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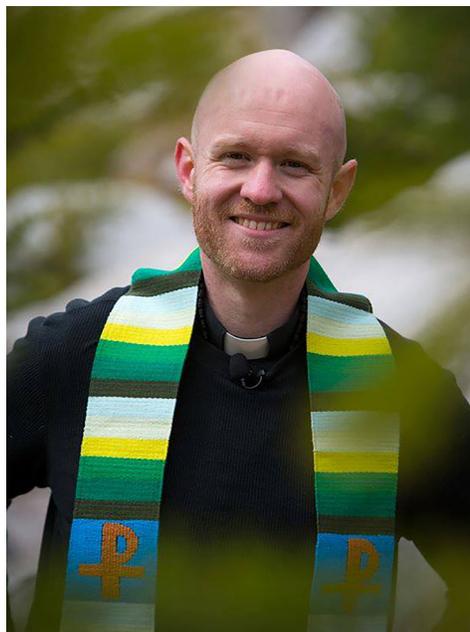
**8:30 AM | CHAPEL  
10:30 AM | SANCTUARY**

**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.

## BISHOP ELAINE STANOVSKY INTENDS TO APPOINT NEW CLERGY



**MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP**  
Rev. Joshua Kingsley



**MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE**  
Rev. Andrew Oliver

For more details, see page 2



## JUNE SERMON SERIES



Beginning Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday  
"Ordinary Grace" is a series that will focus  
on the beginnings of the church, music  
as a portal to faith, letting relationships  
evolve and finding goodness in the  
end, and making your down time mean  
something. For a complete sermon  
schedule, see page 3





# From the Pastor

Change is in the air... or is it just pollen? By now you have heard of our anticipated staff changes here at First Church. The Rev. Jeremy Smith, our Minister of Discipleship, expects a move to Seattle where he will serve the downtown First UMC as pastor in charge. The Rev. Dick Storment, our Minister of Pastoral Care, will be retiring (again), in order to provide more flexibility for the traveling he and his wife Sandy wish to do. And, in line with our congregation's strategic plan, we are re-allocating resources to provide for a part-time youth leader in place of our Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Mark Ohlson.

You will want to thank Jeremy, Dick and Mark for their years of service to First Church and wish them well. Staff-Parish Relations Committee is hosting thank-you receptions (for Dick and Mark on June 4 following the 10:30 service, and for Jeremy on June 25). Cards are available during coffee hour and in the church office if you wish to write a personal note or even include a small token of your appreciation. We have been blessed by these three and by the rest of our dedicated staff these past five years, so we will say goodbye with some sadness even while we look forward to the next chapter for all of us.

Speaking of that next chapter...the Bishop and Cabinet of our area have been working hard to help us move into our future with great optimism and hope. We expect to welcome two new clergy on the first of July. The Rev. Andy Oliver will join us as our Minister of Pastoral Care. Andy is an ordained Elder in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. He writes this about himself:

*"I grew up as a Southern Baptist, primarily in the South. After high school I enlisted in the Army*

*for three years before studying at Florida State University (Go Seminoles!), where I received a BA in Criminology. I received my Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology (Emory University), and then was ordained and served for three years as a prison Chaplain in Virginia, before transferring to the Pacific Northwest conference."* Andy went through the process with their Board of Ordained Ministry to become a United Methodist pastor and served several UM churches in Washington State before moving to the Vancouver area where he helped develop a new church start. Together with his wife Jodi Andy has two teenage daughters. He brings a maturity and experience level along with an open heart and is happy to be joining this community of faith.

The Rev. Joshua Kingsley is an ordained Episcopal priest, currently serving as Priest-in-Charge at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the Parkrose area of Portland. Josh grew up in Idaho, received a Bachelor of Music from the University of Idaho, a Master of Music from Portland State University, and his Master of Divinity from George Fox Evangelical Seminary, along with a Certificate of Anglican Studies from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. Josh describes his gifts and graces in these terms:

*"I am an envisioner – an inspirational leader, co-creating a vision of the common good. I am an engager – casting the vision narrative with creativity and joy. I am an empowerer – helping all people reach and believe in their own full potential through careful listening and loving accountability. And I seek to be faithful – consistently looking to God and the examples of those who came before us."* Joshua has particular

skills in relational organizing, relates well to a diverse community such as ours, and will help us continue to grow as a congregation. He has been approved by our Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to serve this church as a Minister of Another Denomination. Prior to entering the ministry Josh served as the Founder and Executive Director of a non-profit organization, Portland Chamber Music, and taught middle school music. He brings a high level of energy and enthusiasm to our common work, undoubtedly inspired in part by his four year old son.

