



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

THE SPIRE

July 2017

All-Church Picnic—Aug. 6, 1-5 p.m.

This year's all-church picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 6, 1-5 p.m. at Fishermen's Bend Park (located 30 minutes east of Salem on Hwy. 22). Sunday services will be held as usual. More details will be coming soon, so watch the Sunday bulletin and weekly e-newsletter!

All-Church Retreat at Camp Magruder—Sept. 29-Oct. 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 to walk on the beach, hike in the woods, make crafts, play games, and gather around a campfire. Choose an adventure, or just relax! Registration information is coming soon!

Service Opportunities Coming Soon

◇ Kairos Community Lunch Volunteer Opportunity

Greetings! Our church will host the Kairos Community Lunch at St. Mark Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 23. We will need around 12 volunteers to prepare the meal, serve 70-100 guests, and clean up afterward. We are there from 12:30 to about 3:30 p.m. It is always a rewarding experience and we try to have a lot of fun while we are working. This is the second of only three times our church will host this year, so make sure you get an opportunity to help "Feed the Hungers of Our Community." If you are available, please contact Bill Sullivan at 503-931-8533 or wildbill62@msn.com, or contact Kevin or Dawn Gienger, Debbie or Dennis Gallacher, or the church office. Thanks for your service.

◇ Save the date for Saturday of Service! Aug. 12, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Watch our website, bulletins, and/or email newsletter for project information. Sign up to help beginning July 23.

Worship Schedule Sundays

Sunday Worship

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

July 2- Communion

The Story of Us:
Rebekah's Journey
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,
58-67

July 9

The Story of Us:
Jacob's Deception
Genesis 25:19-34

July 16

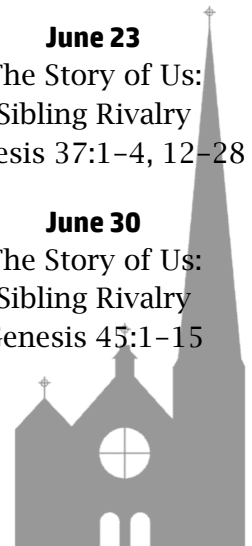
The Story of Us:
More Deception
Genesis 29:15-18
Genesis 21:1-7

June 23

The Story of Us:
Sibling Rivalry
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

June 30

The Story of Us:
Sibling Rivalry
Genesis 45:1-15



VBS —IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!

Vacation Bible School – two sessions!

July 31–Aug. 3 (Monday–Thursday), 9 a.m. to noon; Morningside UMC
Aug. 14–17 (Monday–Thursday), 9 a.m. to noon; Keizer Clear Lake UMC

Open Door Churches are working together to create VBS opportunities for all children, ages 4–11. The theme for 2017 is “Passport to Peru – Discovering God’s Good Gifts.” These two weeks of summer VBS include lots of activities and learning.

Cost for either week is \$8/child or \$15/family; scholarships are available. Registration forms are available at Open Door Churches’ offices or you may download one on the FUMC website, salemfirstumc.org. Call 503–364–5013 or 503–393–2402 for more information.

EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education and Spiritual Formation For the Summer

Two adult classes will continue to meet throughout the summer months. Both of these classes meet on Sundays at 10 a.m. and welcome participants dropping in!

Prayer of the Heart is a way of contemplative prayer that dates back to some of the earliest Christians. All are welcome as we incorporate into our lives a practice that becomes the foundation of a life of ceaseless prayer and union with Christ, in stillness and activity. Meetings include a time of silent prayer, a reading from scripture, and a time for reflection.

Adult Bible Study uses a study book based on the International Lesson Series and invites class participation through each lesson. The theme for July is “Calling of Prophets,” which looks at how God called various prophets at different times for specific purposes. Included in this unit are the calls and responses of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos.

SENIOR MINISTRIES

Generations Monthly Potlucks

July 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Building Dining Room



Bring a dish to share and join our active age 50+ group for a speaker and potluck each third Wednesday of the month.

