



A monthly newsletter of The First United Methodist Church-Salem, OR

THE SPIRE

June 2017

Music Ministries Celebration—Sunday, June 4

Come celebrate Music Ministry on Sunday, June 4, at 11:00 a.m. in the MICAH Worship Center. The service will feature musical offerings from ALL of the amazing Music Ministries here at First Church and you will have a chance to help recognize our music staff and volunteers for all the great music they provide throughout the year!

Heritage Sunday Celebration— Sunday, June

Heritage Sunday is June 25 in both worship services. The services will have elements of early 1800s Methodist worship and will feature the lives of early missionaries Anna Maria Pittman and Cyrus Shepard.

There will be a 10:00 a.m. walking tour of the Capitol grounds and Willamette University. A variety of historical displays will be available, including brief histories of other area Methodist churches. Strawberries and shortcake are also a part of the plans. Come and join the fun!

Congregations Helping People (CHP) Grateful for Spring Generosity

CHP staff and board are blushing with delight due to being “picked” as the recipient of several recent special offerings. The Open Doors Churches’ Good Friday Tenebrae service offering was designated for CHP and will help fill the coffers of our general fund for multiple uses. Then Easter Sunday brought welcome news that the youth of our Open Door Churches were giving the proceeds from their Easter Brunch to CHP as well.

Thank you, youth and the hardworking Youth Advisory Board and parents! Those bounties were followed by a bittersweet donation from the offering at the last Jason Lee UMC service, where the offering was shared with Interfaith Hospitality Network. Both IHN and CHP work to keep people housed and are collaborators in the mission to reduce homelessness in the Salem-Keizer area. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to be generous with us and also keeps us in their prayers. God is good.

Worship Schedule Sundays

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m. MICAH Worship Center (Praise Service)
11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service (Traditional Service)

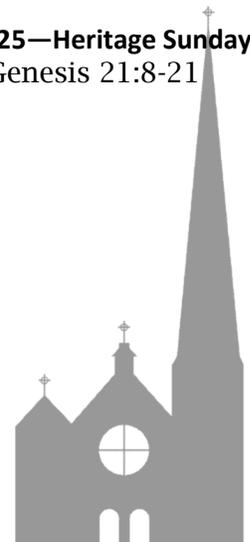
June 4 - Pentecost—Communion Music Sunday—One Service at

11:00 a.m. in MICAH
Christ is Risen: Drink of the Spirit
John 7:37-39; Acts 2:1-21

June 11—Trinity Sunday
Youth Sunday
Peace with Justice Sunday
Matthew 28: 16-20

June 18—Father’s Day
The Story of Us:
Sarah Laughed
Genesis 18:1-15
Genesis 21:1-7

June 25—Heritage Sunday
Genesis 21:8-21



ART MINISTRIES

View Art in MICAH This Summer

June 4 will be the last Sunday for the exhibition of symbolic images of the Apostles created by Ron Goetz. We thank him for this interesting and provocative show.

June 11 will be the first Sunday of an exhibition of photographs of the Methodist Mission in Angola during the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries. These photographs, restored and reproduced by Paul Blake, provide a fascinating glimpse into the history of the church's global mission. They are on display in MICAH through the end of the summer.

Youth Program Needs Your Donated Items

We have steadily been growing over the last year and currently our youth ministry serves over 60 youth from FUMC, Morningside and Clearlake. To continue our great programs and events, the following items would be very helpful:

- Juice, Gatorade, or lemonade mixes
- Candy, granola bars, cracker packs, or bags of chips
- Plastic or cloth table cloths (all sizes)
- Pizza coupons
- Paper cups, plates, and napkins
- Neutral colored throw pillows, area rugs, and bean bag chairs
- Clorox wet wipes
- A ping pong table
- Wii with age-appropriate games

Thank you from the Keortge Family!

We wanted to express our sincere and deep gratitude for the prayers and continued support from our church family for Matt's recovery and all the family's transitions during his move to Salem.

~Mary Jo, John, Sarah, and Matt

SENIOR MINISTRIES

Aging Out Loud Monthly Potlucks

Third Wednesday of the Month

beginning June 21

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m..

Sanctuary Building Dining Room

Our Generations (age 50+) potlucks are coming back! Gather in the Dining Room with a dish to share and enjoy a short program and fellowship.

At the Generations Potluck on Wednesday, June 21, we will welcome Medical Teams International from Tigard. MTI demonstrates Christ's love to people affected by global emergencies and disaster, and refugees fleeing conflict by providing crucial support and healthcare supplies when disasters threaten lives.

