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WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 AM CHAPEL

10:30 AM SANCTUARY

COMING UP AT FUMC!

- 14** STYROFOAM RECYCLING
JAN SUNDAY | 11:30 AM | COLLINS HALL
- 21** ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING
JAN SUNDAY | 12 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM
...for details see inside
- 22** ALL-COMER'S BOOK GROUP
JAN MONDAY | 7 PM | LIBRARY
- 31** UMW CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
JAN WEDNESDAY | 12 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM
...for details see inside
- 3** FAITH • JUSTICE • RECONCILIATION
FEB SATURDAY | 9:45 AM | FIRST UMC PDX
...for details see back page
- 17-19** YOUTH WINTER RETREAT
FEB SATURDAY-MONDAY | SUTTLE LAKE
...for details see inside

NEW STUDY CLASS

WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?
DISCOVERING OUR ROOTS & WINGS
AS **FUMC**
SUNDAYS STARTING FEB 4 - 25
9:30 AM | ROOM 110

Ever wonder just what those Wesley brothers were up to in 18th century England? Or how the movement changed when it made it to the US? Or 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? Or why any of this matters at all? **Continued on page 3**

AS A PEACE CHURCH

We declare that we will be an advocate for peace in our local communities and world.

AS A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

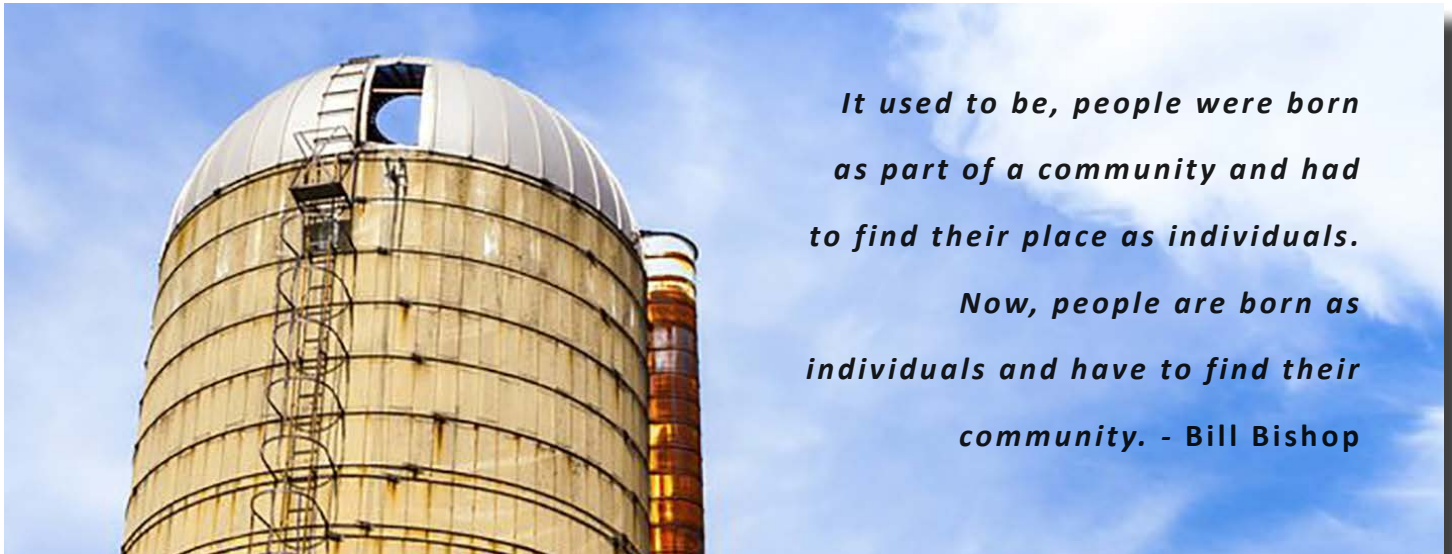
all are welcome to participate in the full life of the church, including all races, abilities, ages, classes, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

AS A CREATION CARE CONGREGATION

we advocate for lifestyles and social policies which bring healing and renewal to our precious Earth.



FROM THE PASTOR



It used to be, people were born as part of a community and had to find their place as individuals.

Now, people are born as individuals and have to find their community. - Bill Bishop

Are you living in a silo – intellectually, emotionally, economically, or socially? It is easy to become isolated in large and small ways, to surround ourselves with people not likely to challenge our world views, to cling to a false sense of security found within separation.

We used to define “community” based on location – a place, a literal place in the world. One’s community was one’s school, one’s neighborhood, one’s church, one’s town. Bill Bishop, the author of *The Big Sort: Why the Clustering of Like-Minded America is Tearing Us Apart*, speaks to the rise of the individual as a guiding force in our culture today. He says:

It used to be, people were born as part of a community and had to find their place as individuals. Now, people are born as individuals and have to find their community.

Now we have to find community. And it isn’t necessarily easy.

If you were in worship the first Sunday in January you heard a bit about the silos we inhabit in this “brave new world” of 2018, and God’s invitation to each of us to move out of them, into connection with ourselves, our God, and our neighbors. It isn’t necessarily easy to risk change, or growth, or to find out that we have more in common with those outside our tiny little world than we might imagine.

To leave our silos and to find community requires persistence, humility, courage and most of all, our time and attention. We have to be willing to invest a bit of our own lives in others in order to be enriched by them.

