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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.



SERMON SERIES

*Feasting
Through
Lent*

- **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Wednesday, March 1
We Fast Before We Feast
- **LENT 1**
Sunday, March 5
*Fasting from Noise,
Feasting on Silence*
- **LENT 2**
Sunday, March 12
*Fasting from
Complexity, Feasting
on Simplicity*
- **LENT 3**
Sunday, March 19
*Fasting from Despair,
Feasting on Hope*
- **LENT 4**
Sunday, March 26
*Fasting from Excuses,
Feasting on Enthusiasm*
- **LENT 5**
Sunday, April 2
*Fasting from Discontent,
Feasting on Gratitude*

From The Pastor



I've been thinking a lot about the future these days. In my work as a member of The United Methodist Bishops' Commission on the Way Forward I am engaged in creative conciliatory conversations aimed at finding ways to move beyond uniformity to a unity we can all embrace. That work is time consuming (the Commission meets six times this year and three times in 2018) and complex and I expect it will at times be painful. *

Of course it is true that none of us can predict exactly what the future will bring. Yet that very uncertainty is what calls us to consider our future as a denomination, and as a local church. During this month of February we have been considering ways to "multiply our ministry", both here in Goose Hollow and in other areas of the greater Portland area. We have identified a long list of shared values which make up the DNA of this congregation – things like:

- vital traditional worship with excellent music
- strong lay and clergy leadership
- openness to new ideas and diverse opinions
- a commitment to inclusivity

and welcome

- Education for all ages and a real concern for children and families
- Social justice and care for the community around us

We have learned about our demographics:

- 25% are 70 years & older, 38% are 40-59 years; 37% are infant through age 39
- 60% of us are women; 40% are men
- 93% are Caucasian; 7% are people of color
- We live in many different communities – over 60 zip codes!



And we have looked at our neighbors in this fast-growing neck of the woods, where 64.3% of the populace give to non-profit and religious organizations, and 62.2% volunteer time with them, and where the population is projected to keep growing, potentially

doubling in size within the next ten years.

Life always involves a certain amount of uncertainty. But that does not mean we simply give in to the prevailing winds of the moment, or hide our heads in the sand and wait to see what the future will bring. Instead, we do the work of the Commission, and the work of FUMC because we understand what Abraham Lincoln meant when he suggested "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

I would suggest we also ought not to discount the **blessing** of tomorrow by fearing it today. The future may be uncertain, but that does not mean it will be bad. And we have a chance, working together, to multiply the goodness, and to find a way forward with God's guidance and grace. As Albert Camus so eloquently put it, "Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present." I hope you will join me in giving your all to these present efforts to multiply ministry in God's name.

Grace & Peace
Rev. Donna

P.S. If you would like to hear periodic reports from my perspective of the Commission on the Way Forward, you will find short video clips on our website, www.fumcpdx.org; or our Facebook page, First United Methodist Church PDX.

PRAYERS



**UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN
CALENDAR**

CELEBRATION

Our four-week conversation about “Multiplying Ministries” is incredibly enthusiastic about the possibilities and continues this week about the future of FUMC.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

The Memorial service for Jim Manuel has been set for Saturday, February 25 at 2 pm here at First United Methodist Church of Portland. Prayers for Lynn, and her friends and family.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

For Mary Jane Hendrickson who is recovering from surgery.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Mary Wargo, Lindsay Short (Paul Ingram’s daughter), Kris Smole, Gladys Shaw, Dave Qualls, Sally Townend, Frances Adams, Laurie Newcomer, Cal Brockman Sr., Annie Calhoun, Dick Pomeroy, Marian Poindexter, Richie Muckridge, Bill Rizzo and Virginia Townend.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

UMW UNIT

Fireside Room - 10:00 AM
Program: UMW Mission u program
- The Bible and Human Sexuality.
Prayer and Self Denial.
Contact: Judy Moon
503.543.2220

BOOK CHAT

Fireside Room
12:00 PM
Chair: Sandra Howard
503.652.5068.

MOMENTUM

SERVICE

HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday March 11
2:00 – 4:00 pm | Room 202
Momentum students are invited to participate in a series of events modeled after the Scottish Highland Games. There will also be music, food, and plenty of fun.



