



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

THE SPIRE

April 2018



We invite you to worship with us on

Easter Sunday April 1

MICAH WORSHIP SERVICE, 8:45 a.m.

MICAH Worship Center is located upstairs in MICAH, 680 State Street. An informal worship atmosphere with contemporary music presented by the praise band. A replica of Jesus's tomb will be up for children to walk into.

YOUTH BRUNCH, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us in the Dining Room of the building located on the corner of Church & State Streets, for a delicious Easter brunch prepared by the Youth at First United Methodist Church. Donations will be given to local area non-profits.

EASTER EGG HUNT, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join the fun in the Courtyard (weather permitting) for an Easter egg hunt geared towards children newborn through age 6 (First grade).

SANCTUARY SERVICE, 11:15 a.m.

A traditional service in the Sanctuary includes liturgy and prayers from the United Methodist Hymnal and special music with the bells, choir, and organ. The sanctuary's stained glass rose window adds to the beauty of the historic First United Methodist Church Sanctuary.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are loved by God and welcomed here!

First United Methodist Church of Salem

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Worship Schedule Sunday

Sunday Worship

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

April 1 Easter Sunday Communion Sunday

I have seen the Lord!

Psalm 118:14-29; John 20:1-18

April 8

Thomas - the other disciple
Psalm 133; John 20:19-31

April 15 Mission Bells at 11:15

Still Doubting

Psalm 4; Luke 24:36b-48

April 22

The good shepherd gave his life for the sheep.

Psalm 23; John 10:11-18

April 29 Youth Sunday

*I am the vine;
you are the branches.*

Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8



MISSIONS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Saturdays of Service April 21

Saturdays of Service are First United Methodist Church's quarterly service events, providing opportunities to work alongside local agencies making a positive impact in our community.



A BIG thank you also to the volunteers who prepare lunch to make sure all of the teams are fed before heading out to work.

This is also a great time, to get to know new people while serving!

Mark your calendar for April 21, noon to 3:00 p.m. We will have something for all ages and stages! If you cannot help on April 21, we are looking for volunteers to shop for lunch items prior to the event and to assist with delivering the lunches we pack to Hoover Elementary on Wednesday afternoons in May.

Two of the favorite projects to serve for are:

- At the Interfaith Hospitality Network Day Center - we clean, or paint, or work on the inside or outside pet areas.
- Youth and adults pack over 400 weekend lunches for Hoover Elementary at every Saturday of Service. This team has the packing down to a science!

Have questions or ideas? Email us at msg4198@comcast.net or saturdaysofservice@gmail.com.

Food Bank Ministry

“April showers bring May flowers.” So let’s “shower” the Jason Lee Food Bank this month with our ample donations of food items and/or money. May the Food Bank folks have to “dodge” all our “rain-drop” donations with steel umbrellas!

Our giving to date this year totals 5,532 pounds. Thank you for your compassion and generosity

Interfaith Hospitality Network is now “Family Promise”

Family Promise is the new name of the non-profit agency that includes Interfaith Hospitality Network.

The name change considers all the services that IHN has provided in the past which includes more than housing families, and it is a better fit in a name for all the good things this non-profit does! (Plus it is a nationally recognized name.)

First United Methodist Church is hosting next starting Sunday, April 29, through Sunday, May 6.

There are many volunteer opportunities to help with this well-organized community outreach!

Watch for sign ups after worship or call the church office at 503-364-6709 for contact information to sign up!

Mission Café at First United Methodist

Donate to Mission Café Classroom Fund

The Mission Café is raising money to support United Methodist Missionary Katherine Parker’s efforts to provide complete classroom supplies in Nepal (see the March issue, available online, for details). Your gifts are welcomed at the Mission Café on Sundays.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group April Schedule

Open Door Youth will meet during the month of April at Morningside UMC (3674 12th Ave S). We will meet on April 8, 15, and 22 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

April 29 will be Youth Sunday and we will lead worship at FUMC and Clearlake UMC. We will lead worship at Morningside UMC at a later date.



Sophia Miller, a member of CrossFire Youth Band, prepares to entertain!

SLAM Mission Trip for Youth

Open Door Youth Ministry will participate in SLAM Trips, a ministry on the Yakama Reservation in Washington.

We will spend a week serving and learning about life on a reservation.

Mission trip dates are June 17-22. Youth who want to go on the mission trip should fill out a mission trip form and get their \$50 deposit to Jeff by April 8.

See Jeff for forms and more information.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Thank you for the gifts of your support!

The Music Ministry is grateful for all who attended this year's "Spring Offering," featuring the "Magic of Disney." Nearly \$3,000 was raised to support the Music Ministry here at FUMC for the coming year. If you weren't able to come or to give prior to the event, you can still make a love offering for the music program. Just drop your gift off at the church office or in the Sunday offering with "Music Ministry" in the memo.

