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WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

8:30 AM | Chapel

10:30 AM | Sanctuary

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.



因著信，我們都是一家人。

Vier ale en familie I troen.

Nous sommes tous une famille

Wir sind alle eine Familie

私たちみんなは一つの信仰の家族です。

Somos todos una familia.

There are many ways to say the same thing ... “We are all one family of faith.” It is good to be reminded of this reality as we celebrate World Communion Sunday the first week of October. World Communion Sunday began in 1936 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1940 the observance was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (what later became the National Council of Churches). Since then, it has become an international ecumenical celebration of Christian connection.

The key word for this first Sunday in October, and for much of our discipleship, is *communion* – recognizing not only the

importance of God’s Table but the imperative we have been given to connect with others who seek to follow Christ. Christianity is not limited to American culture, North American worldviews, or Western civilization. The faith is not the property of people who speak a particular language, dress in a particular style, or even do theology with a particular slant.

As followers of Jesus it is imperative that we practice a larger understanding of faith. As Christians in this time we are called to model communion – cultivating relationships of empathy, intimacy and unity – which go beyond geographical, linguistic, or cultural boundaries. The world needs courageous people of all

faiths willing to go beyond mere tolerance to true relationship, and to encourage connections across all kinds of real or imagined boundaries.

You may not be ready to travel the globe as a Volunteer in Mission. You may not be equipped to open your home to refugees or to teach English as a second language. You may not be able to fund a cottage industry in a developing nation or to pay for the education of a young person right here at home. However, when “you” becomes “we”, there is no limit to what can be accomplished. So start where you are, do what you can, and then celebrate the connections - the *communion* we share – because we are all one family of faith.

**UMCOR
KIT-CAMP
MAGRUDER**

Anyone who sews, knits, or croquets or even likes to iron are invited to Kit



Kamp where we work on United Methodist Committee On Relief layette and school bag kits. Brian Diggs, director of UMCOR West will be present. Last year we made about 120 school bags and baby gowns in the midst of a great fellowship. The cost is \$199 for room and board. We will be staying in one of the newer lodges. Sign up through the conference office (503) 802-9210 or go camping.org. We will carpool. Kay Ward and Shirley Blalock are contact people for more information.

TABITHA CIRCLE

Monday, October 10
Room 202
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Come for all or part of the day.
Project: Baby gowns and bags
Chairs: Kay Ward 503.915.7974
and Erin Riley 503.709.5469

Prayers of Thankfulness

Dear First Church,

Many thanks to all my friends who showered me with cards, gifts, and good wishes while I was indisposed these last few weeks. I am home now and getting stronger daily. I can even walk by myself without help. You were all a blessing to me when I needed it. Thanks again!
- Beth Iverson

Prayers of Sympathy

Dick Palmiter passed away last Sunday Morning. Prayers for **Lila** and their family.

Prayers for **John Coppett** and his family as **John** passed away Wednesday, September 28.

Prayers of Concern

John Croft had knee replacement surgery and is now home and doing well.

Norm Freed is spending some time in rehab to regain his strength after a fall.

Ted Barber had a second hip surgery this week.

Annie Calhoun also had surgery this week.

**DOWNTOWN
COMPASSION CLINIC**

The Downtown Compassion Clinic will be held this year on Saturday, October 8th from 8am to 3pm at the First Baptist Church of Portland. The Church is located at 909 SW 11th Ave. Services offered will be the same as in previous years at the Memorial Coliseum: Free dental care, vision checks, foot care, medical/chiropractic/PT, free haircuts, free lunch, and access to Social Service agencies.

Immediate needs for this year's clinic include health care professionals and volunteers to help as interpreters, hospitality, food service, set-up and take-down and guest connections. You can volunteer by going to their website: downtowncompassion.org. In the past, FUMC has supported this event with cash donations and volunteer hours. If you are interested, visit their website or talk with either Debby Fisher from our Church and Society team who has extensive knowledge of past Clinics, or Mark Ohlson, our Volunteer and Outreach coordinator. Thank you for your support.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

New to First Church? Longtime visitor looking to get more involved? We offer First Church Orientations 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 at jsmith@fumcpdx.org.

PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS WASHOUGAL TOUR

Tuesday, October 25 see the process firsthand from the dye-house through spinning and weaving of the distinctive Pendleton Indian blankets on this factory tour. Conclude with viewing the selection of blankets, fabrics, and clothing in the Mill Store. A group lunch will follow the tour. Meet at the Church at 9:00 AM for carpooling; cost is \$12.00 [Lunch at your own expense]. Register and pay in the Church Office by **OCTOBER 10TH**. 503.228-3195



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