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**CIRCUIT RIDER**

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WORSHIP  
 @  
 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.

\*NEW\* SUNDAY ADULT CLASS



AUGUST 6 - 27 | 9:30 AM | ROOM 110

*Each Sunday in August a different Outreach team will offer a 101 class on why their outreach area matters to the wider world, and how you can get connected with it. For class schedule, see inside!*



**MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY TOUR**

**Monday, August 7 | 10 AM**

Join the First Church Travelers Mount Angel Abbey tour! You will have an opportunity to walk hilltop paths, visit the museum of historic artifacts, and discover rare book collections followed by lunch in downtown Mt Angel. Meet at First Church at 8:30 am to carpool. Cost is \$10 dollars a person (lunch at your own expense). Sign up at the front office or call 503/228-3195.

# From the Pastor

Summer is finally here! It's been great to see the sun, to feel the heat, and to recognize a different rhythm to our days. I recently enjoyed a little hike up Duncan Creek in the Columbia River Gorge (see <https://gorgefriends.org> for suggestions on trails), and I was reminded of this little poem by Martha Courtot, called "Crossing a Creek":

Crossing a creek  
Requires three things:  
A certain serenity of mind  
Bare feet,  
And a sure trust  
That the snake we know slides  
silently underwater,  
Just beyond our vision  
Will choose to ignore  
The flesh that cuts through  
its territory,  
And we will pass through...

It seems a good sentiment for all of us in these summer days, whether we are hiking along a creek in the Gorge or soaking up the sun in our own backyard, or simply crossing into new relationships, or into new ministries as a part of this community.

This summer is a time of transition for us as we welcome a new Minister of Discipleship (Rev. Josh Kingsley) and a new Minister of

Pastoral Care (Rev. Andy Oliver), along with a whole new slate of leaders for our various ministries. Together we are crossing into new growth, new adventures, new partnerships. And there are a few ways you can help to ensure your crossings go well:

- 1 - Come to worship every Sunday and stay for fellowship afterward.  
*Remember – we now have an 8:30 AND a 10:30 service, so if you have Sunday plans, come early.*
- 2 - Wear your name tag to worship, coffee hour, and other church activities  
*Please do not assume that everybody knows your name, even if you have been here a thousand years! It is a sign of hospitality and care to offer your name to those who are new.*
- 3 - Join a supper group (there's probably one near you), a Sunday School class, or the summer choir. Watch the Circuit Rider, website and bulletins for special outings you can join.  
*Summer is a great time to deepen our connections with*

*each other, but that doesn't necessarily happen during worship alone.*

Martha's poem goes on to remind us that:

Some people think crossing a creek is easy;  
But I say this –  
All crossings are hard,  
Whether creeks or mountains,  
Or into other lives.  
And we must always believe in the snakes at our feet,  
Just out of our vision  
And we must practice believing  
We will come through.

~Grace & Peace



Rev. Donna

# PRAYERS UPDATES OUTREACH

## PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

We welcome our new clergy to our staff! Please stop by and say "hi" to Rev. Josh Kingsley, Minister of Discipleship; and Rev. Andy Oliver, Minister of Pastoral Care



- Baptism of Theodor Alfred Gavino, son of Lydia and Brandon Gavino, on Sunday July 2nd (photo above)

## PRAYERS OF CONCERN

- For Jenny Anderson (daughter of Rick and Bernice Rust), who is being treated in England for symptoms of Lyme Disease.
- For Karen Bleything, recovering from carpal-tunnel surgery

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Lee Cooper
- Frances Adams
- Carrie Saito
- Gwyneth Rochlin
- Ellen Zeller
- Mark Paulin
- Gary Strayer Curtis
- Mary Ann Talbott

## FROM THE LIBRARY

Recently we have received some large book donations at First Church Library, and we just don't have the storage space to accommodate them. If you have any questions about book donations, please talk with Diana Sellers, Library Committee Chairperson or one of the Library Committee members who volunteer on Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017 -DO THIS AND LIVE

The theme for this year's session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference – "Do This and Live" was taken from Jesus' teaching leading into the parable of the Good Samaritan. That story provided inspiration for us to consider ways we are called to love God and love our neighbor.

