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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.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



On Sunday, June 11 we announced the recipients for the First Church Volunteer of the Year Awards. This year, the Wesley Spirit Award was given to the Chancel Choir (above), the Guy Wheaton Award to Jessica Kimmet (left), and Lewis Hughes to Scott Spencer (right). We appreciate all First Church Volunteers for the work they do in our church and Portland community, we could not go forward in ministry without you!

Farwell from Rev. Jeremy

Dear beloved friends,

As I write this, my office is in boxes, my organized garage is disorganized, my house is dismembered disarray. And yet the clarity of my affection for you has never been more clear or more present.

Along with the boxes go five years of memories: memories of the good work we accomplished as a church staff, memories of the ridiculously fun outings we went on or activities together (such as a balloon popping competition with darts), and especially the long conversations with Megan, Kelly, Mark, Dick, and Donna about how to be the Church in this time and place, and Liz, Matt, Kendall, Dwight--and all that went before them--as to how to make it happen. I will deeply miss Shovel and Cake (er...Rake), game nights at the Lius, library lunches, choir socials, the Pride Parade, conversations with families, dreams with the Lay Leaders, Star Wars banter, geek theology, advocacy for justice, and weekly learning and laughing with Rev. Donna.

Along with the memories go the moments written onto my heart. Every baptism, every funeral, every wedding, every mountaintop event that pastors get to uniquely experience. Every bedside with a parishioner for the last time, and every celebration of a newborn for the first time. Those are deeper than memories that will come flooding back whenever I see you again.

And swirling amidst those moments and memories are those of you who I failed. The moments when I fell short, when I didn't hear what you needed, and when I just didn't have what you hoped for. You may have long since forgiven and forgotten, but I carry those with me until I cross the Columbia river between Oregon and Washington. I'll carry the lessons learned forever, but I make it a practice to name and ask forgiveness at the border, trusting that the faults will be consigned to oblivion, and charity to remain.

As you know, my pastoral relationship to you ends after our final worship together on June 25th as our family travels north for me to begin a new pastoral relationship with the people of

First United Methodist Church in Seattle, Washington. This is the way of United Methodism, and though it is heart-wrenching, it is for the long-term health of everyone to have a diversity of pastors who serve you differently at the different stages of your life. I believe this and I practice it. Please keep us in your prayers, but turn your relationship to Rev. Joshua, Rev. Andy, and Rev. Donna as you begin this new chapter with them.

May the Force be with you... always.

Blessings,



PRAYERS

UPDATES

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

- Harriett and Terry Connell celebrated 59th wedding anniversary June 4
- Ann and Jerry Hudson celebrated 50th wedding anniversary June 11
- A joint session of the Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Annual Conferences met in Portland June 14-17; we celebrate the many life-giving, faithful ministries of United Methodist churches throughout the northwest

NEW MEMBERS



On Sunday, June 11 we welcomed Julie Sutton (*left*), and Ryan Saul (*right*) into membership here at First Church.

BAPTISMS



We also celebrated the sacrament of holy baptism of Joseph and Eleanor Farland's sons Noah and Jesse Farland.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- For Dan Strickland, on the passing of his mother
- For the family of Laurie Newcomer on her death

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

- For Lee Cooper who had surgery and is home recovering from a shoulder injury
- For Gwyneth Rochlin who is in a care center, recovering from fractures sustained in a fall
- For Frances Adams, who has been placed on Hospice Care

CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Carrie Saito
- Ellen Zeller
- Mark Paulin
- Gary Strayer Curtis
- Mary Ann Talbott



Approximately 45 from this congregation marched in celebration of diversity with our larger Portland Community in this year's Pride Parade.

ALL-CHURCH BIKE RIDE

SUNDAY JULY 9 | 12:30 PM | SELLWOOD RIVERFRONT PARK

Grab your bike and pack a lunch for a bike tour, co-sponsored by Planet Church and Children and Family Ministries. There we will have a picnic lunch before we set out on a leisurely ride up the Springwater on the Willamette Trail to the Tilikum Crossing, and back. For more information, contact Megan Jones at mjones@fumcpdx.org.