This month we welcome James Eriksen, a Lieutenant with the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office. Lt. Eriksen has over 22 years of experience in law enforcement, and this includes domestic violence response, stalking, and survivor safety. James has taught stalking related classes to new police officers in the Portland area and to victim service professionals around Oregon. Jim will share some important safety and self-defense information.

Even if you’re not a cook, please come! We will offer an opportunity to donate towards expenses. Coffee, cups, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided. Please bring a serving spoon for your dish.

MISSION CAFÉ

The Mission Café is Thankful

The friendly atmosphere surrounding the Mission Café is not accidental, there are reasons:

- ◇ The Café unit is unique in all the land. Member Charlie King built it from scratch.
- ◇ All proceeds go to United Methodist missionaries in Nepal and Alaska.
- ◇ Baked inventory is supplied by a dedicated number of volunteers four times a year.
- ◇ Unexpected support.

Under the last bulleted item, give a big round of applause to Camella Butts. Several years ago Camella started donating a generous box of donuts and other assorted treats to the Mission Café on Sunday mornings. Camella is dedicated to The Bridges group of folks—adults with developmental delays—who visit the “Bridges” program a couple of times a week. Many of her clients visit the Café and order their favorite beverage. It’s a perfect circle.

Sincere thanks to thoughtful people like Camella Butts and the special group of volunteers who bake for the Mission Café. The Café is open Sunday mornings, 8:00–noon, at First

FAMILY PLAYGROUP

Friday, July 28

Join other parents/caregivers and children ages 0–36 months on the last Friday of each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for fellowship and playtime!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

We warmly welcome the following new members who joined the congregation on Sunday, June 18:

Nan Baker–Krofft, Nathan Berry, Jayla Coulombe, Grace DeBlase, Kelsey Deckelmann, Alisa Dougherty, Mary Ann Harris, Gabe Julum, and Evelyn Unkefer.

Please welcome all and introduce yourself!

GET ACQUAINTED

New to Our Church? Let's Get Acquainted!
Sunday, July 9th, 10 to 11 a.m., Main Dining Room,

Please join us for a latte and an informal get acquainted time with Director of Volunteer Ministries Leta Brewster and other members of the congregation.

Learn about our church history, our ministries, and outreach in the broader community. Leta will discuss programs, upcoming events, and ways to get involved. We'd like to answer your questions and then take a tour of the historic church.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We celebrate the Fourth of July this month! Why not be creative in donations to the Food Bank by donating items that are red (spaghetti sauce, tomato soup), white (rice, pasta), or blue (canned blueberries)?

Maybe it would be easier to find items that have red, white, and/or blue printing on their packaging, Add some sparkle to the lives of the hungry!

The Food Bank continues at the Jason Lee Community Center. Donations from First UMC year-to-date totals 12,667 pounds. Thanks for your generosity.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2017 Budget	Jan-April	May	Total	33.33% of Budget
Total Income	\$567,134.00	\$147,104.37	\$49,370.90	248,271.25	43.78%
Total Expenses	\$566,766.00	\$143,583.93	\$45,917.33	\$238,652.79	42.11%

Notes from the Finance Committee

Hello, everyone:

Here are some financial notes and comments about the numbers through May.

- ◇ Bottom line first... And another month where our income exceeded our expense. Through the first five months we are \$9,600 ahead of budget. (That's an average of \$1,920/month.)
- ◇ A couple of reasons why we are ahead... General giving is running ahead of budget. May was just over \$41,000 which is our highest month in 2017.
- ◇ Church and MICAH use/rent is ahead of YTD budget figures. The church use income came in with the highest month this year and MICAH revenue is already 76.38% of annual budget.
- ◇ Building utilities are running ahead of budget. We had a natural gas annual adjustment and the monthly amount increased. We were told there will be another review this fall.

