



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

THE SPIRE

June 2018

Lisa Gungor Book Tour stops at MICAH

**Lisa Gungor *The Most Beautiful Thing I've Seen* Book Tour
Wednesday, June 27, 7pm at MICAH Worship Center**

Lisa Gungor started loving music and art as a child. After college, she began recording and traveling with the band that eventually turned into the Grammy-nominated musical collective simply known as "Gungor." She now lives in Los Angeles with her husband and their two beautiful and wild girls, Amelie and Lucie. She continues to write for Gungor, Planet Moon, and The Liturgists plus contributes to a handful of publications.

On her *The Most Beautiful Thing I've Seen* book tour, Lisa will talk about her brand new book, sing some newly-released songs, and answer questions. Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lisa-gungor-book-tour-tickets-45751302377>.

11am - One Service time on June 3

Worship services combine for Music Sunday, MICAH Worship Center

Our usual two worship services will be combined on Sunday, June 3, for Music Sunday. Meet at 11a.m. in the MICAH Worship Center to share the gifts and talents of our musicians and music makers in all areas of the music ministry of First United Methodist Church.

Sunday classes begin summer schedule June 3 - last Sunday for Children and Youth classes

Sunday School for children, youth, and the most of the adult classes ends on June 3. There are two Sunday classes at 10 a.m. for adults during the summer months: Bible Study in Room 107 and Spirit of the Heart Prayer & Meditation in Room 207.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m. MICAH Worship Center (Praise Service)

11:15 a.m. Sanctuary (Traditional Service)

Sermon Series: *The Great Adventure*

June 3

Communion Sunday One Service for Music Sunday in MICAH at 11am

Breaking the Rules

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;

Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10

Cultivate the Soil

Psalm 138; Mark 4:1-9

June 17

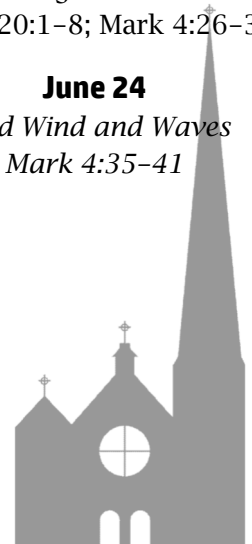
Planting the Garden

Psalm 20:1-8; Mark 4:26-34

June 24

Wild Wind and Waves

Mark 4:35-41



Walking for Hope

**The Union Gospel Mission Walk for Hope
Saturday, June 2, starting at 10:00 a.m.**

Register online at www.ugmsalem.org/walkforhope if you would like to join your FUMC friends for the Union Gospel Mission's Walk For Hope. The cost for adults is \$35; for children 12 years of age and under it's \$15. Call Mary Ann Robinson at 503-393-7377 or UGM at 503-967-6388 for more information.

Honoring our fathers

Jason Lee Food Bank - donations up from last year

June is the month we honor the father figures in our lives. Our Heavenly Father figures prominently in the lives of Christians. May God guide us into giving generously to the food insecure in our community by our food and monetary donations to the Jason Lee Food Bank.

Our giving through the end of April totals 14,659 pounds. (At the end of April, 2017 our total was 12,795 pounds.) Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion.

In Memoriam Stuart R. Shaw

Stuart Shaw passed away the morning of Thursday, May 17. Please keep Stuart's wife, Donna Shaw, and daughter, LaRae Shaw-Meadows and all the other family and friends of Stuart Shaw in your prayers.

Stuart was very active in the social concerns work of Salem First United Methodist Church and he regularly wrote and submitted articles to The Spire newsletter regarding missions and work of the church in our communities. Stuart was an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and served several churches until his retirement in 1998.

Congregations Helping People needs volunteers

Congregations Helping People (CHP) is in need of some new volunteers to help with client intake services. CHP welcomes clients four days per week at FUMC, and each day there are two 3 hour shifts for volunteers to fill (9:00 a.m. to Noon or Noon to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday).

Volunteers greet all potential clients and determine their needs and help with the client applications. They compile the documents clients bring to verify their need for services and make a file for the service coordinator. No special experience is required to fill this important support position other than a desire to help those people who are experiencing difficulties meeting their daily needs. CHP is known for its desire to serve those who apply for assistance and for the warmth and understanding the clients experience when they come for help.