FORUM ON THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

Sunday March 12 | Noon | Fireside
Representatives from the Department of Human Services and Embrace Oregon will be here to educate us about the foster care system and ways we can support children and teens currently in foster care.



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 or 503-915-8307.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

EVERY MEMBER ENRICHMENT EVENT

Oak Grove United Methodist Church
9:30 AM Registration,
10:00 AM Program
Speaker: Hana Sant,
Development and Volunteer Coordinator for New Avenues for Youth where all youth have a safe place to call home and the support they need to thrive.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

TABITHA CIRCLE

Room 202 - 10:00 AM
Project: Tie the quilts made for graduating high school seniors.
Chairs: Kay Ward 503.915.7974
and Erin Riley 503.709.5469



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GUEST SPEAKER DR LANE MCGAUGHY

Dr. Lane McGaughy will be discussing the Beatitudes during a special ***Christianity in a Changing World*** class. Dr. McGaughy is Professor Emeritus of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University, a founding Fellow of the Jesus Seminar, former Executive Director of the Westar Institute, and co-author of *The Authentic Letters of Paul*.



SUNDAY, MARCH 5 | 9:00 AM | ROOM 202



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WELCOME

HOSPITALITY

New to First Church? Here are a few things that you might like to know ...

THE COMMONS AM AND THE COMMONS IN COLLINS HALL

Come to Collins Hall on Sundays from 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM. We'll be open for coffee, juice, and conversation. Then join us after the worship service for the Commons in Collins Hall and sign up for an activity, get information on a current issue, check out a book ... or just have coffee with a friend. Follow the signs from the Sanctuary.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available on Sunday mornings in Room 211 from 8:30 AM through the worship service each week. It is available for infants through three years of age. For more information see page 10.

A WORD ABOUT PARKING

In addition to the parking next to the church, there is also parking available in the lots to the east of the Sanctuary. Visitor parking and parking for senior citizens is specially marked near the front doors. The MAX and Tri-Met buses stop at First Church's entrance onto Jefferson Street.

GREETERS ARE HERE TO HELP!

Have a question? Our greeters wear white stoles (strips of fabric) and are by the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Ask them any question and they'll be able to find an answer for you.

NEWCOMERS



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

April 2017

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 15 and we will schedule the group around your schedule!

CARING/CALLING

PASTORAL CARE

First Church seeks to provide pastoral care for those who are sick at home or in the hospital, in a time of personal or family crisis, experiencing grief following a death, or in need of caring support.

We also seek to keep regular contact with our home bound members.

Pastoral care is provided by all the clergy staff as they work with members and friends of the church. Specific needs and requests should be directed to Rev. Dick Storment, our Minister of Pastoral Care who can be reached at 503/228-3195 ext 233 or at dstorment@fumcpdx.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

For more than 20 years we have had an active Stephen Ministry Program at First Church. This program provides caring Christian support and friendship through a trained lay ministry team. These individuals provide a listening ear when a crisis arises or after a crisis or life change. They are there when you are dealing with a death, prolonged illness, or other challenges. The members receive intensive training and ongoing supervision and training. To receive the services of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Dick Storment, through the church office.

visit our website at fumcpdx.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

SERVICES	WORSHIP SERIES	ADULT CLASSES
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**BOTH SERVICES ARE
"COME AS YOU ARE"
AND HAVE NURSERY CARE.**

8:30 AM CHAPEL SERVICE

This service is relaxed and informal. We sing songs from the two newer United Methodist song books, and utilize piano rather than organ accompaniment. Every week there are four different stations set up for responding to the sermon in your own way, and we end with a celebration of communion.

10:30 AM SANCTUARY SERVICE

Our excellent Chancel Choir joins with Jonas Nordwall on the organ to help create worship that is inspiring and powerful. A service with organ, choir, and traditional hymns. Children's time and Sunday School offered.