EDUCATION

Adult Bible Study Continues Through the Summer

This summer the Adult Bible Study will continue to meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 107. The summer theme, authored by Barbara Derrick (student book) and Gary Thompson (teacher book), is "God's Urgent Call."

The lessons for June concentrate on the sub-theme "Called to Be Strong" and will concentrate on the era of the history of Israel following Joshua's death, as told in The Book of Judges. A series of national leaders called judges were empowered by God to deliver the people from their enemies.

For more information, contact Gary Onstot (503-743-2872).

MISSION CAFÉ

Definitions from the Mission Café

By popular demand, here's some funny stuff to make your day brighter.

Dust - mud with the juice squeezed out

Committee - a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours

Egotist - someone who is usually me-deep in conversation

Handkerchief - cold storage

Raisin - a grape with a sunburn

Secret - a story you tell one person at a time

Toothache - a pain that drives you to extraction

Tomorrow - one of the greatest labor saving devices, ever

There you have it. Remember, there are good things happening at the Mission Café; delicious drinks and baked goodies and good cheer every Sunday morning. See you there!

Retirement Celebration Planned for The Rev. Timothy Stover

After forty years in ordained ministry, the last two decades of which were spent at the campus ministry (WestM) at Oregon State University, Tim (who was associate pastor at First UMC from July 1980 through June 1984) is looking forward to his well-deserved retirement! Please join us on Saturday, June 10, 2:00-5:00 p.m., at the (Corvallis) First UMC Community Center to celebrate his career and wish him well on this next adventure. The Community Center is located at 12th and Jackson Streets in Corvallis.

The campus ministry staff will be collecting well wishes and reflections for Tim. If you'd like to submit a page, you can:

- Send text to Rae (via e-mail or using the RSVP form) who will format and print it for inclusion.
- Send a formatted file (.pdf preferred) to Rae, appropriate for printing at 8.5 x 11
- Hand-deliver an 8.5 x 11 page to Rae (use this option if you want to get creative and scrapbook-y!)

You can let the WestM staff know you plan to attend by going to the WestM website

(<https://osuwestm.wordpress.com/>) or contact Rae at osuwestm@gmail.com or 541-753-2242.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Join us for Messy Church as we study the Seasons of Creation story. Each month we will be learning about a different element of creation. This month we will talk about the "Oceans" using the story of Jonah.

Messy Church is a monthly, inclusive and interactive family worship experience. Messy Church is *fun*, *family*, *faith*, and *food* gathered into a two-hour block of time.

We encourage people to find the Messy Church that fits your schedule or is close to your home. All gatherings are from 4 :00 to 6:00 p.m.



Messy Church is a cooperative ministry of Open Door Churches (see page 6), Clear Lake UMC, Englewood UMC, Las Naciones UMC, Morningside UMC, Salem First UMC). For more information, contact Pastor Karen Nelson (pastorkaren@gknelson.net) or Sheetal Luscomb (office@kclumc.org).

Second Sunday of the month at
Clear Lake United
Methodist Church
7920 Wheatland Rd N
Keizer, OR 97303
Phone: 503-393-2402
www.kclumc.org

Third Sunday of the month at
Trinity United Methodist Church
Home of Fiesta Church
590 Elma Ave SE
Salem, OR 97317
Phone: 503-585- 8851
www.trinityumcsalem.org

Fourth Saturday of the month at
Morningside United Methodist
Church
3674 12th Street SE
Salem, OR 97302
Phone: 503-364-5013
morningsideumc.net

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2017 Budget	1st Quarter	April	Total	33.33% of Budget
Total Income	\$567,134.00	\$147,104.37	\$51,795.987	\$198,900.35	35.07%
Total Expenses	\$566,766.00	\$143,583.93	\$49,196.53	\$192,735.46	34.01%

Notes from the Finance Committee

We had our Easter offering in April. Thank you all. As a generous congregation, we exceeded our budget estimate by \$400 or 11% and this is just one part of the overall picture. Our income remains ahead of expense by \$6,164 year to date.

Here are some of my observations:

- General giving remains strong.
- Building use continues strong and ahead of budget.
- We continue to monitor the church building utilities (gas, electricity, water). In April we received a Northwest Natural “annual” adjustment, which was an unexpected larger bill and which will increase our “level pay amount” going forward this year.
- As we have for quite a few years in a row now, we continue paying 100% of our apportionment obligation.

In last month’s notes I mentioned exciting news of an unexpected \$15,000 gift specific to the general budget. The Administrative Council approved allocating \$5,000 toward our young families ministry, which is growing rapidly. Another \$5,000 was allocated for finishing the MICAH kitchen, giving that group authority to purchase more supplies, equipment, etc. And the last \$5,000 will go into our reserves for unforeseen future use/need.

