



The Spire

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Offices and Buildings Closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day

“Sermon in Song” features beautiful Requiem setting for choir, soloists, and orchestra

This year’s “Sermon in Song” will be on Sunday, May 31, at the 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service and will feature the Sanctuary Choir and guests, along with three professional soloists and orchestra.

The “Sermon” is a setting of the Requiem by contemporary British composer David Goodall called *Eternal Light*. This is truly one of the most beautiful choral/orchestral works I’ve come across in a very long time and I know you are going to enjoy it!

Goodall combines portions of the Latin Requiem text with sacred and secular poetry and hymns. The music is inspiring and you won’t want to miss it. Please mark the date in your calendars and be sure and bring your family and friends. Soli Deo Gloria!

~Kerry Burtis, Music Director



Remember, May 17 is Youth Sunday, Teacher Recognition, and Grad Recognition (see page 5)



Don’t miss the important All Church Meeting

On May 3, at 2 p.m., our church will be holding an important All Church Meeting. The conference is specifically to vote on our church participating in the proposed United Methodist Ministry of Salem-Keizer. We see this as a great opportunity for all the United Methodist Churches in our area to work together as we seek to reach new people and to grow in ministry to our community.

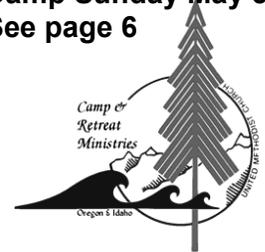
Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this information. All members and active constituents of First United Methodist Church of Salem are invited to participate in a written vote at our All Church Meeting on May 3, 2 p.m., in the Carrier Room.

Celebrate *Cinco De Mayo* with International Ministry

Our International Ministry is hosting a “Cinco de Mayo” celebration and potluck dinner on Sunday, May 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. in our Dining Room. Bring a friend and plan to come!

Generations Speaker Series and Potluck moves to Thursdays! Mark your calendar for May 28 (see page 7)

Camp Sunday May 3 See page 6



Parents’ Night Out is on hiatus but will be back in the fall!



Please watch for fall dates as plans are completed!

Welcome and greet people!

Do you feel welcomed when you come to Sunday church services? We have a loyal group at both services who try to meet and greet everyone who comes to worship. However, more greeters would be welcome.

If you are interested and would like more information, please feel free to contact Kim Martin at 503-383-8260 (8:45 service) or Connie Bork at 503-364-8623 (11:15 service). Thanks!



Altar flowers needed

Do you have a special event, birthday, or anniversary coming up? Why not sponsor the Sanctuary altar flowers so the whole congregation can celebrate with you! Then you can take them home after the service and enjoy them the rest of the week.

Arrangements from our florist cost \$50, or you can provide the flowers yourself. A signup sheet is available in the office. You can also make a notation on the information card in the worship brochure. Your help to beautify the Sanctuary will be greatly appreciated.

Morningside UMC offers monthly topics for discussion

The Morningside UMC Church and Society team is sponsoring forum presentations once a month on topics of interest to United Methodists in our area. All are invited to share in the presentation and discussion. The forums are held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room at Morningside, 3674 12th St SE, Salem (97302).

The presentation for the month of May 31: The presenter will be Rev. Carol Seckel, recently retired as a missionary in Germany with the General Board of Global Missions. Carol will talk about immigration from a European perspective with global implications.

Special Music Sunday on June 7 - one service at 11 a.m.



Communion Sunday & Music Ministry Sunday, is June 7! There will be one service at 11 a.m. and all the music groups from FUMC music ministries share their favorites - in one place and in one service!

This special Sunday will also include the commissioning of the Youth Mission Teams!

MAY 2015 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45 A.M. MICAH
11:15 A.M. SANCTUARY

May 3
Communion Sunday
Scriptures: Mark 10:35-40 and Mark 10:41-45
"In the Kingdom we are to serve one another."

May 10
Mother's Day
Scriptures: I Corinthians 12:12-20 and I Corinthians 12:21-27
Salem-Keizer United Methodist Ministry Rejoice! Kids' Choir sings in the Sanctuary Service

May 17
Youth Sunday
Rejoice! Kids' Choir sings in the MICAH Service

May 24
Pentecost
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21 and Luke 24:44-49
"Clothed with power from on high"

May 31
MICAH Service – Scripture: Mark 12:13-17
Sanctuary Service:
Eternal Light – A Requiem by Howard Goodall

Rejoice! Kid's Choir is singing in worship

May 10, at 11:15 a.m.
May 17, at 8:45 a.m.

