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All Church Spring Retreat

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DREAMING UP YOUR NEXT BIG IDEA

April 1 - 3, 2016



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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 HOLY WEEK EXPERIENCE

During the season of Lent we've been going "Off the Record" with various key players in Jesus' story (like the Devil, tempting Jesus in the wilderness, and Herod Antipas, threatened by Jesus' message of justice and love. Lazarus, raised from an untimely death by Jesus' power, and the Unnamed Woman whose gratitude overflowed in response to Jesus' forgiveness. Even Judas, the one who gave Jesus up to his enemies. So now Easter is fast approaching.



But before you pull out your Easter bonnet or start dying those eggs, let me tell you about "The Holy Week Experience". I thought about calling this service – on Good Friday, March 25 – your "Ticket to Easter". But then, I realized you don't need a "ticket" to Easter Sunday because God's new life is a gift given purely out of love. Indeed, nothing we can do or say is going to stop Easter from coming, or keep anyone from participating in the joy of resurrection

But, you might want to get the whole story. If you come to worship here on Palm Sunday, March 20th, you will hear about Jesus' victorious entry into Jerusalem. And you will get a hint of things to come. But if all you hear about is the palm parade, and the next thing you know we are greeting Jesus at an empty tomb the next Sunday – well, you will only get a piece of the puzzle, and you run the risk of missing out on the power of the rest of the story.

So on Friday, March 25, we will gather together at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. There we will remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and we will hear his new commandment, to "love one another as he has loved us", and we will share Holy Communion. From the Chapel we will recount the Holy Week drama in various places around the building – remembering Jesus' agonized prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter's betrayal of Jesus after he had been arrested, and the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Golgotha. At each step of the journey the story will be told, choir members will sing, and everyone will be invited to participate in an action of remembrance and hope.

Participating in this Holy Week Experience will give new depth of meaning to our Easter celebrations on March 27th when we will hold two worship services in the Sanctuary, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter lilies, trumpets, alleluias – they are all great ways to revel in the joy of life overcoming death...especially when you've had the whole Holy Week Experience, and you remember the rest of the story, together.

GRACE & PEACE
Rev. Donna

March 20

Palm Sunday

8:30 AM | Chapel

10:30 AM | Sanctuary

March 25

Good Friday

7:00 PM | Chapel

March 27

Easter Sunday

9:00 AM | Sanctuary

11:00 AM | Sanctuary



Matthew 28: 19-20

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016

Volunteers are still needed to help host General Conference May 10-20. Also needed are host homes for volunteers coming from a distance. If you have room and wouldn't mind sharing it please contact Rev. Donna.

GREATHOUSE INTERN APPLICATIONS

Important notice to high school seniors and college students: On March 15th, the application form for a 2016 internship will be posted online via the FUMC website. If you are considering summer plans, please consider our PAID internship opportunity. Full information is on the application or you can visit with Mark Ohlson after worship any Sunday in Collins Hall. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2016.

Thank You

FUMC extends a warm and heartfelt thank you to Joyce Hulse for being a forward thinker and leaving a legacy gift with her generous contribution to both the Permanent Endowment Fund and the Hulse Ground Maintenance Fund. This gift will support First Church's programming, beauty and long term care of the church for decades to come.



PRAYERS

Prayers of Sympathy for:

The family of Laurie Flint. Laurie's father-in-law passed away recently.
The family of Greg Kirchem. Greg's mother passed away recently.

Prayers of Concern for:

Timothy Baranow and his family. Tim is a student of Josh Martin who is in critical condition after being hit by two cars while crossing a street.

Continued Prayers for:

Elaine Jones, Nancy Meyer, Annie Calhoun, Jim Manuel, Richie Muckridge, Marion Hollenberg, Karla Meyers

ALL CHURCH SPRING RETREAT "HATCH: DREAMING UP YOUR NEXT BIG IDEA"



Register now for this year's All Church Spring Retreat. Join us for a weekend of music, fun, friendship building, and relaxation at Suttle Lake Camp near Sisters, OR. Through songs, games, art, stories, lively discussions, and reflection, we will celebrate our unique ideas and embrace the creative process. There will be something for everyone – singles, couples, families, youth, children – people of all ages! Registration forms are available online and in the church office at www.fumcpdx.org/springretreat/.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CALENDAR

Thursday, March 24
Terwilliger Plaza - Club Room
2:00 PM Naomi Circle
Program: Anticipating Easter - a Lenten Journey
Chair: Colleen Foster,
503.808.7389

Wednesday, March 30
Fireside Room
12:00 pm Circle of Friends
Program: "Ethiopia At the Edge"
presented by Liz Jacob.
Chair: Sandra Howard
503.652.5068

Wednesday, March 30
Room 110
10:00 pm Planning Team

ALL-COMER'S BOOK CLUB

The next All-Comer's Book Club meeting is on March 21. This month's book features the nonfiction story, *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan.

FUMC T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Sundays March 13 & 20 | Collins Hall after worship. We will be taking orders with payment for FUMC T-Shirts. Check out the fancy design and order one for use at Pride in June! Pickup: The purchased shirts will be available for pickup on May 29th and June 5th in Collins Hall after 10:30 worship.





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Erick Lichte



Friday,
March 18
First United
Methodist Church
7:30pm



Ida Kavafian, violin

Fire and Blood

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DAUGHERTY: Fire and Blood

MOZART: Mass No.15 in C major "Coronation Mass"

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