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LENT (March 1-April 2)

- *Feasting On... Silence, Simplicity, Hope, Enthusiasm, and Gratitude* (see opposite page)

HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday, April 9
Accomplishing Everything and Nothing
- Holy Friday, April 14 Evening service
- Easter Sunday, April 16. 9am and 11am services *Why Are You Weeping?*

APRIL

- *Grounded Faith: What can our heritage teach us about our faith?*



MAY

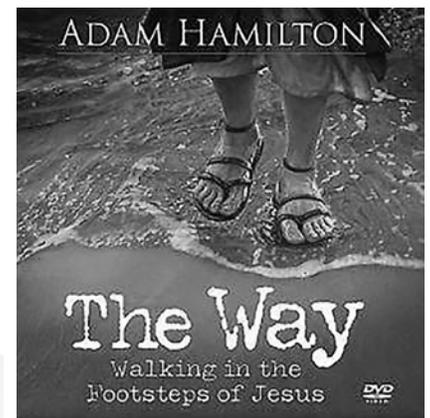
- *An Animated Faith: What can we learn from the stories on the silver screen?*



SPECIAL SUNDAYS

- May 21: Youth & Senior Sunday
- June 4: Confirmation Sunday
- June 11: Music Sunday

- **Christianity in a Changing World @ 9:00 am / Room 202**
Looking for a welcoming place to explore the big questions at the center of human life, and the complexities of what it means to be a compassionate Christian in today's rapidly changing world? Then a place is waiting for you at the table.
- **Room 110 Study @ 9:15 am Starting April 2** "The Way" study on Jesus by Adam Hamilton
Join this short-term class as they study Jesus' life in this grounded Bible study, including video of modern-day locations in the Bible. Tim McPherson and Val Castle will facilitate this seven-week study. Book purchased on your own at Amazon or Cokesbury.



- **The Gathering @ 9:30 am / Room 204** is a community of parents of school-age children. We meet at the same time as the children's choirs and youth Sunday school. Rev. Jeremy leads us each week in a time of conversation and support—way better than waiting in the car or at Starbucks!



LENT *The season from March 1st - April 9th*

WORSHIP

SUPPERS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 1 | 5:30 pm

(see Suppers)

SUNDAYS IN LENT

Sundays 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

“Fasting From...Noise, Complexity, Despair, Excuses, and Discontent”

“Feasting On... Silence, Simplicity, Hope, Enthusiasm, and Gratitude”

PRAYER ROOM

Sundays, 11:30 am

Several of us were inspired by the contemplative prayer room that was provided at General Conference. FUMC would like to provide prayer opportunities during Lent this year. The stations will be available in the Chapel after the 10:30 service. The Prayer Room will also be open whenever the church office is open during the week, beginning March 5.

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm

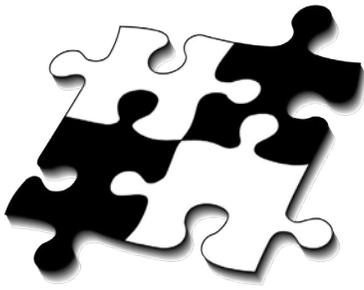
Join us in the Fireside Room each Wednesday from March 1 through April 5th, for a simple supper (5:30-6:15 pm) followed by a witness of “Feasting with Courage,” as selected FUMC members tell their story of living their faith in courageous action. A complete listing of witnesses will be published soon.



SMALL GROUPS

CALL-OUTS

YOUNG ADULTS



ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

Hikers
First Church Birders

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Ping Pong and Board Games
Bridge Group
Pathfinders Fellowship
Terwilliger Fellowship
Willamette View Fellowship
All-Comers Book Club
SWELL (Single Women Eat Late Lunch)
TLC (Thursday Lunch Club)

SERVICE GROUPS

Shovel and Rake Gang
Families in Action
Village Support Network
Goose Hollow Family Shelter
Office Volunteers
Greeters

SUPPER GROUPS

Regional Supper & Lunch Groups
Young Adult Supper Group

INTEREST GROUPS

Reconciling Friends
Chancel Choir
Bells (for Adults & Young Adults)
For the Love of the Game of Golf
First Church Travelers

COMMON EXPERIENCE GROUPS

Epiphany Women
Graceful Aging Fellowship
United Methodist Women

EPIPHANY WOMEN

Epiphany Women was born from the first Women's Retreat, five years ago, when we discovered what power there is in getting together across generational boundaries as women of the church. This group is for women of all ages. We meet every 2 or 3 months for conversation, spiritual deepening and play, beginning with a shared (potluck) breakfast at 8:30 am in the Fireside Room. Leadership is shared among members of the group, so program varies. Join us on February 18, April 1 and June 3.

