help they need.

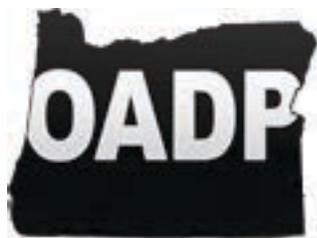
However, there is still a need for medical/dental/visual professionals, social service fair participants, and hospitality volunteers. Because of the need that exists, a smaller scale Clinic will be held on October 10th, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM, at First Baptist Church, 909 SW 11th Ave. in downtown Portland. If you are

interested in volunteering, please email our Outreach Coordinator Mark Ohlson, and he will forward your contact information to the Clinic volunteer coordinator. mohlson@fumcpdx.org



First Church Goes to the Food Bank Saturday, October 24 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. / 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. If you'd like to join us for this, check the sign-up sheet at the Outreach Table in Collins Hall after worship starting Sunday, October 4th. Or you can email Mark Ohlson, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at: mohlson@fumcpdx.org. See you at the Food Bank!



Death Penalty Forum Sunday, October 25th Noon – 1:30 PM Room 202

Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (OADP) will provide speakers with FIRST HAND experience of loved one's murder. Please plan to attend with open

eyes and ears and learn from those directly affected by losing loved ones to violence.

FUMC Tours the MacDonald Center Sunday, November 8 at noon at the MacDonald Center at 605 NW Couch Join with Church and Society as we tour this center that offers expansive services to alleviate poverty and homelessness in Portland.



FISH: Neighbor Helping Neighbor

All throughout the year we place FISH Emergency Service food barrels for donations of food, clothing, and personal care products. Right now, there's a barrel outside the main doors to the Fireside Room area. You are invited to drop off goods on any Sunday for this worthwhile organization. For over 40 years, those in need have utilized the FISH program for assistance to meet basic needs. Thank you for your compassionate support.

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Nursery Care

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings for infants and young children, available at 8:30 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 during a weekly event, Bible study, meeting, or rehearsal.

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 to meet their child(ren) at their classroom following worship.

2s & 3s	Room 207
Pre-Kindergarten	Room 208
Kindergarten	Room 205
1st Grade	Room 206
2nd Grade	Room 209
3rd Grade	Room 133
4th Grade	Room 134
5th & 6th Grade	Room 125

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.

Best Christmas Pageant Ever Friday December 4 @ 6 p.m.

Momentum will be presenting the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Acolyte Training Sunday, September 20

Acolytes are an important part of our worship service and we depend on the children of the church to provide us with this tradition. Our acolyte organizer, along with Rev Donna will be facilitating a training session following the morning worship service on **September 20 in Collins Hall**. 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, September 27 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 MEETING & REHEARSALS



Interest Meeting Sunday, November 8

All parents and students age 3 through 4th grade who are interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant, please plan to attend a short informational meeting in Room 202 following morning worship.

Readers Only Rehearsal Sunday, December 6

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM
Students assigned speaking roles, plan to attend a first reading rehearsal following morning worship. Lunch will be provided in Room 202 beginning at 11:45. Rehearsal will end by 1:30 PM.

YOUTH & CONFIRMATION

All-Cast Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 19 10:00 AM - Noon

All students, speaking, non-speaking, and children's choir members should plan to attend a full dress rehearsal. Students with speaking roles should arrive at 10 AM, while students with non-speaking roles should arrive at 11 AM. Snacks will be provided.

Third Grade Bible Retreat November 7 & 8

All third grade students are invited to attend this year's Third Grade Bible Retreat. Join Megan and Jeremy for a fun day of Bible education, games, and food. Students and families should plan to attend worship on November 8, where they will take part in a special presentation.



Advent Wreath Making

Join your Children & Family Ministries

Committee in Collins Hall

following morning worship on **Sunday, November 29th after the 10:30 service.** 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.

What's Up Wednesdays

If you are the parent of a Pre-kindergarten to 6th grade child and would like to receive our weekly email newsletter, What's Up Wednesday, which provides details about children and family ministry news and upcoming events, please contact Megan Jones.