Volunteers receive all of the training that they need to feel comfortable with the paperwork and the elementary computer data input required.

Please call 503 391-4365 and speak to a volunteer or leave a message to have the staff call back to answer your questions.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Youth Group for Summer

As the end of the school year approaches our Open Door Youth look forward to a busy summer of fun. This will include our mission trip to the Yakama Reservation June 17-22. We have 23 youth and adults signed up to go.

We will meet at FUMC starting June 3, during the month of June. All rising 5th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, June 10, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (MICAH basement). *Starting June 19 we will meet on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.* Please check the weekly email, Facebook page, or Instagram for details about our summer schedule. Summer is a great time to bring a friend.

Contact Jeff at directoroflast@gmail.com if you have any questions.



A recent "Time For Young People" was all about praying for our youth & blessing their mission trip this June.

Preschool Ministries



Bentley, has a great time on the playground located in our church courtyard.



The Youth Sunday "Fill-the-Shoe" was a success! Thank You for all your support!

Requests for Sunday Nurseries:

- Children's jackets for outside activities
- Sugar-free snacks
- Any outdoor toys; hula-hoops, bubbles, jump ropes, etc
- YOUR TIME! (Volunteers are always welcome! Please check out how to become a volunteer by emailing:

preschoolministries@salemfirstumc.org

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

| | Budget | | March | | April | | Year to | | 33.33% |
|-----------------------|---------------|--|--------------|--|--------------|--|---------------|--|------------------|
| | 2018 | | 2018 | | 2018 | | Date | | of Budget |
| Total Income | \$ 560,068.00 | | \$ 47,239.28 | | \$ 49,710.39 | | \$ 190,975.63 | | 34.10% |
| Total Expenses | \$ 564,994.00 | | \$ 46,410.38 | | \$ 46,913.06 | | \$ 190,812.54 | | 33.77% |

Notes from the Finance Committee

Hello from your Finance Committee:

Here are some highlights through April month-end...and in my opinion, we are running very nicely and close to budget.

- General giving continued to trend higher in April. *Good News!*
- We did not transfer the Easter funds over from the designated funds yet. That will increase our income next month. *Good News!*
- Last month we had a large \$2,125 electric bill for MICAHA that was a bit of a concern. Turns out this was the annual adjustment for utilities. It sounds like we will go back to about what we were paying previously. *Good News!*
- As part of the April utility adjustment, we received a credit for “Church” “gas” expense. *Good News!*
- Church electricity has continued its downward trend but we are still above budget, year-to-date. We will monitor this as warmer weather and ever increasing daylight hours are here. *OK news.*
- We received a MICAHA “gas” credit also. *Good News!*
- We paid our Shared Ministries “Cascadia District Extension” amount for the full year, which was a goal of the Easter offering. *Good News!*
- Bottom line actual number is that we are only under budget through 1/3 of the year by \$162.69. *Good News!*

It is a good feeling and reassuring that we continue to operate in a fiscally responsible manner while slowly growing our church family.

Please let me know if you have any questions... but it’s looking good so far.

Steve Horning
Finance Committee Chair

United Methodist Women Circle meeting

The Ruth Erbele Circle will have its last gathering before summer on Monday, June 11, at the home of Jean Corcran (143 44th Pl. NE).

The group will not have a meeting, but instead a gathering together as a group to have fun, food, conversation, etc. before summer – when we will miss being together. If you are free, please feel welcome to join us. Please call Jean at 503-585-2805 for information about the gathering and directions to her home.

Our first meeting in the fall will be Monday, September 10, at the church in the Carrier Room at Noon. For more information please contact Emily Broussard, 503-304-4410.

Group activities

FUMC Movie Group

Date, time, location, and film to be determined

Movie lovers are invited to join our group as we go to a movie at a local theatre each month. Films, dates, and (to some extent) times are chosen by group consensus via email about a week in advance. To be added to the email list for the monthly Movie Group, contact Robert McKinney at rmckinne@willamette.edu.

Men's Breakfast Group

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.

The Taproot Café, 356 State Street

Join us for fellowship and discussions on current events and other topics of interest. We're usually located at the window table. Please contact Chuck Hudkins at hudko@comcast.net for more information.