FIRST CHURCH LIBRARY

Have you ever visited First Church Library? It is a great place to find a good book to read or to have quiet time on Sunday mornings before worship. We invite you to stop by and take a look at our collection. You might be surprised at what you will find. In addition to the Bibles and reference books, we also have fiction, biographies, spiritual memoirs, books in support of First Church programs (e.g., Reconciling Ministries), children's books, and many others. UMW reading program and Stephen Ministry titles are also available to be checked out. Stop by and visit.

PATHFINDERS

Saturdays | 11:30 am | 202

Pathfinders is a caring, adult fellowship group meets on the first Saturday of the even numbered months to share a favorite dish for a potluck. Following the meal are programs of inspiration and learning, which lead toward broader vision and expanded horizons. This group welcomes newcomers and old-timers, singles, couples, seekers and wisdom-sharers, of all ages. Hope to see you there! Our Spring dates are

- April 1
- June 3

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Our monthly gatherings are great ways for singles and couples to connect with one another in fellowship, service, and fun! Here's our next adventures:

- March: Dinner party at Megan and Adam Faust's home.
- April: Service at the Oregon Food Bank and Lunch afterwards (Saturday, April 8)
- May: 4T (Trail, Tram, Trolley, and Train) hike from Washington Park to the waterfront and back again!

Contact Rev. Jeremy or Rev. Donna to sign up for the mailing list so you don't miss out!



EVENT: MULTIMEDIA STUDIO

Pastor Donna has done a fabulous job in helping us work with our hands and hearts together. Martha Powell and Marcey Balcolm want to provide an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We have learned some new collage techniques and would like to share them with you. Time and place to be announced. Contact Martha Powell to register your interest.

JOYFUL MUSIC

ADULTS

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir sings for Sunday morning worship services. Directed by Erick Lichte, rehearsals are on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Prior musical and singing experience is needed to participate in this dynamic volunteer church choir.

SANCTUARY BELL CHOIR

The Sanctuary Bell Choir, under the direction of Kris Sparks, rehearses on Monday evenings in Room 202 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. You need to have a some musical experience to play in this group, but volunteers are welcome!

They plan to attend the **Area X Handbell Conference** July 7-9 at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Sunday Worship Dates:

- March 19
- April 9
- May 14
- June 18



CHOR LEONI CONCERT

Friday May 5 | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary

Known internationally and loved locally, Chor Leoni Men's Choir is recognized as one of the vanguard male vocal ensembles in North America. With stylistic grace and an adventurous spirit, Vancouver BC's Singing Lions have enriched and transformed people's lives through singing for over twenty years. Chor

CHILDREN & YOUTH



CHERUB CHOIR

The Cherub Choir, directed by Nancy Nordwall, is for children Kindergarten through Second Grade. This choir meets on Sunday mornings in Room 206 from 9:30 – 10:15.

Sunday Worship Dates:

- March 12
- May 14
- June 11

SOUND SEEKERS CHOIR

The Sound Seekers Choir, directed by Ronnee Edwards, is for children in grades 3 – 6. This choir rehearses on Sunday mornings in Room 130 from 9:30 – 10:15.

Sunday Worship Dates:

- March 19
- May 7
- June 11



JUBELLATION

juBELLation, directed by Karin McDonough, is the hand-bell choir for people in grade 6 – young adults. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings in Room 130 from 6:30 – 8:00.

Sunday Worship Date:

- May 21

GENESIS

Genesis, also directed by Karin, is the hand-bell choir for grades 3 – 5 and meets Sunday after church at 12:00 in room 130.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir meets with Ronnee Edwards in the Chapel on Sunday mornings from 11:30 – 12:00. Sunday Worship Date:

- May 21

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Leoni performs in many languages and styles and genres, always aiming to communicate, engage, and entertain. The group is currently conducted by our Chancel Choir director, Erick Lichte. The concert is sponsored by The Friends of Music of FUMC. In Addition to their Friday concert, Chor Leoni will also sing for worship on Sunday, May 7.

BEYOND CHURCH WALLS

GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLIVE OIL SALE

Sunday, March 5 | 12 pm | Collins Hall

This church supports Palestinian farmers through a cooperative that sells their Olive Oil. The Extra Virgin Olive Oil comes from several different varieties of Olive trees, and directly from the farmers that grow the olives. Sarah Baker and Barbara Jenkins will have their products available after 10:30 worship. Look for them in Collins Hall.