We did receive a letter from a church member reminding us that as we grow, we need to make sure our office staff and structure is built to handle that growth. I agree with the points raised and don’t want to create problems or overwhelm our volunteers/staff. Thank you. Our committee will always try to look at as many aspects as we can think of relating to our decisions, including staffing models. This is always a primary consideration. I also am very big on not committing to paying a “recurring expense” with one-time gifts/income. One-time income should be used for single needs/missions or a short term, 2-3 year commitment for only a small portion of any gift. There you have it... some of Steve’s budgeting thought process. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me.

Steve Horning
Finance Committee Chair

Open Door Churches: United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer

Las Naciones UMC
The Rev. Jorge Rodriguez
 salemhispanicumc@gmail.com
 Worship: 12:00 p.m.

Morningside UMC
The Rev. Wendy Woodworth
 pastorwendymumc@gmail.com
 Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Englewood UMC
The Rev. Sandra Kimbrow
 ewoodumc@comcast.net
 Worship: 11:15 a.m.



Salem First UMC
The Rev. Dan Pitney
 dpitney@wvi.com
 Worship: 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

Trinity UMC
The Rev. Sandra Kimbrow
 skimbrowp@aol.com
 Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Clear Lake UMC
The Rev. Karen Nelson
 pastorkaren@gknelson.net
 Worship: 10:00 a.m.

YOUTH NEWS

Looking for Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the youth ministry, there are many exciting opportunities available this summer! Come be a part of a dynamic, growing program for 6-12 graders! Contact Heather Hawkins (heather@wvi.com or 503-602-8000) to find out more!

We are currently in need of:

1. Male chaperones for the Middle School Mission Trip to Seattle, July 9-14! (All expenses paid! No experience needed! The trip includes a tourism day in downtown Seattle.)
2. Adults to assist with remodeling days and/or to sew or donate throw pillows in neutral shades
3. Chaperones and host sites for our Hot Summer Nights (HSN) summer programming - Tuesday evenings, June 26-Aug. 30

Exciting Youth Ministry Dates on the Horizon!

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| June 4 | Youth Group and Parents Meeting with Heather: 12:30-2:00 p.m. at FUMC |
| June 11 | FUMC Youth Sunday and Confirmation Sunday (Clearlake and FUMC), graduate recognition at both services - No Youth Group |
| June 18 | Father's Day - No Youth Group |
| June 23-29 | Senior High San Francisco Mission Trip |
| June 25 | No Youth Group; summer program begins this week! |
| June 27 | Hot Summer Nights summer program begins! Welcome 6 th graders! |

Easter Brunch Thank You

We are so thankful for the generous support from everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended the Youth Council-sponsored Easter Brunch!

We were able to serve over 100 guests a hearty, delicious meal thanks to the those who donated casseroles, fruit, and other items and/or assisted in the efforts with us: Brenda Bateman, Scott and Melissa Berry, Nancy Brik, Katie Carpenter, Barbara Compton, Pat Davis-Sayler, Marisa DeBlase, David and Angela Deckelmann, Lora Dougherty, Becky Duncan and Sophia Miller, Shelly Ehrenger, Irene Fernandez, Christopher Frost, the Gienger family, Debbie Gallacher, Sue Hudkins, Jeremy and June Hickerson, Steve and Janell Johnston, Shirley Knepp, the Leroy family, Jeff Lowery, Jan Morgan, Tiffany and Erin Ottis, Tom and Cesie Scheuermann, and Eileen Tolson

In addition, we offer a HUGE thank you to Janell Johnston for her overall leadership and planning and to Roberta Moore (with assistance from Amanda Rich and daughters!) for the beautiful décor.

The Youth Council Easter Brunch raised \$626 to support youth programming and outreach! All leftover food was donated to the Interfaith Hospitality Network and the financial funds were donated to Congregations Helping People.

Follow and "Like" Us!

The youth ministry has been busy, busy as usual and we've got lots of photos, videos, and updates to prove it! To stay up to date with all our happenings, be sure to follow us on Facebook at "Salem/Keizer Methodist Youth" and on Instagram @salemfirstumcyouth, #SFUMCYouth, #600StateSt. #UMMSK Youth

Please contact Jeff Lowery (revjlow@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive our weekly youth newsletter by email!

MISSIONS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Open Door Churches United Methodists of Salem-Keizer

From UMMSK to “Open Door Churches”

The UMMSK Board met on April 24 and voted to move forward on a new name for our area wide ministry. UMMSK is a difficult identity for those outside the church to understand; it does not lend itself well to marketing or communicate a focus for our ministry.