The Union Gospel Mission Walk for Hope

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A team of people is developing. You can still join them! Register online NOW at www.ugmsalem.org/walkforhope if you would like to join your FUMC friends for the Union Gospel Mission's Walk For Hope. The adult cost is \$35, and the cost for children 12 years of age and under is \$15. Call Mary Ann Robinson at 503-393-7377 or UGM at 503-967-6388.

Thank you from Jane Murch

To my dear Salem FUMC friends,

I am so grateful for all of your support of Jim and me over these last months and years. His journey with cancer was a long one, but you were always there for us.

Your encouragement, hugs, and virtual "casseroles" of love were so appreciated. Thank you so much for everything.

With Christ's love,
Jane Murch

History

First Sunday Each Month, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Oliphant Room Historic Sanctuary Building

The History and Archives Committee will open the Oliphant Room (our small museum of some of First United Methodist Church's artifacts) for visitors on the first Sunday of each month.

The Oliphant Room is on your immediate right as you enter the church from State Street (under the stairway to the Sanctuary).



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
Worship: Noon

Open Door Churches Young Adults Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Ike Box, 299 Cottage St. NE

You can find this gathering of young adults every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Ike Box near downtown Salem. Whether you are in college, unemployed, or years into your career – single, dating, or married – all young adults are welcome to join in the fun!

Every week, these young adults have been talking about the social justice issues near and dear to their hearts such as immigration and different sexualities. Sharing from their hearts, discussing the facts, and brainstorming ideas on what they can do and how they can become more involved in the issues has made them into a community of people who care about and support each other.

The young adults have many ideas of activities they would like to do together but don't have the funds to make them happen. Even buying tea or coffee at the Ike Box, an important aspect of being out in the community, can be difficult. It would be greatly appreciated by them if you would like to give an Ike Box gift card for them to use when they meet or money to fund a fun community building activity.

For more information, contact Pastor Alyssa at:
alyssabaker08@gmail.com.

(article credit given to Sarah Katreen Hoggatt)



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

- June 25-28 at Clear Lake UMC
- July 9-12 at Morningside UMC
- 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.

**Recurring
Weekly Events**

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.
MICAH Service

11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Service

Sunday Classes

Summer break for many classes after June 3

- 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



Salem First United Methodist Church
June 2018

For more details or updates, please check our Facebook pages:
Salem First United Methodist Church

And our web calendar at:
www.salemfirstumc.org



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|-----|
| <p><i>June 3</i> Communion & One Service, 11 a.m. at MICAH</p> | <p>Open Door Youth Summer Schedule begins Tuesday, June 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at First UMC and youth group meets regularly on Tuesday evenings!</p> <p>No Youth Group on Sundays after June 10</p> | | | | 1 | 2 |
| <p>3 Communion 11 a.m. Music Sunday & Grad Recognition</p> | <p>4 5:30 p.m. MICAH Worship Team meeting 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team</p> | <p>5 7 p.m. Finance</p> | <p>6 5 p.m. Bridges</p> | <p>7 *7:30 a.m. Weekly Men's Group at Taproot (downtown restaurant)</p> | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | <p>11 *12 p.m. Erbele Circle 5:30 p.m. Comm. Team</p> | <p>12 5:30 p.m. Trustees</p> | <p>13 5 p.m. Bridges</p> | <p>14 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group</p> | 15 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 16 |
| Annual Conference in Boise, ID June 13-16 | | | | | | |
| 17 Father's Day | 18 | 19 5:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting | 20 5 p.m. Bridges | 21 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. Ad Council | 22 | 23 |
| *Open Door United Methodist Ministries Mission Team to Yakama Reservation through the June 22 - through S.L.A.M. Missions | | | | | | |
| 24 | <p>25 VBS 9-Noon at Clear Lake UMC (25-28) 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry</p> | 26 | <p>27 5 p.m. Bridges 7 p.m. Lisa Gungor Book Tour</p> | <p>28 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group</p> | 29 | 30 |
| VBS - 9-Noon at Clear Lake UMC (25th -28th) | | | | | | |



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 Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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Mission Bells Director Glenda Serex
Praise Band/CrossFire Director Jennie Pitney
Organist Zachary Duell
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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 deadline

July issue—June 15
 August issue —July 20

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*.