UMCOR KIT ASSEMBLY

Sunday, March 26 | 12 pm | Collins Hall

Each year our church gather items for a UMCOR Project. This year we will be making Health Kits. The items needed will be listed in the Circuit Rider and as an insert to the bulletin. On two Sundays before you can bring your items to church or money is always accepted.



UMCOR SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, March 26 | 8:30 & 10:30 am

Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing, it is now UMCOR Sunday. Money raised from this special offering pay for the management expenses for the year so that 100% of money donated will go to the designated projects the rest of the year.



GLOBAL MISSIONS PRESENTS: KENYA!

Sunday, May 21 | 12 pm | 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.



PLANET CHURCH

CLIMATE CHANGE...WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

March 4 & 5 | Collins Hall

Join Planet Church and United Methodist Women in welcoming Rev. John Pitney, recently retired from First Church Eugene, in a workshop on Climate Justice, and how to carry the work forward from here. The two-day workshop will be held in the Fireside Room on Saturday, March 4 (9am to 3pm) and Sunday, March 5 (Noon to 2pm). A meal will be provided both days, and there is a \$10 registration fee to help defray costs. Registration is available on the church website, at Planet Church tables in Collins Hall and in the church office.

BIRDERS RETURN TO MT. TABOR Saturday, May 13

8:30 a.m. in the Parking Lot
The First Church Birders will congregate in Mt. Tabor Park to experience the peak of spring migration. This old volcano is a favorite spot for birds to hole up during migration, making it a favorite spot for Portland birders as well. The trip will start from the park parking lot (off SE Salmon Way, on the north side of the park) at 9:00 am, or—for carpoolers—from the church parking lot at 8:30 am.

PLANET CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, April 23rd

Planet Church's annual Earth Care Sunday School classes will be held on April 23, during regular Sunday School time. A series of stations will provide kids with fun-filled explorations into how each of us can take care of this Earth and its inhabitants. No special arrangements are required. If your child goes to Sunday School on this day, they will get to participate!

A NEW FOCUS

AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

Children and teens in foster care often experience abuse, neglect, and abandonment. At the age of 21, these young people age out of the foster care system and stop receiving support from the local or federal government. More than 40% of all homeless young adults were previously in foster care. Church and Society is now asking what we can do as a church community to help. We are offering three opportunities:

- **Forum on the Foster Care System.** Sunday March 12 at Noon in the Fireside Room, representatives from the Department of Human Services and Embrace Oregon will be here to educate us about the foster care system and ways we can support children and teens currently in foster care.
- **Forum on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care.** Sunday March 19 at Noon in the Fireside Room, representatives from New Avenues for Youth will be here along with current and former foster youth. These youth will share their real-life experiences as teens in foster care along with their dreams for the future.
- **Launch Boxes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care.** During the month of May, Church and Society will be collecting personal items such as dishes, towels, blankets, laundry detergent, and other necessities to give to youth as they age out of foster care.

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

MAYBELLE BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Wednesday, May 17 | 2 - 3 pm
Maybelle Center, (formerly the Macdonald Center) nurtures the body, mind and spirit of the forgotten poor in Old Town-Downtown Portland by building connections and community. Their Community Room offers a welcoming space where residents can come to socialize and be involved in group activities. One of the most looked-forward-to activities each month is the "Happy Birthday" Program, where members come to celebrate birthdays in that month. In May, we will be hosting their birthday celebrations. Volunteers are needed to serve the cake, and fellowship with the community. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be provided in Collins Hall during coffee hours in the weeks leading up to this event. Hope you can join us!

LET'S GO TO THE FOOD BANK!

Saturday, April 8 | 9 am | Beaverton
Church and Society invites you to volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank, Beaverton. We've reserved a shift in the Food Repack Room to help package bulk foods into family-size portions for Food Bank patrons. You'll work side by side with other First Church volunteers and others from the community. Look for a sign-up sheet throughout March in Collins Hall each Sunday after worship. Important: You need to register so the Food Bank reserves your volunteer spot.