Youth Bible Study

High School youth, 9th - 12th grade, meet in Room 136, 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 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 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

pot luck for confirmation students and their families will be Sunday, September 20 at the Kaysers' home, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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 project will be volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank on October 24.

Chili Cook Off

Sunday, November 29

All middle and high school youth, plan to help with our annual Chili Cookoff. 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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

All Confirmation students, High School Youth, and parents are welcome to attending a Progressive Dinner Christmas Party. We will enjoy a three course meal with each course hosted at a different church member's home, ending with dessert and a white elephant gift exchange.



Youth Retreat @ Suttle Lake January 16-18, MLK Weekend Early Registration Fee: \$85.00 Deposit: \$35.00 by November 1

Confirmation and High School Youth are invited to attend a Youth Winter Retreat at Suttle Lake. Hang out with about 90 other youth for a weekend of music, learning, fun, food, and maybe some central Oregon snowfall. This camp does fill up fast, so register early by putting down a deposit and confirming your attendance with Megan.



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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.

Monthly Gatherings

September 9, 2015: Welcome Home We will join together for fellowship and have a little fun trying to complete a puzzle "What Do You Know About UMW?". We will also welcome our newest staff members, Liz Temple and Matt Edey. Luncheon is provided with the church staff as our guests.

October 7, 2015: Mission u Study: Latin America: People and Faith. At the recent Mission u studies, this topic was explored for the political and economic history and the interconnection with the United States. Loving our neighbor is also how we love God.

November 4, 2015: Pledge Service - Come celebrate and commit to supporting UMW's local, national, & global outreach. Program - Marty Martin creates the floral arrangements gracing the chancel area for our Sunday church service. He will share how he accomplishes this from start to finish!

Special UMW Fall Events ...

September 12

Columbia District Annual Meeting (East End)

The Dalles United Methodist Church (Election of Officers)

September 26

Columbia District Annual Meeting (West End)

Rose City Park United Methodist Church (Installation of Officers)

October 16 - 18

Kit Kamp - Camp Magruder

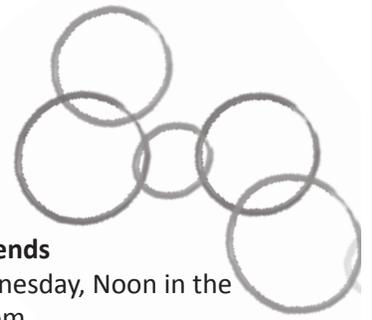
Sew kits or school bags for UMCOR. Brian Diggs from the UMCOR Warehouse in Salt Lake City will speak.

October 24

Conference Annual Meeting

Tigard First United Methodist Church, Tigard, OR. Speaker: Bishop Grant Hagiya "Feeding the Five Thousand, Physically, Emotionally and Spiritually"

CIRCLES



Circle of Friends

Fourth Wednesday, Noon in the Fireside Room

Co-Chairs: Mary Covert, Trudy Kayser
Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Fourth Thursdays, 2:00 PM
Club Room at Terwilliger Plaza
Chair: Colleen Foster

RUTH CIRCLE

Third Wednesdays, Noon in Room 202
Co-Chairs: Jeanette Chardon, Judy Moon, Gladys Shaw, Marilyn Weber
Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.

TABITHA CIRCLE

Second Mondays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Room 202
Co-Chairs: Kay Ward, Erin Riley
Projects include baby gowns and sweater/jackets, school bags, mend the robes for the cherub choir and make childrens' costumes.

READING GROUP - "BOOK CHAT"

First Wednesdays, 1:00 PM, after UMW Unit meeting in the Fireside Room
Discuss and explore new insights.
Chair: Sandra Howard



FIRST CHURCH TRAVELERS

NIKE- PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SPORTS VISION TOUR

- OCTOBER 23 • MEET AT CHURCH AT 9:00 AM
- ESCORTED TOUR OF NIKE CAMPUS
- GROUP LUNCH
- TOUR OF PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SPORTS VISION CLINIC
- REGISTER IN CHURCH OFFICE BY OCT 9TH
- COST \$10.00/PERSON (LUNCH AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE)

EVENT SPONSORED BY THE FUMC TRAVEL COMMITTEE

CALLING ALL FIRST CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHERS!