After considering what we want to communicate about ourselves to the Salem-Keizer community, we have settled on calling ourselves “Open Door Churches: United Methodists of Salem-Keizer.” Each individual congregation will keep its own name; this does not change that identity or usage.

We feel that Open Door Churches communicates part of our United Methodist focus of “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” It communicates that we want to both welcome people into our churches and ministries and reach out into the community through outreach and service. It represents that each of our churches is welcoming and friendly. We will soon have a logo to go with the new name to help communicate our identity throughout Salem-Keizer and a webpage to share our ministries and tell our stories.

Mark Your Calendar!

All-Church Retreat at Camp Magruder September 29—October 1

Plan to join the fun and fellowship at an all-church retreat at Camp Magruder on the beautiful Oregon coast. There will be opportunities for walking on the beach, hiking in the woods, making crafts, playing games, and gathering around a campfire. Choose an adventure, or just relax!

Registration will begin in July.

Open Door Churches Action Plan for 2017

At its April meeting, the Open Door Churches Board adopted this action plan for 2017.

Continue to support and develop our new Hispanic congregation

Identify and develop an area-wide “United Methodist Social justice issue”

Establish and develop communications and the Open Door Churches website with links to each congregation’s website

Receive clergy leadership whose primary goal is to create new forms of worship and spiritual growth aimed at an “under 40” audience

Food Bank News

June brings thoughts of love, with the love between June brides & grooms and the love of school children for summer vacation. Think of what food(s) you would love to eat if you were hungry and donate those foods to the Food Bank this month.

God is love - love one another. Donations through March total 6,676 pounds. We’re on our way to record contributions!

Recognizing Our Graduates

We will recognize our graduates in the July issue of *The Spire*. If there’s a member of your family graduating from high school or college that you would like to have included, please complete the form in the bulletin and put it in the offering or let us know by June 12 (email to salem1st@wvi.com or call 503-364-6709). Please include the graduate’s name, how they are related to you, from where they are graduating, and (for college graduates) the degree they are receiving.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

April Unit Meeting Report

United Methodist Women gathered at Salem First Church, on Saturday, April 29, for their unit meeting. Our group was small, but we were warm and welcoming and full of greetings for each other. There were great conversations, a light feast, an “amazing program,” and, of course, friendship.

We presented Special Recognition Pins to Alice Howard, Connie Bork, and Sue Cridge (who was unable to attend), for their work to the church as well to United Methodist Women. (Special note: When Connie Bork received her pin she told us that her house had been robbed some time ago, and she had lost all her jewelry, including her pin. This was like having it returned to her.)

At our tables we were asked to think and write our thoughts about two questions and then talked about them with each other. I would like to share some of your sisters' answers; you might be surprised.

What is UMW (United Methodist Women)?

- A group of warm, welcoming, informed, caring, women committed to the Christian value of making our community and our world a better place
- Members or non-members of the church and UMW who gather to discuss ideas and concerns that are found nationally and locally

- A group that gather funds to assist many programs for women and girls - such as education and health
- The largest organization for women in the United States that supports women and children through programs and facilities to help with employment, health, and childcare issues and a whole host of challenging situations
- Women joining together with one goal and purpose in regard to knowing God and each other.
- To learn about the global ministries of the church; to give of ourselves, finances, etc., in support

Why should I (or any other woman) join UMW?

- To gain more insight and support from other women in the church in regards to many missions and to have a feeling of belonging
- To enjoy fellowship as well as be a part of a group which strives to serve God's work worldwide
- To have an opportunity for service locally, nationally, or globally - which ever suits your interest. Because there is much to do!

We join to support actions and programs that help and encourage justice, fairness, and opportunities - especially for women, children, and youth. We can accomplish great things.

It's a great way to meet a group of women who are caring and supportive. It's also a way to join women to support programs that benefit groups in the community and around the world. And, they are just a great group of women.

May this give you a new and better perspective on and look at UMW; who we are, what we are. We are always open and waiting, just come on in.

Christ's Blessings!

UMW Circle Meetings

Summer is fast approaching. The **Ruth Erbele Circle** will have its last meeting before summer on Monday, June 12, at the home of Jean Corcran (143 44th Pl. NE, Salem). This meeting will be a potluck. Please contact Jean at 503-585-2805 for information regarding the potluck and directions to her home.

We will not meet in July or August; the next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11, at Noon in the Carrier Room. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Emily Broussard at 503-304-4410.

The **Mia Adjali Circle** will not meet in June and July, but will gather at the home of Mardean King on Saturday Aug. 12, for a potluck. Watch for details.