Over the summer months we will be scheduling various opportunities for you to meet and greet these new clergy. One of the things that will be most helpful for all of us during this time of change will be for you to wear your church name tag every Sunday. If you have misplaced your tag please call or email Matt in the front office to get a replacement one. While you may know who you are, you may not know every other member or friend... and certainly Josh and Andy will need some help getting acquainted. Please do your best to offer this simple bit of hospitality! Change is in the air...let us greet it with optimism and with hope.



# PRAYERS

# LEARN



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## PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

- For all our youth along with Megan Jones who lead our worship on youth Sunday.
- For Our graduating seniors and for all their hopes and dreams.
- We also are thankful for all whose enable the hand made quilts to be made especially for each of our seniors.

## PRAYERS OF CONCERN

- Ellen Zeller, Paul Ingram's mother, has been placed on hospice and been given a very limited time to live.

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Laurie Newcomer
- Mark Paulin
- Kathryn Liddicoet
- Annie Calhoun
- Gary Strayer Curtis
- Mary Ann Talbott

## BAPTISM & NEW MEMBER

This past Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of Nick Hutchison and Vatin Ponglong. Vatin also officially joined our congregation through a profession of faith.



Left: Nick Hutchison, Right: Vatin Ponglong

## JUNE SERMON SERIES: *ORDINARY GRACE*

- June 5: Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday  
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21  
Sermon: *Grace at the Table*
- June 11: Music Sunday  
Scripture: Psalm 100  
Sermon: *Grace Along the Way*
- June 18: *Father's Day*  
Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30  
Sermon: *Grace in the Family*
- June 25: Rev. Jeremy's Final Sermon

## PRIDE PARADE FLASH MOB REHEARSAL

Sunday, June 4 and Sunday, June 11 -- After church in the gym. Reconciling Ministries will have a quick practice of the "flash mob" style dance for the Parade. If you want to join in -- it's easy!

## UMW UNIT

Wednesday, June 7  
Fireside Room - 10:00 AM  
Program: Spiritual Retreat  
Catered lunch.  
\$5.00 contribution is appreciated  
Contact: Colleen Foster  
503.808.7389

## TABITHA CIRCLE

Monday, June 12  
Room 202 - 10:00 AM  
Project: Repair sanctuary pew pads  
Chairs: Kay Ward 503.915.7974  
and Erin Riley 503.709.5469

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Friday, June 16  
We Will be providing and sharing dinner with the Goose Hollow Family Shelter.

# WE NEED SUMMER VOLUNTEERS!

## SUMMER CHOIR

Beginning June 18, the Chancel Choir becomes the Summer Choir. Rather than meet on Thursday evenings for a rehearsal, they meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary to rehearse the anthem for worship that morning. All are welcome to come and sing! It is a great chance for those who can't make an evening rehearsal and want to sing to come and make a joyful sound with us!

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult volunteers are needed to make Sunday School an enjoyable experience for all! If you did not teach Sunday School during the regular school year, and would like to spend one or more Sundays with a group of students, please contact Megan Jones at [mjones@fumcpx.org](mailto:mjones@fumcpx.org), or at 503-228-3195 ex227. Sunday School curriculum and supplies are provided.



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Join us for a special music in worship, including an Introit by the Cherubs, and our Anthem featuring John Rutter's *Look At the World* by a combined Chancel Choir, Sound Seekers and Cherubs, directed by Erick Lichte, and includes piano, percussion, and of course, Jonas Nordwall at the Mary L. Collins Pipe Organ.



Sunday, June 4 during the 10:30 am worship, several youth will be confirming their baptisms and joining this church. They have spent the past two years learning what it means to be a follower of Jesus and what it means to understand faith through a Wesleyan perspective, combining personal piety and social justice. Don't miss it!