And outside of the general budget... Discussions have started regarding some very visible repair needs. For example, looking at alternatives to fix the leak in the Sanctuary.

Things are clicking along just fine in the church budget and within acceptable variances in most cases. I would like to assure you that your finance committee is doing a great job being the steward of all our gifts. We work closely with our Trustees to keep your Administrative Council informed.

I have had a couple members contact me with questions in the last couple of months and I make it a point to reply with what I know or what I believe.

Please let me or any member of the Finance Committee know if you have any questions.

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.

Keizer Clear Lake UMC
The Rev. Allysa Baker
 office@kclumc.org
 Worship: 10:00 a.m.



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:

- ◆ Chaperones and host sites for our Hot Summer Nights (HSN) summer programming - Tuesday evenings, June 26-Aug. 30
- ◆ Adults to assist with remodeling days and/or to sew or donate throw pillows in neutral shades
- ◆ Adults to provide lunch this fall for our weekly youth group (12:30 p.m. each Sunday beginning Sept. 24)

Exciting Youth Ministry Dates on the Horizon!

- July 9-14** Middle School Mission Trip to Seattle
- July 11** Hot Summer Nights Youth Group, location TBA, 6:30-8 p.m.
- July 18** Hot Summer Nights Youth Group, location TBA, 6:30-8 p.m.
- July 18** Youth Council Meeting, Youth Center 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- July 27** Hot Summer Nights Youth Group, location TBA, 6:30-8 p.m.

Summer Youth Campers From FUMC:

Erika Bateman, Grace DeBlase, Alisa Dougherty, Jake Nelson, Adrian Ottis, Lauren LeRoy, Sophia Miller, and Elisabeth Rich.



Youth Sunday Update!

Thank you, congregation, for sharing in such a special Sunday with our Youth! It was an honor to share music, scripture reading, and our stories of God's love and how the youth are living it out! Over 20 youth were able to be a part of the services and learn more about being a liturgist, leading worship, and other volunteer roles in Sunday worship.

A special thanks to all who "filled the boot" and donated to our youth fund! Just from filling the shoes, we raised \$362 for our youth events! And a HUGE thank you to the church staff and volunteers who helped with Youth Sunday - Kerry Burtis, Katie Carpenter, Bob Johnson, Jason Leroy, Jeff Lowery, Kim Martin, Dan and Jennie Pitney, and Youth Council Members.

It was an extra special event as we confirmed and received six new church members, commissioned our mission trip and summer camp participants, and prayed over our graduates! We are so proud of all three of these groups of youth.

Confirmands/New Members: Nathan Berry, Jayla Coulombe, Grace DeBlase, Kelsey Deckelmann, Alisa Dougherty, and Gabe Julum.

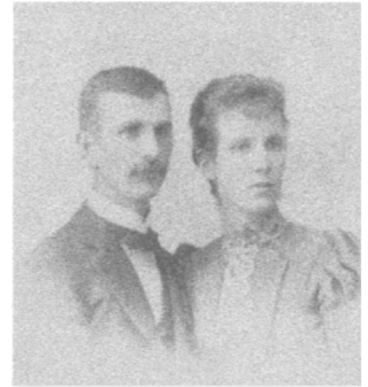
Confirmation Mentors: Lora Dougherty, Janell Johnston, and Christy LaFleur.

Mission Trips:

- ◆ **San Francisco Team (June 23-29):** Raigen Beauchamp, Jayla Coluombe, Ashley Doerfler, Maya Luscomb, Adrian Ottis, Elodie Watson, India Watson, and chaperones Amy Doerfler and Tiffany Ottis
- ◆ **Seattle Team (July 9-14):** Erika Bateman, Grace DeBlase, Kelsey Deckelmann, Alisa Dougherty, Gavin Eisele, Austin Gienger, Alex Gilds, Louis Hernandez, Christopher Luscomb, Yahir Nunez, Adrian Ottis, Aeson Pargas, Elisabeth Rich, Hayden Wampler, John Watson, and chaperones, Gillian Berry, Yajaira Hernandez, and Kelly Mason.