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Volunteers needed for Interfaith Hospitality Network week

Our next IHN hosting is coming up soon and we are again asking for your help. Our guests will be here May 17-24. We have begun taking signups and we have many opportunities for you to help as evening host or coordinator, dinner host, overnight host, and/or breakfast host. (For details see <http://saalemfirstumc.org/ministries/mission-and-outreach/interfaith-hospitality-network/>.)

If you would like to be a part of this program of advocacy for homeless families with children, please contact the church office at 503-364-6709, Judy Allen at 503-581-6547, or Pam Olson at 503-588-7594. You may also sign up in the Dining Room or MICAH Lobby on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your willingness to work with and be of service to our guests.

The creator of the Mission Café

The man who created the Mission Café – cabinet, equipment, espresso machine, electrical and plumbing – visited Salem's favorite coffee shop recently, and was pleased with our success and fan support. Charlie King is his name and supporting our church infrastructure and programs is his game.



About ten years ago Charlie built the Mission Café from the ground up. He and wife Mardean had managed the Veggie Table about a year before the idea of the Mission Café was born. Now the Mission Café is so unique in the United States it was featured in a national United Methodist magazine.

Let's hear it for Charlie! **HIP, HIP, HOORAY!**

The Mission Café is open Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Dining Room. Espresso, chai tea, and tasty treats are served. 100% of your donations go to overseas missionaries and selected local charities. Come on down.



Childcare volunteers needed

We are seeking thirty men and women volunteers to staff our church nursery on Sunday mornings. If you love children, please volunteer to read a story, sing a song, or play a game! This is a great opportunity to serve our church family and make new friends.

Shifts will be 8:30-10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and our goal is for volunteers to serve two hours once every 4-6 weeks. Please help us achieve our vision of a volunteer nursery staff by contacting Leta Brewster, Director of Volunteer of Ministries, to complete a short application and training. Thank you for your service.



Meet the Director of Volunteer Ministries!

Many of you have already had the opportunity to meet Leta Brewster, our Director of Volunteer Ministries and Program.



Leta grew up in the Methodist Church and is a lifelong church-goer. Her educational background includes sociology and counseling and she's had lots of experience in recruiting, supporting, and training volunteers.

Leta's office is room 102. She can be reached by phone at 503-400-3303 (office) or 303-483-1099 (cell) or by email at letab@wvi.com.

Leta has hit the ground running by working hard to keep our childcare program running smoothly. She looks forward to meeting you and for all of us to get to know her – and for you to put your name in her volunteer book!



March 2015 Financial Report

Operating Fund	Budget	January	February	March	Year to Date	% of Budget
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	Year to Date
						25.00%
Income						
General Income	\$ 456,800.00	\$ 31,172.28	\$ 35,489.93	\$ 42,737.31	\$ 109,399.52	23.95%
Other	\$ 26,084.75	\$ 3,962.35	\$ 275.00	\$ 2,602.33	\$ 6,839.68	26.22%
Use of Facilities	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 3,638.00	\$ 6,383.00	\$ 11,718.00	\$ 21,739.00	25.88%
Total Income	\$ 566,884.75	\$ 38,772.63	\$ 42,147.93	\$ 57,057.64	\$ 137,978.20	24.34%
Expenses						
Total Programs	\$ 5,420.00	\$ 781.59	\$ (105.24)	\$ 464.02	\$ 1,140.37	21.04%
Employee Expenses	\$ 311,766.00	\$ 29,070.22	\$ 29,825.01	\$ 29,970.51	\$ 88,865.74	28.50%
Shared Ministries	\$ 80,290.00	\$ 6,638.25	\$ 6,638.25	\$ 6,638.25	\$ 19,914.75	24.80%
Total Administrative	\$ 49,215.00	\$ 3,951.05	\$ 3,562.85	\$ 4,541.09	\$ 12,054.99	24.49%
Total Building Exp.	\$ 119,193.75	\$ 11,253.37	\$ 7,767.96	\$ 9,860.96	\$ 28,882.29	24.23%
Total Trustees Loan	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 83.33	\$ 83.33	\$ 83.33	\$ 249.99	25.00%
Total Expenses	\$ 566,884.75	\$ 51,777.81	\$ 47,772.16	\$ 51,558.16	\$ 151,108.13	26.66%
Beginning Balance		\$ 0.00	\$ (13,005.18)	\$ (18,629.41)		
Income - Expenses		\$ (13,005.18)	\$ (5,624.23)	\$ 5,499.48		
End of Month Bal:		\$ (13,005.18)	\$ (18,629.41)	\$ (13,129.93)		

