



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

# THE SPIRE

September 2018

## Open Door Churches Worship & Celebration!

**Sunday, September 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

For the first time ever, all six Open Door Churches will gather together for a combined worship experience, to celebrate our community, and share a potluck picnic at the **amphitheater at Riverfront Park!** Come enjoy an exciting day celebrating being in ministry together!

Together, we'll celebrate with worship music led by musicians from Salem First, Keizer Clear Lake, and Morningside United Methodist Churches who will be playing throughout worship.

Leroy Barber, a church leader, will share a special message at our worship gathering. Leroy is currently the Executive Director of The Voices Project and Holla Mentors, organizations committed to supporting and developing leaders of color. He is the author of *New Neighbor: An Invitation to Join Beloved Community*; *Everyday Missions: How Ordinary People Can Change the World*; *Red, Brown, Yellow, Black, White: Who's More Precious in God's Sight?*; and the recently released *Embrace: God's Radical Shalom for a Divided World*.



After our worship, we'll share a potluck lunch! Please bring a dish (along with a label of the ingredients your dish contains in consideration for those with allergies). There will even be a special Mexican food section! Cake will be provided for us all to enjoy; all the plates, silverware, and ice water we'll need will also be provided.

Anselmo from Las Naciones will make balloon animals for the kids – just one of the children's activities for the youngest in our church family.

You can park in one of the park's parking lots or walk to the amphitheater from downtown. *If you have accessibility issues, meet at Salem First's parking lot (behind the church) and a van will take you over to the park where a golf cart will take you the rest of the way.*

*All Open Door Churches will be participating so no services will be held at any of the churches on this day.*

## Worship Schedule Sundays

### Sunday Worship

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

### September 2

Communion Sunday  
James 1:17-27  
Rev. Dan Pitney

### September 9

Open Door Churches  
All Worship, Riverfront Park  
Special Speaker, Leroy Barber

### September 16

Heart & Hand  
James 2:14-19  
Rev. Dan Pitney

### September 23

Four Touchstones of Belief  
1 Peter 2:1-9  
Rev. Sandy Kimbrow

### September 30

A Spirit of Unity  
Acts 10:44-48  
Rev. Wendy Woodworth



# SOCIAL CONCERNS

## Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests are Coming

**Volunteers requested for Interfaith Hospitality/Family Promise - Sign up today!**

Our next Family Promise (IHN) hosting starts on Sunday, September 23, and volunteers are needed to serve our guests! Begin signing up today to reserve your favorite night and favorite volunteer position. (See the August *Spire* for descriptions of volunteer positions.) Your help making our families feel welcome and comfortable is appreciated. If you have questions or for more information, please call Judy Allen at 503-508-7794 or Pam Olson at 503-851-2328.

## 2017 Food Bank Report

Please keep the Food Bank ministry in mind as you grocery shop - buy some extra groceries - or when you receive change for your purchases - give some extra cash to this important ministry for food-insecure people. Donations through July total 24,828 pounds, compared to 24,085 pounds at the same time in 2017. Our community food banks and pantries are available to hungry people because of your support!

## Volunteers requested

The Jason Lee Food Bank is in dire need of volunteers! Call the office at 503-364-6709 and we will connect you to a Food Bank coordinator.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Union Gospel Mission's Annual Celebration Dessert Friday, October 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Union Gospel Mission's annual Harvest Celebration Dessert is Friday, October 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Salem Convention Center (200 Commercial Street SE). We are delighted that Salem FUMC has again been asked to host a table for this amazingly joyful community event that brings many community supporters to hear about UGM's success helping thousands of hungry, hurting, and homeless men, women, and children who come to UGM in need.

UGM is able to meet the immediate needs of those who walk through their doors and, most importantly, UGM shares God's love, grace, and compassion with them.

The evening is fun, wonderfully organized, the desserts are yummy, and a donation of \$25 per person is very much appreciated.

This year a very special guest speaker will be there: Ron Hall, a *New York Times* best-selling author. Ron Hall and Denver Moore wrote the book *Same Kind of Different As Me* which is a beautiful TRUE story about the love and care of homeless people in Texas. You'll be thankful to get an opportunity to read it.

Call Mary Ann Robinson at 503-393-7377 and let her know by October 4 if you'd like to represent our church at this grand event - or if you'd like to borrow her book.

### A New Church Directory is in the Works!

We are working on publishing a new directory later this month - and update church records in the process (contact information only; no photos this time). In order to have the most current information, the Communications Committee needs your assistance. On a Welcome Card or in an email, please include the names of everyone in your household as well as your address (both street and mailing if they are different) and phone numbers and email addresses. You may also call the church office, 503-364-6709.

