



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

THE SPIRE

August 2018

Opportunities for Service

Summer Saturday of Service **Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Plans are being finalized for the projects we will be working on for the summer version of Saturdays of Service. Please note that the hours of service are in the morning, during the cooler part of the day. We will begin the day with a light breakfast and then head out to serve our community. View the projects and sign up online using our website - use the "Volunteer Spot" button.

Las Naciones Community Meal **Thursday, August 2, 6:45-8:30 p.m.**

Volunteers from Salem First UMC are needed to be a "supportive presence" at the Las Naciones Community Meal on Thursday, August 2, 6:45-8:30 p.m. 820 Jefferson Street NE, Salem.

Our new Hispanic Ministry serves a community meal on Thursday evenings and one of the ways we can show our support as a congregation is by presence and helping in any way needed. If you would like to volunteer, please let Dan Pitney know at dpitney@wvi.com.

Save the Date to Celebrate Together

Open Door Churches Area-Wide Worship Celebration **Sunday, September 9, 10:00 a.m., Riverfront Park in Salem**

Plan on coming to the Riverfront Park Amphitheater for the first Open Door Churches Worship Celebration and Potluck!

All are invited to attend this connectional event for a time of community worship and fellowship. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletin and the September issue of *The Spire*.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

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

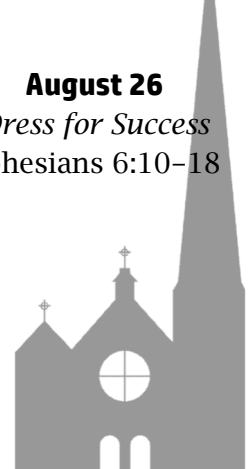
*Living Out Love:
Exploring Ephesians*

August 5
Communion Sunday
Stronger Together
Ephesians 4:1-7

August 12
Better Together
Ephesians 4:11-16

August 19
Raising Our Voices
Ephesians 5:15-20

August 26
Dress for Success
Ephesians 6:10-18



Christian Education

Christian Education for Summer

Classes for children and youth are taking a break for the summer and will return on September 16 at 10:00am. The adult classes that are taking a break for the summer will resume in September, too.

There are three adult classes that meet during the summer. Bridges, the class for adults with developmental delays, meets most of the morning.

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Bridges, Room 110
A drop-in time for adults with developmental delays.

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

- Adult Bible Study, Room 107
- Prayer of the Heart Meditation, Room 207

Classes for fall resume on September 16. There will be classes for all ages - watch for details in the September *Spire*.



Learn about Membership

Membership Matters Class—Sunday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Salem First United Methodist Church? Our membership class is an opportunity to learn more about the church and find your place in our vibrant, growing community.

Pastor Dan will lead the class, located in the MICAH Conference Room, reviewing the questions asked when joining the church.

Leta Brewster, Director of Volunteer Ministries, will share about our ministries and opportunities to be involved in the life of Salem First UMC.

Please contact Leta Brewster at letabrewster@yahoo.com if you have questions or to register for the class.

Church Directory Update

A New Church Directory is in the Works!

We will be publishing a new directory in September and updating church records in the process. This directory will not include photos. In order to have the most current information, the Communications Committee requests your assistance.

Please send your family's contact information to us by writing it on a Welcome & Communication card or bulletin insert (coming soon) and putting it in the offering. You may also call the church office (503-364-6709) or send an email to salem1st@wvi.com. Even if you think the information we currently have is correct, we would like to verify our records!

Include the names of everyone in your household as well as your address (both street and mailing if they are different), phone number(s) (landline and cell numbers), and email address(es). Please indicate who each cell phone and email addresses will reach. We ask that you include all this information for church records, but let us know if there is anything you don't want published.

Information about directory distribution will be included in the September *Spire*.

Youth, Family, and All-Church Activities

Summer Youth Group

**Open Door Churches Youth August Schedule
Tuesdays - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)**

Youth Group is for youth entering 6th grade through grade 12. The youth from the Open Door Churches community meet weekly to have fun and connect with each other. The meeting places for the weekly activities depend on the activity for that week. If you have questions, contact Jeff at directoroflast@gmail.com.