A Reminder: The church building is no longer open on Fridays after 1 p.m., or on Saturdays, unless it is for a large group and special arrangements have been made ahead of time.



CAPITAL FUNDS UPDATE

You may have noticed that the elevator at the MICAH Center has been restricted from use...this has been for good reason, it soon will be working and all updated!

The ADA door project is complete! We have had lots of compliments since the installation of ADA doors at the office entrance to the building, and now that the painting and electrical part is installed, that project is finished! Your generosity has made this possible. **Thank you!**

Upcoming work includes cleaning and refurbishing the church's spire!



Youth News

Easter Brunch a huge success! Thanks to all who helped!

The Youth Council Easter Brunch raised \$704 to support youth programming and outreach! 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 170 guests a hearty and delicious meal.

Thanks to the following people who donated our casseroles, fruit, and other items: Christy LaFleur, June Hickerson, Melissa Berry, Mary Jo Keortge, Jane Murch, Becky Duncan, Angela Deckelmann, Janell Johnston, Jan Morgan, Judy Allen, Dawn Gienger, Laura Metzger, Irene Fernandez, Cesie Scheuermann, Rick Ernst, Chuck & Sue Hudkins, Doris Bennett, Pam Olson, Steve & Janell Johnston, and Jennifer Lassahn.

In addition, thank you to the volunteers who assisted in the event: Katie Carpenter, Logan Anderson, and Youth Council members and their families.

Last but not least, a HUGE thank you to Janell Johnston for her overall leadership and planning and to Roberta Moore for the beautiful decorations!

Sunday morning classes for mid-high & high school youth

Regular classes for youth, grades 6 through 12 will be held in the Youth Center on May 3 and 10. There will be no classes on May 17 due to Youth Sunday. (the youth will be preparing for worship and brunching together, though, so don't miss that Sunday!) Beginning May 24 classes for youth break for the summer.

Supplies needed for Youth Group activities!

We have steadily been growing over the last year and currently our youth ministry serves over 30 youth! To continue our great programs and events, we could benefit from the following donations:

Juice, Gatorade, or lemonade mixes
Candy, granola bars, cracker packs, or bags of chips
Plastic or paper table clothes (all sizes)
Pizza coupons

Feel free to bring any of the above items on a Sunday and give them to Heather or a Youth Council member. Or drop them by the church office during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.- Noon).

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 "SalemFirstUMCYouth" and on Instagram @salemfirstumcyouth, #SFUMCYouth, #600StateSt.

PLEASE NOTE: Youth group moves to Tuesday evenings beginning June 22.

There are some exciting youth ministry dates on the horizon!

May 2
Youth Hike to Opal Creek

May 10
No Youth Group in observance of Mother's Day

May 17
Youth Sunday!! No Sunday School classes or Youth Group (Youth will participate in worship.)

June 7
End-of-School-Year Celebration at Youth Group (last **Sunday** Youth Group until fall)

June 22
Summer Youth Program Begins! Every Tuesday Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

June 13-21
Mexico Mission Trip

July 26-31
Portland Mission Trip

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 6th to 12th graders! Contact Heather Hawkins (heather@wvi.com or 503-602-8000) to find out more!

Camping update

It's time to consider which UMC summer camp experience your kids will both enjoy and that will benefit them!

To start your search, visit gocamping.org, a website dedicated to all things camping in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. Along with the schedules and camp program options for our five sites, this is also where you can register your campers.



Camp Sunday at FUMC is May 3, a day dedicated to both sharing the values of camping with the congregation and answering your questions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bill Cummins at 503-362-7609 or cumminsnw@msn.com.