COMING TO FUMC

DENTAL CARE VAN



Thursday, April 20 | 8:30am-3:30pm

First Church is partnering with Medical Teams International in bringing their Mobile Dental Program to our campus. Guests of the Goose Hollow Family Shelter who are in need of dental healthcare will have access, along with other community groups in need of dental healthcare. Our first Dental Van visit will take place in April and will be partly funded by a grant given to Church and Society in 2016. Contact Mark Ohlson to let us know of your interest to volunteer for this date or a future date!

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes for children are held each Sunday morning from 10:45 am to 11:30 am. Children are dismissed from the 10:30 am worship service directly following the Children's Message. Parents are welcome to meet their child(ren) at their classroom following worship.

Nursery: Room 211
3s & Pre-K:..... Room 208
Kindergarten: Room 205
1st & 2nd Grades A: Room 206
1st & 2nd Grades B:..... Room 209
3rd & 4th Grades: Room 134

MOMENTUM

Momentum is a student ministry specially designed for fifth and sixth graders, focusing on Bible education, increasing involvement in worship, character building, and nurturing peer interaction. Students participate in weekly Bible Study from 10:45 am to 11:30 am on Sunday mornings in Room 125 (the youth room).

• HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday March 11 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Momentum students are invited to participate in a series of events modeled after the Highland Games, as well as enjoy music, food, and fun! Meet in Room 202.

• ROLLER SKATING AT OAKS PARK.

Sunday, May 28 | 12:00 – 3:00. Momentum students and their families are invited for a picnic lunch at Oaks Park followed by roller-skating. Families are responsible for your own lunch. Fourth graders are invited to attend!

FAMILIES IN ACTION

Families in Action (FIA) is a bimonthly service opportunity for the whole family to join with other families for fellowship while accomplishing acts of kindness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 5: Cards & Flowers for our FUMC Homebound
- April 1: Join with Planet Church for a SOLVE clean up event
- May 21: Children's Talent Show @ West Hills Health & Rehab



SUPER SUNDAYS

Super Sundays are fun evening activity times for kids and an opportunity for parents to fellowship together. Children participate in planned activities at the church, hosted by Megan and other volunteers, while parents have dinner at a restaurant of their choosing. Nursery care is provided. The fun starts at 5 pm. Upcoming Super Sundays:

- April 2
- June 11

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

On Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 AM, come for a joyful celebration as we begin Holy week. The whole family is invited to meet in Collins Hall to begin the Palm Sunday Parade. Palm fronds will be provided for all.

CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 16

Children will participate in a fun, rotational Sunday school, offered during both the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 am worship services. Rotations will include a Bible story, craft & snack, and an Easter Egg Hunt or Scavenger Hunt (depending on grade level).



NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings for infants and young children, available at 8:30 am until 12:15 pm. If a special event follows the morning worship service, nursery care will be extended. Nursery staff are trained in First Aid and are CPR certified. Nursery care can be requested for events, Bible studies or rehearsals throughout the week by contacting Megan Jones.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is offered to all of our 7th and 8th grade students. Students who are not currently attending are welcome to join the class at the beginning of the Spring semester. Students meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:15 am in Room 125. In addition to the class, supplemental field trips are available throughout, providing opportunities to delve deeper into a particular topic, or to give students the opportunity to experience the worship practices of other faiths. During the spring months, eighth grade students will begin meeting with adult mentors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, March 5 – Mentor Breakfast, 9:30 am
- Sunday, March 19 – St. Mary's Catholic Church Mass & lunch
- Saturday, April 15 – Seder Meal @ Anne & Jeff Kayer's



UMCOR FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

Friday, March 10, 6:30 – 9:30 PM
All youth are invited to attend an UMCOR themed evening event in the Fireside Room. Activities will include dinner, games, and discussion to help us learn about the work of UMCOR and their focus on global issues such as poverty, war, and disaster relief. Dinner will be provided.

SUNDAY GROUPS

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

High School youth, 9th - 12th grade, meet for Bible Study in Room 136 beginning at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Our youth discuss Biblical and spiritual topics, current events, and relevant subjects for youth today.

