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@
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.

GRADUATION & YOUTH SUNDAY

CLASS OF 2017

SIENNA BARBER

EMMALIE BLAKEMORE

NELSON COOPER

JONATHAN FORTNER

TYLER HONN

BEN KAYSER

GENEVIEVE KLEIN

FELICITY RIZZO

VATIN PONGLONG

OLIVER TAWNEY

CHARLIE ZACH

MAY 21 • 10:30AM • SANCTUARY

Youth Sunday is an opportunity for our 7th – 12th grade students to plan, write and carry out the 10:30 AM Sunday morning worship service. Youth will work on writing liturgy, prayers, selecting scripture, songs, and writing sermonettes. Join us for this special worship service as we also congratulate

and celebrate our graduating high school seniors of 2017 who will be recognized during the service and receive a gift of love from the congregation. Students will then attend Coffee Hour after worship, providing a time for everyone to commend them individually.

From the Pastor

Overheard in the hallway on a recent Sunday, this conversation between a man and his young daughter:

He: (Sighs)...*"I'm so tired of the rain! Don't you wish Spring would just get here?"*

She: (Skipping)...*"The rain's not so bad. After all, the birds still sing in the rain!"*

If you are like most Oregonians, you might share the father's sighs. It does feel like winter has hung on well past its expiration point this year. We are tired of the wet and the cold, the gray skies and the soggy ground. We are tired of landslides and potholes and rivers pushing against their banks. Even those few rare sunny days we've had feel like cruel teasers from a recalcitrant Spring.

And yet, that child is wise beyond her years. Even in the monotony and inconvenience of another rainy day, there are blessings to be found, if we will only pay attention. The birds do still sing in the rain.

That is a good reminder for us as we await the full arrival of Spring. It is also a good reminder when we find ourselves caught in the doldrums of too much to do, or in the boredom of not enough to occupy our time. It is a good reminder when relationships

become too predictable, or jobs too mundane. The birds still sing in the rain – there may be joy to be found even in the grayest of days if we look for it.

Again, good advice for rainy days and sunny ones alike. Because we do know that eventually the sun will come to stay for a season. Eventually the clouds will run dry and drift away and we will find ourselves in a new season of challenges and joy. In the meantime, don't miss these opportunities to sing in the rain (or the sun) with your church:

- Youth Sunday & the Presentation of Graduating Seniors' Quilts, May 21 at 10:30am
- Confirmation & Pentecost Sunday, June 4
- Music Sunday, June 11
- Pride Parade, June 18

And speaking of changing seasons... Your Staff-Parish Relations Committee has been hard at work preparing for our upcoming staff changes. We look forward to welcoming the Rev. Andy Oliver as our Minister of Pastoral Care on July 1. Andy is an Elder in full connection in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and has previously served churches in Hoquiam, and Vancouver, Washington, and has

worked as a prison chaplain. Our Minister of Discipleship has also been selected, but cannot be announced until all the appropriate processes are complete.

Please come by the office or stop into Collins Hall during coffee hour to write a note of appreciation to our outgoing staff: Mark Ohlson, the Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator, Rev. Dick Storment, our Minister of Pastoral Care, and Rev. Jeremy Smith, our Minister of Discipleship. Mark's last day with us will be May 28. Dick's is June 4, and Jeremy's last day is June 25. SPRC has purchased small gifts for each; if you wish to make an additional gift you can include it with the card you write.

I look forward to our continuing partnership and to forming a new team for ministry and service. Because of your enthusiasm, your love and your connection with God I find it much easier to sing along with the birds, even in the rain!



PRAYERS

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PRAYERS OF THANKFULNESS

We thank our special guests The Chor Leoni Men's Chorus, this last weekend. They not only performed a benefit concert for Friends of Music but sang on Sunday Morning for worship. Erick Lichte, from our own Chancel Choir directs this outstanding group from Vancouver British Columbia.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Geoff and Ronnie Edwards and their children. Geoff's Mother recently passed away.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

- Robert Brown recently had toe surgery for a second time
- Cal Brockman Jr.'s store was one of the ones damaged by vandals last week.
- Kathryn Liddicoet had back surgery and will be confined at home for a number of weeks.
- Annie Calhoun has had her long awaited surgery and is now home.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Laurie Newcomer
- Mark Paulin
- Mary Ann Talbott.
- Gary Strayer Curtis



GLOBAL MISSIONS: KENYA!

Sunday, May 21 | Noon | Fireside
Rev. Sue Owen and Rev. Jim Monroe will give a presentation on their five years volunteering at the Methodist Hospital in Maua Kenya. A VIM team from our conference visited them three years ago including several of our church members. Both are former District Superintendents in our conference.

SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

May 23 | 6:30 pm | Room 110
The sole purpose of this meeting is to approve the Board of Trustees' proposal to sell Tri-Met a small piece of property behind the MAX station so they can build a secure bicycle storage facility. Tri-Met is encouraging more people to use bicycle and public transit as a way to reduce traffic congestion we all experience in and out of downtown Portland. This is clearly in line with our values as a "creation care" congregation, and will be a good witness to our neighbors of stewardship and community cooperation. More details about the sale will be available at the charge conference.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Wednesday, May 31 | 11am
Meet in the FUMC parking lot at 11:00 AM to car pool to the Japanese Gardens for a picnic in Washington Park for packed lunches (or at the new cafe at your own expense). We have a one-hour private tour arranged at 1:00 pm. Cost \$13 adults, \$11.50 adults 65+. For payment, make your check to Peggy P. Cook. Call Cheryl Bittle no later than May 15 at 503.292.3508.

PLANNING TEAM

Wednesday, May 24 | 10am
Room 110

NAOMI CIRCLE

Thursday, May 25 | 2pm
Terwilliger Plaza - Club Room
Program: "Covenantal Living, as Reflected in (Holy) Conferencing," combining a preview of the UMW June Spiritual Retreat with looking ahead toward the mid-June Washington-Idaho-Oregon Annual Conference. Chair: Colleen Foster, 503.808.7389

PATHFINDERS

Saturday, June 3 | 202 | 11:30am
Program: Mark Ohlson, who has directed FUMC's Outreach programs for the past seven years, and knows the ins and outs of this far-reaching and vital work, will share with Pathfinders an account of FUMC's incredible program of Outreach. Please contact Vi Ricci and Jim McManus at 503.668.9584 that you plan to attend and the dish you will provide.



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56 PEOPLE ATTENDED THIS YEAR'S ALL CHURCH RETREAT ON THE COAST AT CAMP MAGRUDER. THROUGH SONG, ART, NATURE AND FELLOWSHIP WE EXPLORED HOW WE CAN STRIVE HIGHER IN OUR FAITH, WHILE GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY. AND CHURCH. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FUMC VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF AT CAMP MAGRUDER FOR MAKING THIS RETREAT WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS YEAR, THERE'S ALWAYS 2018!