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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.

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 AM CHAPEL
10:30 AM SANCTUARY

COMING UP AT FUMC!

10 FEB **PATHFINDERS**
SATURDAY | 11:30 AM | ROOM 202

11 FEB **NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION**
SUNDAY | 12 PM | ROOM 202

14 FEB **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
WEDNESDAY | 5:30 PM | FIRESIDE

17-19 FEB **YOUTH WINTER RETREAT**
SATURDAY-MONDAY | SUTTLE LAKE

20 FEB **OREGON JEWISH MUSEUM TOUR**
TUESDAY | 10:15 AM | NARTHEX

25 FEB **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT**
BRAINSTORM + PUTLUCK
SUNDAY | 11:30 AM | ROOM 202



FUMC HOSTS MAYBELLE CENTER BIRTHDAY PARTY

WEDNESDAY FEB 21 | 1:30 PM
121 NW 6TH AVE | RSVP:
OFFICE@FUMCPDX.ORG

Thousands of people in Portland live in isolation. Maybelle Center's mission is to nurture the mind, body and spirit, providing advocacy, community services, fellowship, and a sense of belonging. You can participate with them by joining Church & Society in hosting their February Birthday celebrations! We'll provide the cake, you provide the fellowship and fun!



MTI DENTAL COMES TO FUMC

WEDNESDAY FEB 21 | 9:00 AM
NARTHEX & PARKING LOT
CONTACT: OFFICE@FUMCPDX.ORG

Medical Teams International's Mobile Dental van returns. If you or someone you know is in need of dental care but lacks adequate access, please contact the front office. Volunteers are also needed to provide welcome/reception in the Narthex the day of the visit. Please contact Bill Liddicoet at wtlidd@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for this or future dates!

FROM THE PASTOR



Growing up the youngest of three daughters I was blessed with plenty of good advice and wise counsel. One of the best things my dad ever taught me was “Always be sure to read the fine print”. Reading the fine print is a must before signing onto any banking or real estate or employment agreement. It is often in the fine print – the warnings and disclaimers at the bottom of the page – that you find significant details fleshing out whatever contact or covenant is at hand. To read the fine print is to take your time. It is to go beyond first impressions or surface observations to get the bigger picture.

So while it is wise to always read the fine print in economic or legal transactions, it is even wiser to do so in our faith. During the season of Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday February 14 and continuing through Palm Sunday March 25), we will be “Reading the Fine Print” together during worship on Sunday mornings and at Wednesday suppers. Together we will explore the wilderness of the Holy Spirit, and ways that suffering can be redemptive. Together we will consider the foolishness of the cross and the disruptive presence of God’s light, as we read the fine print of the Gospel.

In addition to our regular Sunday experiences (8:30 am in the Chapel, 10:30 am in the Sanctuary), I invite you to share a simple supper on Wednesday evenings (5:30-6:30) in the Fireside Room, followed by members of this community who have read the fine print

and have taken their Faith Into Action. Here’s the line-up for this year’s speakers:

FEB 14 ASH WEDNESDAY - Dave Kracke will share on his work in writing legislation for the protection of endangered species and safeguards against concussions for student athletes.

FEB 21 - Scott Spencer will share about his volunteer work at the Maybelle Center and the men’s group he has started there.

FEB 28 - Dan Reynolds tells about the “Blue Binder Project” and his unique legal practice helping DUII defendants turn their lives around.

MARCH 4 - Tammy Wilhoite offers her story of 99 Girlfriends and her efforts to open hearts and minds to eradicate white privilege and racism in Portland.

MARCH 14 - Sonja Connor shares what it takes to sustain a lifetime of faith in action, including direct involvement with refugees, immigrants and homeless people.

MARCH 21 - Kim Hutchison takes us to Saipan, to tell the story of her work as the only practicing neurologist on the island.

Join us! You never know what the fine print might reveal for your life, and for our life together.

GRACE & PEACE



Rev.
Donna

MORE HAPPENING AT FUMC

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

During the month of February, children's Sunday School classes will be collecting new or gently used books for the Children's Book Bank in NE Portland. Orange collection buckets will be located in children's classrooms, or books can be dropped off in the sanctuary narthex. The Book Bank cannot accept activity or coloring books. Suggested book types are:

- Baby Books
- Board Books
- Spanish Books
- Picture Books
- Story and Chapter Books

NEW STUDY CLASS

WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

SUNDAYS THROUGH MARCH 11

9:30 AM | ROOM 110

Ever wonder what theological emphases have guided the people called Methodists through the years? Or where we might be going as a Church in the present or future? Or what "schism" would mean for us? Or just what the Commission on a Way Forward is all about? Join Revs. Donna and Andy for a little bit of instruction and a lot of lively conversation centered on who we are as Methodists, where we are going and what difference we might make in the world.