As people of faith and followers of Christ, we are called to love God and neighbor. We cannot do that from a place of self-sufficiency or invulnerability, nor can we be sustained in it if we insist on remaining inside our silos, our personal fortresses of protection and isolation. The earliest Christians knew they needed one another, even to the point of asserting that “One Christian is no Christian”. They knew what we intuit today – we need each other to get out of our silos and love.

If you are ready to make the move but need help, don’t be afraid to ask for it! If you’ve got the “individual” part of your identity pretty much figured out, but you are still searching for community, we might be able to help. Here at First Church there are many ways to connect beyond Sunday morning worship at 8:30 or 10:30. Give me a call or send me an email – or talk with Rev. Josh, Rev. Andy or Megan Jones. Any of us would be happy to help you find a community connection to enrich your life and those of your neighbors.

And then... since we’re moving out of our silos, get ready for the rest of “This Brave New World”, January’s sermon series.

GRACE &
PEACE



Rev
Donna

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

...OF CELEBRATION

- Allen Dobbins successful hip surgery
- Thanksgiving for the social workers, nurses, doctors, shelter workers, volunteers, and all those seeking a safer, healthier world for those living on our streets.

...OF SYMPATHY

- Phyllis Leonard and family upon the death of Phyllis' mother, Dorothy Mae Perkins.
- For Lynn LaRoche, whose friends, Deirdre Mackey and Grace Misztal were in a fatal car crash on Christmas Day.

...OF CONCERN

- For the mentally ill, the addicted, those imprisoned, and all who experience isolation. May they find friendship.
- For our world leaders, that they may offer a legacy of peace through their wisdom.
- Prayers of continued healing for Steve Hallock who suffered a heart attack and is recovering well.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR ...

- Robert Newman
- Bill Birge
- Jenny Anderson
- Tami Lazzaro
- Jeanne Teisher

FROM THE COVER

NEW STUDY CLASS CONTINUED...

SUNDAYS FEB 4 - 25 | 9:30 AM | ROOM 110
CONTACT: OFFICE@FUMCPDX.ORG

Join Revs Donna and Andy for a little bit of instruction and a lot of lively conversation centered on who we are, where we are going and what difference we might make in the world. Each week will build on the previous but you do not have to attend them all to benefit. Questions? Contact Andy or Donna for more information.

WHAT TO DO AT FUMC: ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING

SUNDAY JAN 21 | 12 PM | FIRESIDE ROOM
RSVP: LIZ TEMPLE
LTEMPLE@FUMCPDX.ORG

This event will help equip staff, volunteers and the average church person with best practices and strategies to keep themselves and others as safe as possible in the event of the unthinkable. All are welcome to participate. A light lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP contact Church Administrator Liz Temple.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

SATURDAY-MONDAY FEB 17-19
SUTTLE LAKE | REGISTER: MEGAN JONES
MJONES@FUMCPDX.ORG
DEPOSIT: \$35 | FULL PAYMENT: \$99.



The date of the winter retreat has changed! Middle and High School students, 6th – 12th grade, are invited to attend a fun, possibly snowy, weekend at Suttle Lake Camp in February. Youth will be carpooling together on Saturday morning, February 17 from the church. We will be staying in cabins over the weekend and participating in both indoor and outdoor activities. Please register no later than **JANUARY 14**.

SUBMIT A PRAYER

REV. ANDY OLIVER
503.228.3195 x233
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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.

HAVE A SPARE ROOM?

A couple from St. Louis UMC is seeking a bedroom in Portland to stay while their daughter has brain surgery at OHSU. They have their own car and are only seeking a place to sleep. The date of surgery is still to be determined as well as the length of her recovery.

If you are interested please contact Rev. Andy Oliver



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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY JAN 31 | 12 PM
FIRESIDE ROOM
CHAIR: NANCY MUIR
503-789-6970

Shirley Blalock and Martha Powell will give an update on the baby hat project for UMCOR and also talk about UMCOR operations. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverage are provided.



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**FAITH · JUSTICE
RECONCILIATION**
WITH DR CHRISTENA CLEVELAND
SATURDAY FEB 3 | 9:45 AM - 5 PM
FIRST UMC PORTLAND | REGISTER:
WWW.UMOI.ORG/EVENTDETAIL/9711401

We live in a divided world, surrounding ourselves with people and news sources that reinforce our belief systems. What if we could see through a new lens - a lens of reconciliation and hope?

Join us for a discussion with Dr. Christena Cleveland, social psychologist, minister, and author of the perspective-changing book, *Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart*.

This event is **FREE** and open to the public (suggested donation \$20). Registration includes one copy of *Disunity in Christ*.

JEWISH MUSEUM TOUR

TUESDAY FEB 20 | 10:15 AM
SIGN-UP AT FRONT OFFICE
503-228-3195 | OFFICE@FUMCPDX.ORG

The First Church Travelers invites you to a guided tour of the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Studies in Northwest Portland.

Tour cost is \$10 per-person, and includes entrance fee and Tri-Met pass. If you have your own Tri-Met pass though, please bring it with you. Lunch (at your own expense) will be at a nearby restaurant.

Sign-up deadline is **TUESDAY FEB 13**. We will meet at the church Narthex at 10:15am and plan to return at around 1:30pm.

