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SHARING RESOURCES. CHANGING LIVES

WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

As a Peace Church, we declare that we will be an advocate for peace in our local communities and world.

As a Reconciling Congregation, all are welcome to participate in the full life of the church, including all races, abilities, ages, classes, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

As a Creation Care Congregation, we advocate for lifestyles and social policies which bring healing and renewal to our precious Earth.

FROM THE PASTOR

THE WORD OF THE YEAR

As you may know, both my daughters came home to visit during Christmas, and Kate stayed with me through New Year's Day. Now Kate is a big fan of self-reflection (perfect for New Years' ... or Lent for that matter), so when I saw her busy with her goals for 2016 I thought maybe I should do the same.



I'm not one to make New Years' Resolutions – they are hard to keep, and who needs another reason to feel bad? I thought maybe I would write one goal for my year but even that seemed a bit loaded with potential for the inner critic. Instead I decided to identify a "Word of the Year" for myself.

That word is JOY. Not just fleeting happiness, but Joy – what Miroslav Volf calls "a connection with something beyond ourselves" and Willie Jennings suggests is "an act of resistance against despair and all its forces." Joy goes deeper than surface contentment, it combines happiness and gratitude, and it helps me to be most fully who I am and who God is calling me to become.

2016 for me is all about JOY – receiving it, claiming it, cultivating it and sharing it. I am glad to be a part of this community of faith where we can help each other live into any year with integrity and with love.

So... what's your word of the year?

GRACE AND PEACE,
Rev. Donna



One time each year, the fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to collecting money to pay the overhead of UMCOR, (United Methodist Committee on Relief). This makes it possible for The United Methodist Church to give 100% of donated money to the project it is intended to serve. Your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing makes this possible. Only once each year you have the opportunity to share in paying the rental fee, administration expenses and anything associated in keeping this great organization functioning.

This year, on the day, our church will be packing Health Kits to send to UMCOR. You will have the opportunity to bring kit items on the two prior Sundays (February 21 and 28) and also on March 6th, the day we pack the kits. So bring some items for the kits and take part in this great church activity.

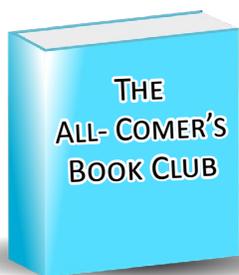
- 1 hand towel
 - o 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches;
 - o Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb
 - o Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long;
 - o No pocket combs or picks please;
 - o Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers
 - o No emery boards, please.
- 1 bath-size soap
 - o 3 oz. and larger sizes only;
 - o No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
 - o Do not remove from original packaging.
- 1 toothbrush
 - o Adult size only;
 - o Do not remove from original packaging.
- 6 adhesive bandages
 - o ¾ inch to 1 inch-size;
 - o Common household Band-Aids.
- 1 plastic bag
 - o One-gallon size sealable bag only.
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

**FISH CHANGES
NAME TO
MAINSRING
PORTLAND**



As their philosophy states, "Neighbor Helping Neighbor", Mainspring Portland collects both canned and fresh food, clothing, personal care items, small household utensils, and financial donations to help children and adults in the community. For many, Mainspring is their last resort. Faced with a lost job, illness or other circumstance, they are unable to provide for themselves and their family.

Compassionate First Church members donate approximately 200 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Mainspring program each month. This ministry has helped Portlanders in need since 1967. You will find the Mainspring Collection barrels in the Narthex each Sunday.



The All-Comer's Book Club will be discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd on February, 22 (The 4th Monday of the month instead of the 3rd for February only). They are also planning to discuss *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan on Monday, March 21.

All interested readers are invited to join. Meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7pm in the church Library.

**NEW YOUTH SUNDAY
MUSIC ENSEMBLE**



On February 28 if you are a youth in 6th – 12th grade, bring your instrument(s) and meet with Jonas Nordwall at 2:00 pm after the UMY meeting! The group will explore how a new instrumental youth group could be ready to play for Youth Sunday on April 17th.



PRAYERS

Prayer of Sympathy For:

Gene and Marcey Balcomb's Family. Gene's mother, **Hazel Balcomb** passed away January 29. **Hazel's** memorial service will be held at the church at 2:00 pm Saturday, February 27.

Gordon Frost and his family in the death of his brother **Charles Frost.**

Dick and Sandy Storment. Dick's mother, **Marie Storment**, passed away in Ohio at the age of 95.

Ed Pittaway and his family. Ed passed away Tuesday morning, February 9.

Prayers of Concern For:

Elaine Jones has had surgery and is slowly recovering.

Continued Prayers For

Bruce Hendrickson, Annie Calhoun, Donald Baldwin, Paul Ingram, Ellen Zeller (Paul Ingram's mother), Jim Manuel, Richie Muckridge, Marion Hollenberg, Rebecca Piros, Karla Meyers.

**SENIOR QUILT
PROJECT**



Quilters interested in helping create quilts for First Church's graduating high school seniors will meet after church on Sunday, March 6th, in Room 202. This will be an opportunity to learn about the students and pick-up quilt directions. If you have quilt fabrics you would like to donate to the project please bring them to the meeting.



**UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN
CALENDAR**

Wednesday, February 24
Fireside Room
12:00 PM Circle of Friends
Program: Book Sharing
Chair: Sandra Howard
503.652.5068

Wednesday, February 24
Room 110
10:00 AM Planning Team

Thursday, February 25
Terwilliger Plaza - Club Room
2:00 PM Naomi Circle
Program: Book Sharing
Chair: Colleen Foster,
503.808.7389

Wednesday, March 3
Fireside Room
10:00 AM UMW Unit
Program: "Join the Campaign to End Immigrant Family Detention in the U.S."

Wednesday, March 3
Fireside Room
1:00 PM Book Chat
Chair: Sandra Howard
503.652.5068.



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Families in Action: Beach Clean Up

Join with Planet Church Committee and First Church families for a day at the coast!

We will begin with a beach cleanup in the Pacific City area, followed by an early dinner together. This event is sponsored in part by SOLVE. They will be supplying us with garbage bags and trash pickup. RSVP to receive additional information.

Contact Megan Jones mjones@fumcpdx.org

Saturday, February 27
Beach Clean Up will begin at 10:00 AM