This year's meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference was held at the Red Lion Inn at Jantzen Beach, in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, and with representatives present from the Alaska conference as well! Your lay members to Conference – Francis Garoutte, Janice Gratton, Mary Sagara, and Bob Wilson – have composed summaries from each day of Conference. You can find these on our website, [www.fumcpdx.org](http://www.fumcpdx.org)

## PALESTINE FORUM

### FEATURING REV. ALEX AWAD

**July 23 | Noon | Fireside Room**  
Rev. Alex Awad, a retired GBGM missionary who served as Dean of Bethlehem Bible College for more than 30 years, will speak on 10 practical ways churches can respond to the Israel/Palestine crisis. An internationally known speaker and writer, Rev. Awad is the author of two books and numerous articles on this conflict.

## FIRST CHURCH GOES TO THE OREGON 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. If you'd like to join us sign up in Collins Hall!

## WHY OUTREACH MATTERS TO YOU CLASS SCHEDULE

**Sundays | 9:30 am | Room 110**

- *Why care for LGBTQ inclusion?* with Reconciling – August 6
- *Why care for missionaries and missions?* with Global Missions – August 13
- *Why care for Homelessness and Hunger?* with Church and Society • August 20
- *Why care for the Environment?* with Planet Church – August 27



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**THE ST. JOHN'S  
BOYS' CHOIR**

SUNDAY JULY 9 2017 · 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Conducted by  
**André Heywood**

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE

THE MONTH OF AUGUST JOIN US IN WORSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS ANY SUNDAYS BECAUSE WE WILL BE PREACHING ON TOPICS YOU HAVE REQUESTED, AND SINGING SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS. GET READY FOR:

- *HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH (AND HOW DO YOU KNOW?)* - AUGUST 6
- *WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'WITNESS' TO YOUR FAITH?* - AUGUST 20
- *HOW CAN YOU MAKE PRAYER A HABIT OR A LIFESTYLE?* - AUGUST 13
- *HOW CAN YOU AGE GRACEFULLY AND BE AUTHENTICALLY YOU AT ANY AGE?* - AUGUST 27



## ORIENTATION TO LEADERSHIP

### ORIENTATION TO LEADERSHIP Sunday July 16 | 12 pm | Room 202

New to a Leadership Position? Here's help... Revs. Donna and Josh will present "Orientation to Leadership" for all new committee/team chairpersons. We will begin with a light lunch followed by dynamic conversation and information sharing around:

- the purpose of lay leadership in the church
- the role of a committee chairperson (communications, agendas, sharing responsibility, managing the work, etc)

If you have recently agreed to head up one of our ministry areas, please plan to attend this important meeting. Call or email Rev. Donna at 503/228-3195 x226 or [dpritchard@fumcpdx.org](mailto:dpritchard@fumcpdx.org) for more information.



## ST. JOHN'S BOYS' CHOIR COMES TO FIRST CHURCH

### ST. JOHN'S BOYS' CHOIR COMES TO FIRST CHURCH July 9 | 10:30 am Worship Service

We welcome the St. John's Boys' Choir from Collegetown, Minnesota who will provide the music for the 10:30 am worship service. Founded in 1981 by Paul Richards, the St. John's Boys' Choir has grown to four musical ensembles, including their touring ensemble, The Concert Choir, ages 6-8. They pursue challenging repertoire and advanced vocal techniques. Their conductor, André Heywood, a native from Trinidad, holds degrees in Biochemistry and Music Education with a Masters in Choral Conducting. Mr. Heywood has been conducting with St. John's for ten years. They are accompanied by Sean Jacobson, who is in his fourth season and is an elementary band teacher. It will be a joy to hear them singing for our worship experience!