2017 Annual Conference Session

June 14-17

The Red Lion on the River, Portland

This year there will be a combined session of the Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Annual Conferences in Portland. For some meetings during the June 14-17 gathering, the two Annual Conferences will meet separately, for other meetings and events they will meet together. Many events at the Annual Conference Session are open to everyone, many without a need to register or a fee. Come join us! Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place in the Grand Ballroom of The Red Lion on the River in Portland.

Wednesday, June 14

1:00-7:00 p.m.

UMCOR Kits and supplies donations will be received on the front porch of the Red Lion.

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 p.m.

Installation Service for Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, followed by a short business meeting and then a reception. All are welcome for the service and reception. Bishop Stanovsky will preach.

Thursday, June 15

7:30 p.m.

Memorial Worship Service, followed by a reception. All are welcome. The Rev. Shalom Agatrap, of the Pacific NW Conference, will preach.

Friday, June 16

7:00 p.m.

Celebration of Abundance Banquet. Dinner tickets are included in member's meal package. Guests may purchase tickets online before June 6 for \$38 each at <https://umoi-reg.brtapp.com/2017AnnualConferenceGUESTRegistration>.

Saturday, June 17

9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

A selection of workshops and service activities will be happening. Descriptions are available at <http://greaternw.org/ac2017/ministry-alive/>. All are welcome. The workshops are free. Guests may register online (see URL above) and may also purchase tickets before June 6 for \$25 each for the lunch that follows.

Saturday, June 17

2:00 p.m.

Ordination and Commissioning Worship Service, followed by a reception. All are welcome. The Rev. Jeremy Smith of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference will preach.

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 31-August 3

Vacation Bible School at Morningside UMC

August 6

All-Church Picnic, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

August 14-17

Vacation Bible School at Keizer

Clear Lake UMC

September 29-October 1

All-Church Retreat at Camp Magruder

Come Take A Tour and Have Lunch on Us!

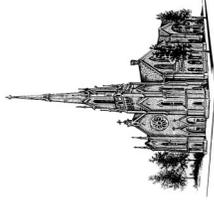
Willson House Retirement Center, located at 1625 Center Street, has been providing affordable, long-term, multi-service care for seniors since 1928. It was originally formed by five Methodist women who saw a need for extended care for the elderly in need in the Salem area. We pride ourselves on a warm family atmosphere, a commitment to excellence, and an expression of faith. An additional component to our very special community is the Child Development Center, which affords us an opportunity to have seniors and young children interact on a daily basis. We would love to give you a tour and treat you to lunch! Call Martin or Deanna at 503-585-6511 to schedule a visit!

Salem First United Methodist Church

June 2017

UMMSK YOUTH GROUP-SUNDAYS AT 12:30-2 P.M. (*indicates off-site)

For more details or updates, please check our Facebook pages: Salem First United Methodist Church
 And our web calendar at: www.salemfirfirstumc.org



Recurring Weekly Events

Sunday Worship

- 8:45 a.m. MICAH Service
- 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Sunday Classes

- Classes for all ages, Toddlers to Adults!
- Bridges, a time for adults with developmental delays, meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday and at 5 p.m. every Wednesday evening for activities such as art & crafts & movies.

MUSIC

- Rehearsals:
 Summer break for Sanctuary Choir and Mission Bells
 Thursdays: 6 p.m.
 Praise Band

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 4 Communion & One Service, 11 a.m. at MICAH	if your meeting is not on this calendar, please check with your Committee Chairperson for your meeting date and time for summer break			1 *7:30 a.m. Weekly Men's Group at The Kitchen (downtown restaurant)	2	3
4 11 a.m. Celebrate Music Ministries	5 1 p.m. Heritage Sunday planning meeting 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team	6 7 p.m. Finance	7 5 p.m. Bridges	8 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	9	10
11 Youth Sunday Confirmation & Grad Recognition (No Youth Group)	12 *12 p.m. Erbele Circle 5:30 p.m. Comm. Team 7 p.m. Mia Adjali	13 5:30 p.m. Trustees	14 5 p.m. Bridges	15 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. Ad Council	16 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17
18 Father's Day (No Youth Group)	19 5:30 p.m. MICAH Worship Team	20 5:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting	21 11:30 a.m. Generations Potluck 5 p.m. Bridges	22 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	23	24 *Open Door United Methodist Ministries High School Mission Team to San Francisco, 23-29
25 Heritage Sunday (No Youth Group)	26 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry	27 6 p.m. Youth Group Summer Schedule: now on Tuesday Evenings!	28 5 p.m. Bridges	29 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group (High School Mission Team returns)	30 10 a.m. Infant & Toddler Playgroup	

Annual Conference in Portland, OR, 14-17