Horsewhisperers. Superkids. Outer Limits. MADD Camp. Shakespeare Camp. Bells of Magruder. Grand Camp. God and Nature Family Camp. These are just a few of the possibilities this summer! There is a camping opportunity for EVERY age! Be sure to check out the options at www.gocamping.org for more information.

Requests are due very soon, so don't delay!

Mark Your Calendars for Summer VBS Fun!



This year there are 2 sessions to pick from!

Session 1
August 3 - 6
Morningside UMC
9 a.m.—12 noon

Session 2
August 10 - 13
Keizer Clearlake UMC
9 a.m.—12 noon

At G-Force VBS, kids explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God.

Watch them come alive with movement and images of all sorts of kid-friendly transportation, such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, and more! Watch the G-Force meter climb illustrating how God is at work around the world and how God's people are on the move!

Both sessions sponsored by the United Methodist ministry of Salem-Keizer. Volunteers from all UM churches are needed to help our kids!



All-Church Family Retreat!

Oct. 2-4 2015!

Join us for a weekend of faith, family, fellowship and fun at Camp Magruder!

The All-Church retreat is a special weekend in the life of Salem First UMC. We will have fun activities, good food, an awesome campfire, and along the way, we will experience God in our midst, in creation and in worship at the amazing Camp Magruder!



*Thank you to the fabulous Easter Brunch kitchen crew!
l to r: Heather Hawkins, Marissa DeBlase, Melissa Berry, and Angela Deckelmann.*

UMW and more...



Women's Circles

The Ruth Erbele Circle

will hold its monthly meeting at noon on Monday, May 11, in the Carrier Room. Visitors are welcome. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be available. Please contact Emily Broussard at 503-304-4410 for more information.

Mia Adjali Circle will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 11, in Room 114 at the church. Visitors are welcome. Please contact Connie Bork at 503-364-8623 for more information.

"My garden grows..."

Follow the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself. Accept each other as a child of God's holy and sacred creation.



UMW Mission moment

We are local. We are global. We are in our legislators' offices. We are visitors in hospitals and jails. We are in churches raising money, serving food, educating allies.

We are in the streets crying for justice. We are alone in retreat and prayer. We are reading, writing, singing, dancing, and living for a better world for women, children, and people of all genders, races, and nations.

United Methodist Women members don't do hand-outs – we reach our hands out.



UMW Unit meeting - save the June date

The next UMW Unit meeting will be Sunday, June 14, including a luncheon after the Sanctuary Service, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Attention Automobile enthusiasts

Have you ever thought of building your own car? It can be done with basic hand tools, perseverance, and cooperation. I, Rev. Kevin Seckel (retired), am looking for UM "Motorheads" who might like to form a UMM (United Methodist Men) group around the concept of building our own cars together and furthering our faith in the process.



If you have an interest, please call 503-884-0272 or send Kevin an email (kseckel2@gmail.com), so that we might organize an exploratory meeting together to consider the possibilities.

Generations Potluck moves to Thursdays

On Thursday May 28, the Generations Potluck luncheon will be held in the Dining Room.

Speakers in May are Jim & Jane Murch, talking about the Nomads program. Please join us at noon to share good food and conversation!

Help needed at a reception following the Annual Conference Ordination Service in June

Leadership and planners for the June Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, to be held June 11- 13 in Salem, are sending requests for help.

The Conference is asking for volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up for a reception in the Dining Room after the Ordination Service, which will be held in the FUMC Sanctuary.

Please contact Deanna (503-375-6372 or dfitzpat@willamette.edu) if you can help.



Thank you to the office staff and to Deanna Fitzpatrick and Penny Strand for extraordinary help preparing music to be ready for the first rehearsal of "Eternal Light – A Requiem."



Education News

Sunday morning adult offerings

10-11 a.m.

Room 107 – Adult Bible Study Class—Theme – “One in the Bond of Love”

Bible references:

May 3 – 3 John

May 10 – I Corinthians 12:1-11

May 17 – I Corinthians 12:12-31

May 24 – Acts 2:1-21 & I Corinthians 14:1-25

May 31 – I Corinthians 13

Room 116 - Digging Deeper

May 3 How can we talk about the relationship of the view of faith in Stephen Hawking’s scientific “theory of everything” and the view of faith in religion – particularly Christianity? Arturo Fernandez facilitating.