Special thanks to the many folks who helped out: Deanna Fitzpatrick (overall coordination), Roberta Moore and crew (reception decorations), June Hickerson, Cesie Delve Scheuermann, Christy LaFleur, and Jan Morgan (reception), Bob Johnson (sound), Michael Avery (video), Holli Davenport and Barbara Alexander (offering), and ALL the members of the various Music Ministries who sang and/or played for this great event! We are truly blessed by and grateful to each of you. Soli Deo Gloria!

Thanks! Kerry



Dr. Kerry Burtis gets some laughs as he mc's the Spring Offering event!



"Be Our Guest," sings Tom Ross as his sister, Cheyenne looks on, during the March music fundraiser.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Budget	January	February	Year to	16.67%
	2018	2018	2018	Date	of Budget
Total Income	\$560,068.00	\$41,636.89	\$46,970.44	\$88,607.33	15.82%
Total Expenses	\$570,955.00	\$45,404.45	\$46,666.42	\$92,070.87	16.13%

Notes from the Finance Committee

Greetings from your Finance Committee!

Because we are only a couple months into the new year, it is a little early to have very many trends up or down that we need to pay too much attention to. Here are some notes and opinions to date.

1. As you may recall, our January expenses exceeded our income by \$3,767. In February we reversed that and had \$304 more on the income side, leaving us down \$3,463 year- to- date.
2. General giving needs to average about \$37,500 per month to meet budget and in February it was \$36,377 which was an increase over January.
3. A reminder that the Administrative Council did approve our budget with a \$4,926 deficit through year- end, knowing we finished with excess into our reserves in 2017.
4. Within one week after the Administrative Council approved the budget, NW Natural lowered our monthly gas payments, which will help in that year- long expense.
5. The \$3,463 year to date number in #1 above in reality should be about half of that amount. We received a \$1,700 rent check at the end of the month but it wasn't deposited until the 1st. So March will show better in that category.
6. As projected, building use income is high YTD. The legislature was in session which gave us increased opportunity for rentals.
7. As always we continue to pay 100% of our apportionments.
8. And lastly, some "budget" food for thought. The finance committee is monitoring our \$560,000 church budget and there are always plusses and minuses in different categories. I think it's important to remember that the \$3,463 variance is 6/10 of 1% of our annual budget. I like to always put bigger numbers in more realistic terms for me as an individual... If I had a \$10,000 budget for something, 6/10 of 1% is \$60. Or if I personally had to budget \$1,200 per year for my electric bill, my 6/10 of 1% would be \$7.20 for the year.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the numbers.

Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chairman

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FAMILY MATTERS CLASS

Circle Meetings

The **Erbele Circle** will hold its April meeting, Monday, April 9, at Noon in the Carrier Room. The hosts for the day will be Jean Corcran and Joyce Clarkson. Emily Broussard will present this month's program.

Come and join us for good company and good conversation. For more information, please contact Emily Broussard at 503-304-4410. Hope to see you there!

The **Mia Adjali Circle** will meet Monday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carrier Room. All are welcome to join us for fun, fellowship, books for browsing and reading, an interesting program, and refreshments. Would love to see new faces coming through the doors.

District UMW Meeting

The Every Member Enrichment Event has come and passed and from all that I have heard it was a great success. We had around 75 women and men who attended the event. Our speaker was Janet Lahr Lewis, 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 and Society in Washington, D.C. She was a mission volunteer in Palestine and Israel from 1994 to 2001. She spoke about these countries while showing pictures of everyday life and happenings.

The Every Member Enrichment Event could not have been a success without help from the ladies of the Mia Adjali Circle as well as women of First Church, Salem. Many thanks to all of you for all the hard work you did during a very long and enjoyable day.



Palm Sunday 2018 - Wednesday Pitney Torres waves a palm branch in celebration; Zorro the Donkey and Alan LaFleur (who is playing Jesus) visit the 11:15 service.

Following a two-week break, Family Matters will resume on Sunday, April 8, with a dive into the "Theology of The Simpsons," led by Cesie Scheuermann and Jeremy Hickerson.

It should be a hoot!

Please join us in Room B-8 (down the stairs between the Carrier and Dining Rooms) for fellowship, fun, thoughtful discussion, and food!

Toddler play group

March 30 (the last Friday of each month) and April 27 10:00 to 11:30am
Taplin Hall, MICAH Building

The group is for caregivers of young children and for children from infants through age 5.