The Creative Spirits Committee invites submissions of photography to be hung in Collins Hall from mid-November to early January. Artists are expected to confirm with Larry Sawyer their intentions to display, and how many framed pieces they will bring. Please contact the office for more information.

JOYFUL MUSIC



MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

The Chancel Choir sings for Sunday morning worship services. Directed by Erick Lichte, it rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. All are welcome to sing in this volunteer choir. Thursday rehearsals begin on September 24th.

The Annual Chancel Choir Retreat takes place at the church the evening of Sept. 18 and during the morning and early afternoon on Sept. 19. The choir will read through a lot of music that will be sung during the Fall and Advent/Christmas seasons, eat together, get to know each other and have a great time together! We want anyone that would like to sing with us this year to come! Child care is provided.

The Sanctuary Bell Choir, under the direction of Kris Sparks, rehearses on Wednesday evenings beginning September 9th in Room 202 from 7:00

– 9:00 pm. They provide music for worship, playing 5 (and sometimes 6) octaves of Schulmerich handbells. The only requirements for membership are the ability to read music and a personal commitment to a lot of fun and regular attendance. Sanctuary Bells will play for worship on September 27, October 25, November 22, and December 13.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Cherub Choir, directed by Nancy Nordwall, is for children in Kindergarten through Second Grade. This choir meets on Sunday mornings beginning September 13th in Room 206 from 9:30 – 10:15. They are singing for worship on October 25, November 15 and December 20

The Sound Seekers Choir, directed by Ronnee Edwards, is for children in grades 3 – 6. This choir rehearses on Sunday mornings beginning September 13th in Room 130 from 9:30 – 10:15. They are singing for

worship on October 4, November 8 and December 20

juBELLation, directed by Karin McDonough, is the handbell choir for ringers in grade 6 through high school (and sometimes college). They rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Room 130 at 6:00 beginning on September 15th.

Genesis, also directed by Karin, is the handbell choir for grades 3 – 5 and meets on Sunday after church at 12:00 in room 130 starting on September 13th.

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



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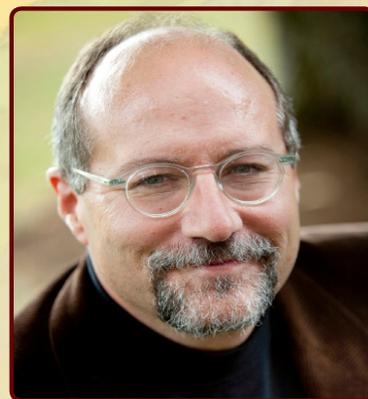
THE BIBLE GENDER AND SEX

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY,
OR NOT SAY,
ABOUT BEING LGBTQ?

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
NOON - 1 P.M. ROOM 202

Speaker:

Dr. Stephen J. Patterson



A scholar, teacher and writer, Dr. Patterson is the George H. Atkinson endowed chair in Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University.

Dr. Patterson holds graduate degrees from Harvard and Claremont, and he was a Fulbright Fellow in Germany. He is the author of nine books and more than seventy-five articles, essays and reviews.

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. FUMC Reconciling Ministry is supported in two ways. Advocacy and Fellowship. Special Forums, guest speakers, and films are organized by our Advocacy Group, while our Fellowship Group meets on the 3rd Sunday Sept - May with a lunch style event planned time for Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to become active in our Reconciling Ministry.

Third Sunday Lunches in the Fall

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 for any questions.

October 18 – Room 110 –
Brown bag lunch for fellowship discussion

November 15 – Room 202 –
Potluck lunch for World AIDS day planning

December 20 – Room 110 –
Christmas Cookie White Elephant exchange!