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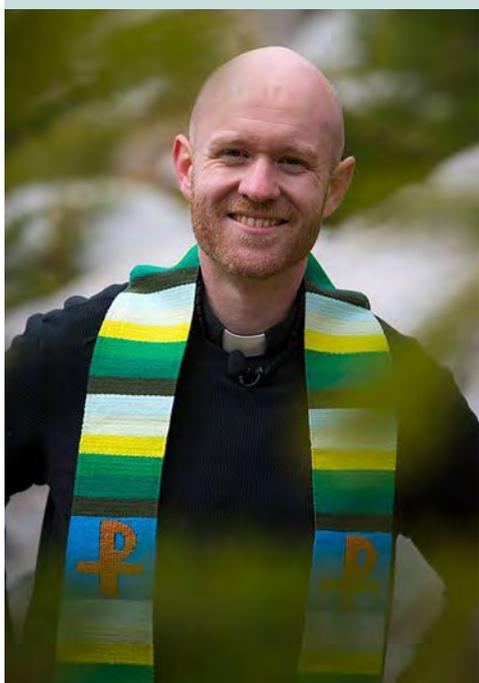
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WELCOME REV JOSHUA KINGSLEY & REV ANDREW OLIVER



Our new Minister of Discipleship, Rev. Joshua Kingsley (left) and Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. Andy Oliver (right) are here and we want to celebrate! Come greet them in worship for both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. After worship Staff-Parish Relations Committee hosts a special welcome reception. Be sure to wear your name tags all summer, and stop by to introduce yourself! If you need a replacement name tag, you can order them through the front office, 503-228-3195 x221, or office@fumcpdx.org.



SUNDAY JULY 9 | 11:30 AM | COLLINS HALL

WORSHIP

JULY SERMON SERIES

In July the sermons will focus on *The Real Social Network*, as we explore the power of Christian community and the challenges we face in a time of rapid change:

- July 2 – *From Luddite to Hipster*, with inspiration from Isaiah 43 and Ephesians 6
- July 9 – *Friend Requests*, as our new Minister of Discipleship preaches his first sermon here
- July 16 – *Tweets From Our Tribe*, taking our cue from Matthew 5
- July 23 – *Snapchats Worth a Thousand Words*, again drawing on Matthew 5
- July 30 – *LinkedIn For Good*, with direction from 1Peter 2 and Colossians 3

SUMMER CHOIR



Sundays | 9:15 am | Sanctuary

During the summer the Chancel Choir becomes the Summer Choir. If you have wanted to sing in the choir, but can't get to Thursday evening rehearsals this is your chance! All are invited and welcome to come and sing. The choir rehearses an anthem to sing for worship that morning.

NEW ADULT CLASS

COMPASSION & REFLECTION



July 9 - 30 | 9 am | Room 110

Join in 40 days of intentional discernment and journaling about yourself, your place at First Church, and how you can better transform your community. Discussion and classes will be led by members of our Sanctuary Cohort. Journals will be available in the narthex and online.

GET MORE INVOLVED!

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Sunday July 9 | 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 Donna at dpritchard@fumcpdx.org by July 5.

FIRST CHURCH GOES TO THE FOOD BANK

**Saturday July 15 | 9:30 am
Portland Food Bank**

Several times per year, our Church and Society team organizes trips to volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank, serving in the food re-packing room with other community minded volunteers. Bulk food received by the Food Bank is packaged into family sized portions to be distributed to hungry Oregon families. If you'd like to join us for this, contact Rev. Josh after July 1.

OLIVE OIL SALE

July 16 | 11:30 am | Collins Hall
Global Missions Committee will be selling organic, first press, free trade, Olive Oil made by Palestinian farmers in Collins Hall

after the 10:30 worship service. Help support these farmers by purchasing their products! All profits are donated to Advance Special mission projects in Palestine.

UMW CALENDAR

PLANNING TEAM

Wednesday, June 28
Room 110 - 10:00 AM



TABITHA CIRCLE

Monday, July 10 | 10 am | 202
Project: Repairing sanctuary pew pads
Chairs: Kay Ward 503.915.7974
& Erin Riley 503.709.5469