- July 31: Water Balloon Games at Bush Park and an ice cream party (Cesie and Tom's house - 1089 High St. SE)
- August 7: Bowling (Firebird Lanes)
- August 14: Worship Night and Movie at the Lopez barn
- August 18: (Saturday) Family night at the Volcanoes, meet at the stadium (notice the corrected date)
- August 21: Games and Ice Cream (FUMC)
- August 28: No Youth Group
- September 2-8: No Youth Group
- September 9 (Sunday): Open Door Churches Celebration Outdoor Worship and Potluck. Watch for details!

Childcare during worship and classes

Quality childcare for infants through first grade is available during both worship services and during the Christian Education hour.

Volunteers are always welcome to serve in this area of our ministry.

Salem First United Methodist All-Church Retreat at Camp Magruder, located near Rockaway Beach Friday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Sept. 30

Join us at the little slice of heaven between the Pacific Ocean and Smith Lake in Rockaway Beach that is Camp Magruder. Leave the cares of the world behind and rediscover the joy of living in Christian community. Watch *The Spire*, our website, and Sunday bulletins for details that will be coming soon!

Open Door Churches

The following is a list of the Open Door Churches in Salem-Keizer and their lead pastors:

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

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

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

Iglesia Metodista Unida Las Naciones
Rev. Jorge Rodriguez
salemhispanicumc@gmail.com
Worship: Noon

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

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Budget	May	June	Year to	50.00%
	2018	2018	2018	Date	of Budget
Total Income	\$ 560,068.00	\$ 48,750.26	\$ 46,735.05	\$ 286,460.94	51.15%
Total Expenses	\$ 564,994.00	\$ 45,722.82	\$ 46,735.05	\$ 283,270.41	50.14%

Notes from the Finance Committee

Hello, everyone! Here is your Finance report for the month of July. Finances still look pretty good.

1. We are still ahead year-to-date and our income has exceeded our expenses by just over \$3,000.
2. June general giving had a drop after the last four months of increases. Year-to-date in this one category, we are only \$1,963 behind budget.
3. Use of Church and MICAHA Leases/Rents are still ahead of budget.
4. Of note: You probably have seen that we posted the Director of Family Ministry job. This will create some unknown effect on the budget, but we are currently within the budget with the changes that were made earlier in the year.
5. The Office Supplies line is running over budget. One piece of that puzzle is that we projected budget savings by printing in-house (the color bulletins for example), that has not happened to this point.
6. Church and MICAHA utilities have had their mid-year adjustments done by NW Natural and PGE. Gas is trending under budget and electricity is trending over budget.
7. We are paid ahead on our apportionments because we paid the majority of our annual World Service commitment using the Christmas offering funds that we dedicated to that specific mission. At year-end we will get back to 100%.

We continue to maintain \$50,000 in our reserve and have now for several years. It is designated for some unforeseen church crisis. We also have \$18,000 in additional reserves for approved one-time expenses. This money is not for recurring costs.

Wow, we are 50% through the year already. In my opinion these numbers show we are in a pretty good financial position right now YTD.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair

Is Solar Power a Possibility for First Church?

Solar power suffers from the conventional wisdom we all learned as children, that “if something sounds too good to be true, then it probably is too good to be true.”

So, when we hear that with solar power we can:

- Help keep pollutants out of the atmosphere
- Help combat global warming
- Reduce the need for mining, transporting, and burning fossil fuels
- Reduce the need for environmentally damaging dams, pipelines, and transmission lines;



Then we hear that with solar panels we can do all of this at a lower cost and thus save money for the church... well, that just sounds too good to be true. However, in this case conventional wisdom is wrong and with solar power, all the above is actually true.

That is why several of us have joined together to explore the use of solar power at First Church and the other Open Door churches. Many of us on this committee have already installed solar panels on our own houses, so we can speak first-hand about the benefits of solar power.