If you're a stay-at-home, working, teen, adoptive, foster, special needs, single or married....being a parent brings us together! Join us each month in our spacious rooms, filled with fun, developmentally appropriate toys.

Please no older siblings. For questions and/or to RSVP, call Heather Hawkins at 503-602-8000.



Open Door Churches

Open Door Churches: United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer

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

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

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

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

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

**Iglesia Metodista
Unida Las Naciones**
Rev. Jorge Rodriguez
salemhispanicumc@gmail.com



Open Door Churches March for Our Lives, on March 24

Open Door Churches Vacation Bible School 2018! Save the Dates!!!

- June 25- 28 at Clearlake
- July 9- 12 at Morningside
- Las Naciones date TBD

We are excited to announce that Open Door Churches will be hosting VBS three times this summer! The theme this year will be "Shipwrecked."

If you would like to help with VBS at any of these locations please contact Pastor Alyssa at Keizer Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 503- 393- 2402.



COME VISIT!

We, as Open Door Churches, are a wonderful community together. To continue building our relationships, it's good to visit each other. If you would like to visit one of the other Open Door Churches, here are all our Sunday service times:

- Englewood - 11:15 a.m.
- Trinity - 9 a.m.
- Morningside - 10 a.m.
- Salem 1st - 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- Las Naciones - 12:30 p.m.
- Keizer Clear Lake - 10 a.m.



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For more details or updates:
Salem First United Methodist Church
 on Facebook AND check out our website at
salemfirstumc.org

Sunday Worship

*indicates off-site

8:45 a.m.

MICAH Service

11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Service

Sunday Classes

- Various classes are available for all ages.
- 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

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. Mission Bells

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays

6 p.m. Praise Band

Sundays

as scheduled...

CrossFire

Youth Band

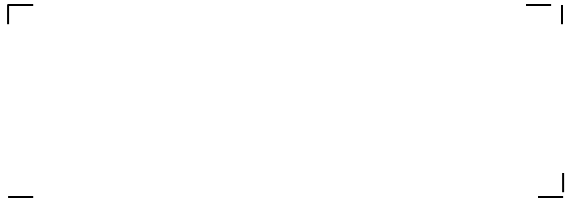
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	OPEN DOORS YOUTH GROUP: April 1 - Easter, no youth group • April 8 - at Morningside UMC, 12:30-2 p.m. • April 15 - at Morningside UMC, 12:30-2 p.m. • April 22 - at Morningside UMC, 12:30 - 2 p.m. • April 29 - Youth Sunday - youth lead worship, no youth group						
1	EASTER 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:30-11:30 a.m. Easter Brunch 10 a.m. Egg Hunt 11:15 a.m. Worship	2 5:30 p.m. MICAH Team meeting 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Team meeting	3	4 5 p.m. Bridges	5 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	6 NOON Social Concerns	7
8	9 Noon Erbele Circle 7 p.m. Mia Adjali Circle	10 7 p.m. Finance	11 5 p.m. Bridges	12 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	13 <i>SP/RE</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	14	
15	16 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting	17 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting	18 Noon Generations Potluck 5 p.m. Bridges	19 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. Ad Council	20	21 Noon - 3 p.m. SATURDAY OF SERVICE	
22	23 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting	24	25 5 p.m. Bridges	26 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. SP/RC	27 10 a.m. Infant & Toddler playgroup 11:30 a.m. Globetrotters Lunch Group	28	
29	Youth Sunday	30					



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 Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

FUMC STAFF

Lay Leaders	Fran Eriksen and Ray Lewallen
Pastor	The Rev. Dan Pitney
Director of Youth Ministries	The Rev. Jeff Lowery
Director of Preschool Family Ministries.....	Heather Hawkins
Director of Music Ministries	Dr. Kerry Burtis
Mission Bells Director	Glenda Serex
Praise Band/CrossFire Director	Jennie Pitney
Organist	Zachary Duell
Rejoice! Kids' Choir Directors.....	Amanda Rich and Brenda Bateman
Director of Volunteer Ministries	Leta Brewster
Facilities Manager	Kathy Pressler
Childcare Coordinator	Mora Carpenter
Business Administrator	Judy Allen
Office Manager	Katie Carpenter
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Fran Eriksen
Campus Custodian	Adam Somodi

Spire deadlines

Please submit your articles by **NOON of the deadline date**. Articles received after the deadline will be held for the next issue (if appropriate).

2018 Spire deadlines:
 May issue—April 13
 June issue—May 18

E-mail articles for *The Spire* to the church office, salem1st@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 edited to fit*.

A heartfelt thank you to Rebecca Cozart for the newsletter redesign and all her volunteer work getting The Spire formatted each month! She has moved on to other work, and we will miss her creative eye!!