WHAT'S IN A NAME - HISTORY OF ROOM NAMES

Carrier Room – Named after Burton Edward Carrier. Burton and Sarah Carrier joined First Methodist Episcopal Church of Salem in 1911. They were very active and financially supportive in activities and programs. Burton Carrier died in 1920 leaving a large estate divided among various institutions including First Church. Sarah was on the building committee for the Church School Temple (1934-1935), the addition on the south end of First Church. The large gathering room on the main floor of the new building was dedicated in memory of Burton Carrier with Mrs. Carrier bearing the expense of all furnishings. The room became known as “the Carrier Room.” Mrs. Carrier died in 1940.



Burton and Sarah Carrier



Dr. J. Orin & May Oliphant

Oliphant Room – Presently our “little museum” which is located off the foyer, was dedicated July 1983 in honor of Dr. J. Orin Oliphant and May Purdy Oliphant. May Purdy was First Church’s Secretary and Hostess from 1945 to 1958. She received praise and gratitude for her efforts in initiating the compilation and preservation of local First Church records. May married Dr. Oliphant in 1964. She encouraged her husband to write a scholarly history of First United Methodist Church, Salem, published in 1974. Dr. Oliphant died in 1979 leaving small endowments for the Church Library and for History and Records Committee. Mrs. Oliphant died in 1985.

Taplin Room – The newly refurbished multipurpose room in the MICAH Building was named after Bernadine Taplin in 2016. Bernadine became a member of First Church in 1952. She was an active “behind the scenes” volunteer. Bernadine was a retired grade school teacher, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, leader in the Oregon chapter of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and loved to travel. Bernadine died in 2015 leaving First Church \$743,000. Glen, her husband, had died in 1993.



Bernadine & Glen Taplin

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mission U Studies & Other News

Mission u in July

It's that time of year again. Oregon Mission u 2017 will be July 27-30 at the Alton Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek. School begins Thursday at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, registration will be online. You will find all the information at <http://www.umoi.org/umw>.

There are three studies being offered:

1. "Living as a Covenant Community" (spiritual growth): Covenants are found in the Bible from the moment God created man and woman until the last page of Revelation. (Check out the May 2017 *Response* magazine article.)
2. "Missionary Conferences of the United States" (geographic study): We will learn the history of three conferences (June 2017 *Response* magazine) and about the Methodist connection in U.S. history.
3. "Climate Justice" will deepen your understanding and awareness of climate change and its impact on God's creation. (Saturday and Sunday only)

God's Love and Peace be with all of you,
Barbara Alexander, District Coordinator
of Education and Interpretation

ART MINISTRIES

View Art in MICAH This Summer

An exhibition of photographs, restored and reproduced by Paul Blake, of the Methodist Mission in Angola during the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries.

Collecting Santiam Labels for Cash

United Methodist Women are still collecting labels from Santiam canned goods.

The labels may be put in the jar at the Hospitality Center in the Main Dining Room on Sunday mornings.

Labels may also be brought to the church office; please have them in a bag of some kind. Remember that the UPC barcode must be intact. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Once enough labels have been collected, Dorothy Garrett mails them in for cash! All money collected goes to United Methodist Women to use for events, missions, and scholarships for women to attend UMW functions.

Willson House and Jason Lee Manor Birthday Parties

Beginning this month, birthday parties for the residents of Willson House and Jason Lee Manor will no longer be provided by local units and one circle of United Methodist Women (UMW).

Parties will now be arranged by Willson House and Jason Lee Manor.

Thank you to Leewood, Morningside, Trinity, Tualatin, Salem First, Mia Adjalai Circle (Salem First), Keizer Clear Lake, Stayton, Hillsboro, Wilsonville, Forest Grove, Newberg First, McCabe, Woodburn, and Tigard for providing fun and "cupcakes" for so many years and for always being there with helping hands and open hearts.