Our committee will have more to say about this in the coming months, but right now we would like to hear from you:

- Do you have questions or concerns about First Church moving to solar power?
- Are you considering installing solar panels on your house and would you like to talk to people in this congregation who have already been through that process?
- Would you like to join or assist this committee in any way?

This is an exciting prospect and, we believe, it is a very appropriate goal for a church with social and environmental concerns such as ours. As we explore “going solar” over the next few months we will need and appreciate your support. We plan to use *The Spire* and the church website to keep everyone up-to-date on our progress.

David Cox, Chairperson, First Church Solar Power Committee
503-375-7375/dandd1973@comcast.net



Family Promise—Interfaith Hospitality Network

Getting ready for the next IHN hosting at FUMC - September 23-30

Thanks to all the enthusiastic volunteers who have helped with our Family Promise (IHN) hosting this year. We appreciate your assistance in providing our guests a safe, warm, and welcoming place to spend the night and they have appreciated the delicious dinners, breakfasts, and hospitality that you have provided as well.



Our next hosting is coming up soon and we are again asking for your help. We will be hosting twice this fall. Our first week is September 23 to 30 and the second week is November 25 to December 1. Please put these dates on your calendar. We will begin taking sign-ups and have many opportunities for you to help as evening host or coordinator, dinner host, or overnight/breakfast host as well as with set-up and take-down.

The primary responsibility of *evening host* and *evening coordinator* is to spend some time with our guests. You will eat dinner with the families and perhaps play games with the children, help with homework, or visit with the adults. Your role is to be a friendly, listening presence and to make sure the evening goes smoothly.

The *dinner host* provides dinner for up to sixteen guests plus the evening volunteers. We will call you and let you know exactly how many to expect and any special dietary needs. The evening host and coordinator will be there to help with the set-up, serving, and clean-up of the dinner.

The *overnight host(s)* spend the night at the church. Your primary responsibility is to be a presence, to be available to guests if a need arises. Most of our overnight hosts have also served as *breakfast hosts* (set out the provided breakfast foods, make the coffee, etc.), but if that does not work into your schedule, we will find someone to help you in the morning.

The *set-up and take-down crews* work on Sunday mornings before and/or after the MICA service, moving mattresses upstairs, setting up partitions for family sleeping areas (yay for the new partitions), and bringing out the toys and furniture. Everything is done in reverse on the second Sunday.

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 MICA Lobby on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your willingness to work with and be of service to our guests.

**Recurring
Weekly Events**

Sunday Worship

**8:45 a.m.
MICAHA 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

August

(*indicates off-site)

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
On Monday, Aug. 6, and Tuesday, Aug. 7, the main building will close to all use at 4 p.m.			1	2 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group *6:30 p.m. Las Naciones meal	3	4
5 Communion	6 5:30 p.m. MICAHA Worship Team meeting 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team	7	8 5 p.m. Bridges	9 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group Weekly at Taproot (downtown restaurant)	10	11
12 10 a.m. New Member Class	13 5:30 p.m. Comm. Team	14 7 p.m. Finance	15 5 p.m. Bridges	16 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. Ad Council	17 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 9AM TO NOON SATURDAY OF SERVICE
19	20	21 5:30 p.m. Trustees 5:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting	22 5 p.m. Bridges	23 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	24	25
26	27	28 No Youth Group	29 5 p.m. Bridges	30 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	31	



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 Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

FUMC STAFF

Lay Leaders	Fran Eriksen/ Melissa Berry Ray Lewallen
Pastor	The Rev. Dan Pitney
Director of Youth Ministries	The Rev. Jeff Lowery
Director of Preschool Family Ministries.....	Open position
Director of Music Ministries	Dr. Kerry Burtis
Mission Bells Director	Glenda Serex
Praise Band/CrossFire Director	Jennie Pitney
Organist	Open position
Rejoice! Kids' Choir Directors.....	In transition
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 deadline

Sept. issue — Aug. 17
 Oct. issue — Sept. 14

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*.