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**CIRCUIT RIDER**

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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.



UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

**UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING**

March 26 | 8:30am & 10:30am  
worship services.

Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing, UMCOR Sunday is a special offering that pays for the management expenses for the year so that 100% of money donated will go to the designated projects the rest of the year.

**UMCOR KIT ASSEMBLY**

March 26 | 12 pm | Collins Hall

Each year our church gather items for a UMCOR Project. This year we will be making Health Kits. Over the next few weeks we will be collecting items, then assembling health kits on Sunday, March 26. See the insert inside for a complete list of items.

**FIRST CHURCH GOES TO THE  
OREGON FOOD BANK**

Saturday, April 8, 9 am, Beaverton

You are invited you to volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank! We'll be working in the Food Repack Room to help package bulk foods into family-size portions for Food Bank patrons. ...*Continued on page 3*



# From The Pastor



Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life." He must have been a United Methodist! By now you have heard that our pastoral team will be changing this summer as Rev. Dick retires the end of May and Rev. Jeremy moves to Seattle First the end of June. While we will miss both of these excellent leaders, we look forward to the new team that we will create with help from our Bishop and Superintendent, and plenty of input from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

In Jeremy's words:

*"As we enter this time of transition, it's important for me to tell you this is of my choosing. I didn't choose it this month, nor did Donna or the SPRC request this change. I did, however, choose the life of the United Methodist pastor almost 11 years ago, and part of that calling is to be itinerant: to be sent where I am needed.*

*Five years ago, Chelsea and I found out we were being sent here from a town in rural Oklahoma with more cows than people. I won the appointment lottery! I came here where both our daughters were born, and where I've been thrilled at every turn with our work together. Now I'm being sent again. It's the life we agree to as United Methodists and I wouldn't have been in ministry with you in the first place if it wasn't for this shared life. This is just the other end of the deal.*

*Rest assured, the next three months are not a lame duck session. I'm still committed to the discipleship work we do together in classes, small groups, the multiplying ministries effort and everything else. We don't have a long goodbye: we have three months of ministry together and then a short goodbye at the end of June. May God's blessings be upon all of us in the coming days."*

I trust that God's blessings will be upon us as we celebrate the team we have been and as we welcome the team that will form. God will bless us as we extend grace to one another. God will bless us as we are patient with each other. God will bless us as we share our joys and our anxieties in this time of change. I think Heraclitus was right – change is the only constant in life. And oh, what a life it is in this community of faith! Jeremy was right about winning the appointment lottery – which is why I am pleased to be hanging onto my winning ticket with all of you, and why I look forward to the future yet to come. If you have questions about this process don't hesitate to call.

**Grace and Peace,  
~Rev. Donna**

What sort of legacy would you like to grow? In what ways would you like your giving to continue making a difference even beyond this lifetime? While only you can answer these initial questions, answers to the "how" questions that inevitably follow will be discussed in our Life and Legacy Series workshop entitled: Provide and Protect here at our church Sunday, May 7th at noon in the Fireside Room.

Please be our guest for a light lunch and this informative workshop where you learn about ways to give, through wills, trusts, with the gift of stocks or bonds, etc. You can register for this event by calling the church office at 503-228-3195, or by emailing [medey@fumcpdx.org](mailto:medey@fumcpdx.org) or by visiting our website, [www.fumcpdx.org](http://www.fumcpdx.org)

I hope you will join me on May 7th!

# PRAYERS

# LEARN & SERVE



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CALENDAR

### PRAYERS OF SIMPATHY

Erik Christensen shared that very dear friends lost their 15 year old daughter, Ellie Landis, after fighting cancer for the last year and a half.

Steve Tillotson passed away from heart failure Feb 22. No services are planned at this time.

### PRAYERS OF THANKFULNESS

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and well wishes following my February 17, surgery. My recovery is progressing nicely although slowly. My spirits have been lifted by each contact, and I am very fond of my lovely, cozy prayer shawl.

Gratefully,

-Mary Jane Hendrickson

### PRAYERS OF CONCERN

Gloria Tillotson was admitted to the hospital due to breathing problems and is undergoing tests.

Libby Sokolowski fell and broke her arm. She is recovering back at Terwilliger Plaza.

Prayers for safe travels for Emily Wright who is on an educational spring break trip to Jordan which left this last Thursday and will return next Saturday.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Mary Jane Hendrickson, Gladys Shaw, Frances Adams, Laurie Newcomer, Cal Brockman Sr, and Annie Calhoun.



### PATHFINDERS

Saturday, April 1

Room 202 | 11:30 AM

Program: "Viva Village."

Viva Village is a non-profit organization offering support, assistance, educational and social opportunities for members. Among the options are aging in place and staying in one's own homes and neighborhoods as able. Please contact Jerry and Marilyn Outslay at 503.649.9801 that you plan to attend and the dish you will provide.



The next Goose Hollow Family Shelter Volunteer Orientation is March 13 at 5-6 pm. If Interested please contact Bethany Rocci at [bethany@pdxhfs.org](mailto:bethany@pdxhfs.org) or 503-915-8307.

### FROM THE COVER ...

You'll work side by side with other volunteers at the Oregon Food Bank Beaverton on April 8. Look for a sign-up sheet throughout March in Collins Hall after worship or RSVP with Mark Ohlson at [mohlson@fumcpdx.org](mailto:mohlson@fumcpdx.org).

### NAOMI CIRCLE

Thursday, March 23

Terwilliger Plaza - Club Room  
2:00 PM

Joanne Rannells will preside at "Anticipating Easter - a Lenten Journey". The program will conclude with communion.  
Chair: Colleen Foster,  
503.808.7389

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Wednesday, March 29

Fireside Room - 12:00 PM

Program: Creation Caring – Farm Workers. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.

Chair: Peg Cook 503.452.7298

### PLANNING TEAM

Wednesday, March 29

Room 110 - 10:00 AM

### UMW UNIT

Wednesday, April 5

Fireside Room - 10:00 AM

Program: Coffee Creek Quilters. Coffee Creek Quilters teaches quilting classes to women incarcerated at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville, Oregon. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.

Contact: Judy Moon

503.543.2220

### BOOK CHAT

Wednesday, April 5

Fireside Room

12:00 PM

Chair: Sandra Howard

503.652.5068



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**FIRST CHURCH ORIENTATION**

**Sunday, April 2 | Noon | 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. Jeremy (jsmith@fumcpdx.org).



**GOING DEEPER BEGINNING THIS APRIL**

Going Deeper is a Methodism 101 for newcomers and longtime visitors alike. It begins with a light supper, then a conversation with our clergy about sources of authority, spiritual practices, and social activism in our church tradition. Let Rev. Jeremy or Martha Powell know of your interest by March 22 and we will schedule the group around your schedule!

**LENTEN SUPPERS**

**Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Fireside Room**

You are invited to join us every Wednesday during Lent for a community meal and inspiring stories of courage, told by a different member each week:

**MARCH 22: KATHLEEN COSGROVE**

Alternative Rites of Passage for Kenyan girls

**March 29: Rev. Vern Groves**

Reconciling Ministry and Creation Care Activism

**April 5: Dr. Ryan Hutchison**

Medical practice with homeless teens



# UMCOR

**HEALTH KITS LIST  
ASSEMBLY MARCH 26  
12:00PM | COLLINS HALL**

- **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**

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# ALL-CHURCH SPRING RETREAT

## APRIL 28-30

**STRIVING HIGHER**

**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Families, singles, and couples of all ages are invited to our annual church retreat, this year at Camp Magruder on the Oregon Coast! **SIGN UP BEGINS APRIL 1!**