We Celebrate Teachers and Grads

Congratulations Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: **Seth DeBlase**, West Salem High School, Greg & Marisa DeBlase, parents, Arturo & Irene Fernandez, grandparents; **Max Decklemann**, Silverton High School, David & Angela Decklemann, parents; **Allison Dulude**, Sprague High School, Pamela Olson & Rick Dulude, parents, Bill Olson, grandfather; **Elliot Ford**, West Salem High School, Lowell & Pauline Ford, grandparents; **Samantha Hord**, Phoenix, Arizona, Bob & Connie Bork, grandparents; **Matthew Ismay**, McNary High School, Bill & Lisa Ismay, parents; **Dilan Johnson**, Kalama, Washington, Doris Bennett, grandmother; **Jenna Johnston**, West Salem High School, Steve & Janell Johnston, parents; **Christopher Koop**, West Salem High School, Elaine Smith-Koop, mother; **Pink Maneewongwichit**, Silverton High School, David, Angela Decklemann, Max, & Kelsey, exchange program family; **Chase Glen Onstot**, Willamina High School, Ken & Robyn Onstot, parents, Gary & Sandy Onstot, grandparents; **Thomas Ross**, North Salem High School, FUMC Sanctuary Choir member; **Riley Yunker**, Blanchet Catholic High School, Jon & Kathy Yunker, grandparents

COLLEGE GRADUATES: **Minette Bennett**, daughter-in-law of Doris Bennett, Masters in Counseling, Corban University; **Libby Bonn**, daughter of Eric & Kristen Bonn, B.A., Western Oregon University; **Nikki Burtis**, daughter of Kerry & Gloria Burtis, B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy, Minor in English, Chapman University, California; **Cory Hall-Martin**, daughter of Kim Martin, Masters in Social Work, Portland State University; **Garrison Knowles**, grandson of Dorothy Garrett, B.A. in Business, Pacific University, Forest Grove; **Christina Marsh**, granddaughter of Doris Bennett, Doctor of Medicine, Georgetown University Medical School; **Michelle Merritt**, granddaughter of Joan Zelmer, Masters in special education, Western Oregon University; **Jeff Metzger**, son of Dave & Laura Metzger, B.A. in government, minor in economics, summa cum laude, Harvard University; **Alex Robinson**, son of Don & Mary Ann Robinson, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Midwestern University, Glendale, Arizona; **Luke Scheuermann**, son of Tom & Cesie Delve Scheuermann, Bachelors degree, Portland State University; **Joshua Mikel Stringer**, M.A. Applied Pastoral Theology, Marylhurst University; **Jackson Travnicek**, great grandson of Evelyn Franz, University of Oregon

Thank You Teachers

Please join us in thanking FUMC volunteers who have provided leadership in our Christian Education/Spiritual Growth classes during 2016-17.

Children's Education: Nancy Brik, Jason LeRoy, Sara LeRoy, and Kathy Yunker, Dawn Gienger; **Rejoice! Kids' Choir:** Brenda Bateman and Amanda Rich; **Youth Education:** Christy LaFleur, Katie Carpenter, Christopher Frost, Bob Johnson; **Adult Education:** Barbara Alexander, Jerilee Avery, Camella Butts, Kathy Clayberger, Holli Davenport, Becky Duncan, Arturo Fernandez, Chuck Foster, Jeremy Hickerson, June Hickerson, Charlie King, Kathy Lincoln, Kent Neeley, Gary Onstot, Jennie Pitney, Joe Scahill, Cesie Delve Scheuermann, Katie Steele, Matt Steele, Joshua Stringer, Charlie Wallace, Doris Bennett, and Linda Bierley.

Special Events Decorations: Roberta Moore and Amanda Rich

Thank you also to many others who have helped in countless ways with substitute teaching, supplies, planning, treats, set up, decorations, etc!