May 10 In the encounter of the faiths of science and religion, how can we talk as Christians about a theory of love?” Chuck Foster facilitating.

May 17 In the encounter of the faiths of science and religion, how can we talk as Christians about “a theory of meaning?” Chuck Foster facilitating.

Room B-8 Family Matters (use the stairway next to the kitchen)

May 3 “Conflict and Communication,” the last in a series of presentations from staff of the Salem Pastoral Counseling Center.

May 10 Couples Panel – Parents of ALL ages are invited to join in the conversation.

Room 110 – Bridges

A gathering and learning space for differently-abled adults and their care-givers.

Room 207 – Prayer of the Heart

Contemplative prayer and meditation.

MICAH Worship Center – Curious Christians

This class will continue to take up the idea of “Half-Truths” as presented by Pastor Adam Hamilton. “Half-Truth” topics include:

“Everything happens for a reason.”

“God helps those who help themselves.”

“God won’t give you more than you can handle.”

“God said it. I believe it. That settles it.”

“Love the sinner, hate the sin.”

Sundays through May

Early Birds

9-10 a.m.

Room 112

Early Birds will finish the year with a return to *Living the Questions*, a DVD-based program of Christian invitation, initiation, and spiritual formation featuring today’s leading theological thinkers.

May 3 Incarnation:
Divinely
Human

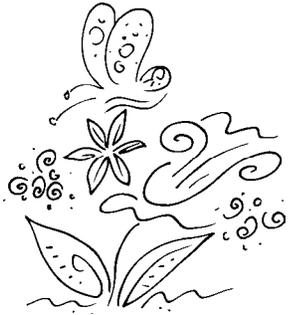
May 10 Prayer:
Intimacy with
God

May 17 (9:45 a.m.)
Compassion:
The Heart
of Jesus’
Ministry

May 24 Embracing
Mystery

**A special
“Thank you”
to everyone
who has helped
teach classes of
all ages during
the 2014-15
education year!**

**Teachers and
graduates will
be recognized
on May 17**



First United Methodist Church

May 2015



Items marked with a * indicate offsite

Weekly Recurring Events

Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. MICAH Worship
- 9 a.m. Adult Class
- 10 a.m. Sunday Classes
- 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 1 2:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday

- 7 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday

- 5 p.m. Bridges
- 5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 5:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

Food collection is every day, but especially the second Sunday of each month! Bring your canned food items to the Dining Room following worship.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>VOTE at the 2 p.m. All Church Conference on May 3rd!</i>	Every Sunday is special in May! Plus, FUMC hosts Interfaith Hospitality Network May 17-24; Teachers and Grads will be recognized on Youth Sunday, May 17!				1 *10 a.m. Willson House Worship	2
3 Communion 4-6 p.m. International Cinco de Mayo Celebration	4 5:30 p.m. Communications 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team	5 5:30 p.m. UMW Exec. Team	6	7	8 Noon Social Concerns	9 *Youth Hike to Opal Creek International Planning Team
10 Mother's Day No Youth Grp	11 Noon Erbele Circle 7 p.m. Mia Adjali 7 p.m. Uke Grp.	12 5:30 p.m. Ed Committee 7 p.m. Finance	13	14	15 Spire Deadline for June issue	16
17 Youth Sunday No Youth Grp IHN thru May 23	18 5:30 p.m. MICAH Worship Team	19 6:30 Youth Council 7 p.m. Trustees	20	21 7 p.m. Ad Council	22	23
24 Pentecost	25 Buildings and Offices Closed	26 Spire mailed 7 p.m. CHP Board Meeting	27	28 Noon Generations Potluck 7 p.m. SPRC	29	30
31 "Sermon in Song"						



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Spire deadlines

Please submit your articles by **4 p.m. of the deadline date**. Articles received after the deadline may not be printed.

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June issue - May 15
July issue - June 19

E-mail articles for The Spire to the church office, <saalem1st@wvi.com>

Please include the word *"SPIRE"* and the subject of your article in the subject line. Be sure to include a phone number with your article. Articles longer than 300 words *may be cut to fit*.