UMY: UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

All youth, 7th – 12th grade are invited to join UMY, Sunday afternoon youth group. Generally, we meet in the Youth Room following the 10:30 am worship service. Youth have lunch together, play games, work on upcoming projects and have topical discussions. Occasionally, youth venture off the church campus or combine with other groups for after church activities. Upcoming UMY dates are:

- March 5 – Combine with Families in Action
- April 9, 23
- May 7

CREATIVE SPIRITS PROJECT

Our youth have been given the opportunity to create a three panel mural that will be displayed in Collins Hall from mid May through mid June. Preliminary design will take place during UMY. Mark your calendars for our final painting session on Friday, May 12 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Dinner will be provided!



SPECIAL SUNDAYS

YOUTH SUNDAY

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. Youth will be preparing for this worship service during UMY in the months of April and May.

- May 20 – Rehearsal for Sunday Worship, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- May 21 – Youth Sunday

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Students and families are encouraged to attend and participate in a special presentation honoring our High School seniors on Youth Sunday, May 21. Students will be recognized during the 10:30 AM worship service and will have the opportunity to be greeted and congratulated during Collins Coffee Hour.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Eighth grade students who have been attending Confirmation class and desire to become members of the church will be confirmed during the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, June 4.



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UNIT GATHERINGS

CIRCLES

United Methodist Women join with women in United Methodist congregations around the world in organizing for mission. We strive to develop a supportive fellowship as we participate with women, children and youth in nearly 300 international programs, in 103 national programs as well as several local programs. Our unit has a rotation of leaders.

UNIT GATHERINGS

UMW Unit Gatherings are the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Fireside Room. We start with a business meeting, followed by a program at 11 am, and a brown paper bag lunch at 12 pm.

- March 1: UMW Mission u program The Bible and Human Sexuality
- April 5: Coffee Creek Quilters
- May 3: Mission u program from the text - Climate Justice - Call to Hope and Action
- June 7: End of Year Celebration

BOOK CHAT

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided. Chair: Sandra Howard

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Meets the last Wednesday of each month at noon in the Fireside Room. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided. Chair: Peg Cook

NAOMI CIRCLE

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM at Terwilliger Plaza. Chair: Colleen Foster

RUTH CIRCLE

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon in Room 202. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided. Co-Chairs: Jeanette Chardon, Marion Hollenberg, Judy Moon, Gladys Shaw, and Marilyn Weber.

TABITHA SEWING CIRCLE

Meets the second Monday of each month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Room 202. March and April -- Tie the quilts made for graduating high school seniors. May - sew for UMCOR relief kits and crochet lap robes designed for men for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Bring a sack lunch. Co-Chairs: Kay Ward and Erin Riley

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- March 11 – Columbia District Every Member Enrichment Event.
- April 28 - Portland First UMW 15th Annual Quilt Luncheon





TRAVELERS

CREATIVE SPIRITS

CLIPPER TOUR

April 3-6

Join us for a three-day clipper tour through Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver! We leave at 8:30 am, via Amtrak from Portland to Seattle Center for a stay at the Holiday Inn Express. The next morning we head to Victoria on the Victoria Clipper Seattle, staying overnight at the Harbour Towers Hotel. From there we head to Vancouver on a Motor coach, and stay at the Listel Vancouver Hotel. We arrive back in Portland via Amtrak on Thursday, April 6 at 3:05pm. The cost (includes transportation and hotels) is \$945.75 for a double room with 2 queen beds for two people, and \$655.32 for a single room with one queen bed for one person. Meals, tours in each city, transit to/from hotels are not included. Must have a passport valid for at least six months after tour, and pay by credit card. To make booking, call 800-888-2535, or go online at www.clippervacations.com. The deadline to sign up is February 20. Once you've signed up please give your name and contact info to the church office.

MT. HOOD RAILWAY

Saturday, June 24, | 10:30am

The train boards at 10:30 and departs at 11:00AM from Hood River and goes to Parkdale with a 30-60 minute layover. The train returns to Hood River at 3:00PM. No meals are served on the train. On the return trip there is a "staged robbery." Cost is about \$30; for 1st class \$40, for Dome car \$50. There will be a discount if 15 or more in our group sign up. This will be fun for all ages, including families with children. Sign up in church office, with 25% down payment. Full payment is due by June 1. Questions? Contact Marge Terdal, terdalm@pdx.edu

Creative Spirits is a group dedicated to showcasing the work of FUMC artists in Collins Hall. There will be a meeting in June to plan the remainder of 2017, and is open to all. For more information on Creative Spirits see Larry Sawyer or Ruth Green. The spring schedule is as follows:

- March to mid-April: Three FUMC artists. One 13 foot by 40 inch panel each. Artists will be Sandra Wood, Judith Babbitt and Sho Kimura.
- Mid-April to mid-May: Annual UMW quilt show.
- Mid-May through June: Murals painted/drawn by FUMC Youth. Contact Megan to participate.

PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 7 | 12 pm | Fireside

The Finance and Trustee Committees have Tom Wilson from the NW United Methodist Foundation here for a presentation on planned giving so that your gifts go where you want them. For all ages, as it's never too early to make decisions for your family and areas of passion. A light lunch will be served.



TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

RECONCILING

Over 20 years ago, First Church members voted to become a “reconciling congregation,” the term United Methodists use for a church open and affirming to all people, regardless of sexual orientation.



Today, members of Reconciling Ministries are active in all activities, leadership, and ministries of First Church. The group works toward full participation of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life of the international United Methodist Church, both in policy and in practice. All church members and visitors are welcome to attend Reconciling Ministries events.

- Feb. 26: Reconciling Sunday -- Greeters needed
- Mar. 19: Coffee Hour/ T-shirt Fundraiser
- April 2: Guest Speaker/ Potluck
- May 21: Pride preparation day - Meet and prepare for the parade. Distribute purchased t-shirts.
- May 21: 2 pm, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Artists Rep. performance.



**PORTLAND
HOMELESS
FAMILY
SOLUTIONS**



Join the discussion about housing and homelessness in our community. Portland Homeless Family Solutions invites you to join us for our annual Solution Salon discussion series. Take a closer look at the history and causes of family homelessness in Portland and the need for more affordable housing, learn more about PHFS' Housing First Program, and discuss solutions to this crisis with fellow community members. Lunch will be provided. RSVP required to emma@pdxhfs.org. Space is limited to 30 people per session. Dates are listed below:

- March 22, 12 pm, Room 202
- April 12, 12 pm, Room 202
- May 18, 12 pm, Room 202

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS



Join our village of supporters by volunteering your time at Goose

Hollow Family Shelter or the Thirteen Salmon Family Center! For all volunteers, we encourage ongoing monthly service of at least one shift per month. You decide how and when you want to volunteer! To get started, please RSVP for an upcoming orientation by contacting the Volunteer Manager, Bethany Rocci, at bethany@pdxhfs.org or 503-915-8307. Orientation dates are listed below:



GOOSE HOLLOW

- March 13, 5-6 pm
- March 22, 5-6 pm
- April 11, 4-5 pm
- April 26, 5-6 pm
- May 15, 5-6 pm
- May 18, 4-5 pm
- June 26, 5-6 pm
- June 28, 5-6 pm

THIRTEEN SALMON

- March 16, 6:15-7:15 pm
- April 3, 6:15-7:15 pm
- May 1, 6:15-7:15 pm

SUMMER SNEAK PEAK

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH KID'S DAY CAMP

SUPERHEROES 101

MONDAY - FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 - 25, 2017

9:00 AM - NOON OR 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

All students are welcome to register for our FREE half day camp, 9:00 AM – Noon, located at FUMC. Students will participate in fun rotations, much like the style of a typical vacation bible school, with Bible party, games, crafts and creativity, snacks, etc.

Students entering K-6 are invited to register for our FULL DAY camp, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, beginning with VBS, followed by lunch and an afternoon field trip. The cost for the full day camp is \$20 per day. For more information about our Kid's Camp or for registration information, please contact Megan.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

YOUTH WEEK OF LOCAL SERVICE

July 10-14 | 10:00 – 4:00 PM

All youth entering 7th – 12th grade are invited to participate in a week of local Portland service projects. Youth will work as a group to be good stewards to our community and learn about the various needs in Portland. Mornings will be spent partnering with local organization while afternoons will be fun outings together. More details coming soon.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

August 5-13 | Smith River, CA

Youth are encouraged to attend our Summer Mission Trip through Sierra Service Projects. For all those interested, plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, March 12 in Room 110 following the 10:30 AM worship service.

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

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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

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