FUMC MENS GATHERING

SATURDAY FEB 17 | 10 AM

REV. JOSH KINGSLEY'S HOUSE

RSVP: OFFICE@FUMCPDX.ORG

Following the momentum after the Men's Retreat last November, there will be a follow-up gathering at Rev. Josh's house to continue sharing the life-giving wisdom and experience of being in community together. Rev. Josh will facilitate a discussion on what it means to age well, and how we are investing in what we've learned into the generations coming after us. This is an open invitation to all Men at FUMC to join in this conversation. RSVP to the church office for more information and directions!

CPR & AED TRAINING

SUNDAY MAR 4

12-2PM

FIRESIDE ROOM

RSVP: OFFICE@FUMCPDX.ORG

Become certified in CPR and learn to use our new AED. **FREE** to church folks and staff.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

...OF CELEBRATION

- Rev. Earl Riddle turned 98 on January 20th.
- Robert Newman turned 96 on January 26.

...OF SYMPATHY

- Iris Kimbark, a former member living in California, passed away on February 1. A memorial service is planned on Feb 24. The time is to be determined.

...OF CONCERN

- Paul Ingram's father's cancer has returned and asks for prayers.
- David Poindexter suffered a stroke in January and is at St. Vincent's.
- Virginia Bender's niece, Frieda Versteey is back in the hospital with a clot after being released to go home from a heart transplant.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR ...

- Robert Newman
- Patricia Fischer
- Jenny Anderson



RUTH CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY FEB 21 | 12PM

ROOM 202

CHAIR: JUDY MOON

503.543.2220

Valentine Tea with tea sandwiches, fruit cups and dessert.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY FEB 28 | 12PM

FIRESIDE ROOM

CHAIR: NANCY MUIR

503.789.6970

Bring a book that you have read and review why you liked it and are recommending it to the group. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.

SUBMIT A PRAYER

REV. ANDY OLIVER

503.228.3195 x233

AOLIVER@FUMCPDX.ORG

If you have a prayer request, and/or are in need of pastoral care, please contact our Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. Andy Oliver for support.

CLASSFIELDS

The Music ministry at FUMC is in need of Vertical 5 drawer filing cabinets. If you have any to spare please contact the front office!



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GLOBAL MISSIONS FORUM

THE SIGN OF GOD...

A MISSIONARY'S JOURNEY IN THE
HOLY LAND WITH JANET LAHR LEWIS

SUNDAY FEB 25 | 12PM | FIRESIDE

CONTACT: OFFICE@FUMCPDX.ORG

Janet is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, serving as advocacy coordinator for the Middle East at the General Board of Church & Society in Washington, DC. She came to that post in 2015 after many years as a missionary and, prior to 2001, a mission volunteer in Palestine and Israel.

Join us as Janet discusses the work that is being done, and learn why the United Methodist Church has a presence in the Holy Land. She will also discuss the importance of Volunteers in Mission teams and educational travel to the region. For more information on this event please contact the church office. A light lunch will be provided.

FUMC YOUNG ADULTS

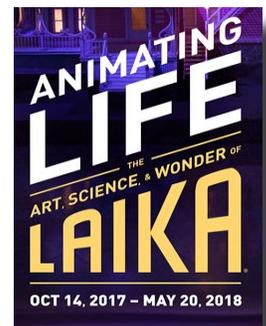
\$5 AFTER 5PM AT

THE PORTLAND ART MUSEUM

FRIDAY FEB 23 | 5 PM

2430, 1219 SW PARK AVE

CONTACT: MJONES@FUMDPCX.ORG



Our next First Church young adult group outing will be a trip to the Portland Art Museum. Admission is just \$5 after 5pm! Currently they are showcasing the *Animating Life: The Art, Science and Wonder of LAIKA*, a groundbreaking view behind the curtain into the visionary artistry and technology of the globally renowned animation studio.

We will meet at the Museum Grounds Cafe between 5pm - 5:45pm. Feel free to invite friends. The more the merrier! If you have a Museum membership with free admission privileges for you and a guest and would like to offer free admission to someone in our group, contact us and we can coordinate arrival times.