## Music Ministries

### Bell Ringers Wanted

Mission Bells will be reorganizing soon to be ready to ring in September. If you've ever had an overwhelming urge to play bells, now is the time to step up and try. Mission Bells is open to anyone from 8<sup>th</sup> grade through their 8<sup>th</sup> decade. (Just ask the director!)

We meet in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. and break just in time for Chancel Choir members to take a break before rehearsal in the Choir Room. We play, with a couple of exceptions, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month and the infrequent extra occasion like the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Please join us for our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 5, at 5:30. It will be a "get acquainted with the new music - get reacquainted with each other" kind of a gathering.

If you have questions, please call, text, or email me at 503-580-5590 or [glendaserex@gmail.com](mailto:glendaserex@gmail.com).

### Join the Sanctuary Choir

Fall is upon us and that can only mean one thing - TIME FOR CHOIR! Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will start back up on Wednesday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. The beginning of a new program year is a GREAT time to consider joining the Choir. We have a wide range of abilities and experiences within the Choir and you WILL find a place - no audition or experience needed!

If you have questions or for more information, please contact Kerry Burtis through the church office.

And if it helps, bring a friend along with you! Please consider joining us this year!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### UMW Circle Meetings

After a two-month summer break, the **Ruth Erbele Circle** will hold its first meeting of the 2018-19 program year on Monday, September 10, at 12:00 noon in the Carrier Room.

Come and join us because you are certainly welcome. For more information, please contact Emily Broussard at 503-304-4410.

The September meeting of **Mia Adjali Circle** will be Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. in the Carrier Room. Our program will be presented by Alan LaFleur, who is working at CHP (Congregations Helping People). He will be talking about the changes that are happening in that organization.

Please come and join us meeting old friends and making new friends. Refreshments will be provided.

### Save the Dates! Early news about District Leadership Training and Annual Meeting

The UMW District Leadership Training Event will be held on Friday, October 19, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Eugene. This event is not just for district officers - ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Training Event will be followed by the Annual District Meeting on Saturday, October 20, at Eugene First United Methodist Church.

More details about both events and registration information will be in the October *Spire* Newsletter and social media.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2018 July Financial Statement

	Budget	June	July	Year to	58.33%
	2018	2018	2018	Date	of Budget
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 560,068.00	\$ 46,735.05	\$ 48,809.70	\$ 335,270.64	59.86%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 564,994.00	\$ 46,735.05	\$ 46,040.28	\$ 329,310.69	58.29%

### From Your Finance Committee...

Your Finance Committee met prior to the August Administrative Council meeting to discuss and review the current financial position of the church, projections through year-end, and some one-time requests for funds. Those requests would need to be approved by the Administrative Council.

The highlights:

- General giving is slightly ahead of budget through July month-end.
- Use of both buildings is still ahead of budget and my projection is it will remain there through year-end.
- With the pending staffing changes, we could have a positive adjustment to the budget if we have a window of time between hirings.
- We have two staff positions where I am projecting we have underestimated the hours needed during the year. These combined could result in a year-end deficit to the budget.
- The NW Natural adjustments mid-year have me projecting a combined excess of \$5,000 at year-end.

Bottom line is we are just under \$6,000 ahead year-to-date overall on our budget.

The items the Finance Committee approved to take to Administrative Council for approval are:

- We approved allocating up to \$3,000 out of the general budget to pay for security through year-end. We will be re-evaluating at year-end after discussions with Willamette University.
- We approved recommending three one-time expenses out of our reserve fund.
  1. The first one is for up to \$2,500 to fund Christians Education's start-up materials for Godly Play, a new teaching model with much more hands-on learning. Each year a new grade will be added using the materials and furniture purchased in the initial startup. At the same time we approved recommending a special offering in September with the proceeds used as a funding source the next year for any additional curriculum.
  2. The second one is \$1,000 to fund the sound system for the Open Door Churches all-city service on September 9.
  3. And the third is \$2,000 to reimburse part of the cost of the new choir robes that have been purchased.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me.

*Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair*

# YOUTH NEWS

## Wrapping up Summer And Youth updates For Fall

This summer has been filled with a variety of amazing experiences from a mission trip, camps, fun times bowling, laser tag and water balloon fights, and much more.

As the summer winds down and we get ready for fall we look forward to seeing our familiar youth as well as some of our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

We begin our fall by participating in the Open Door Churches Worship Service and Potluck on Sunday, September 9, at Riverfront Park and we continue with our Youth Kickoff for parents and youth on September 16.

This fall we are making plans for lots of exciting events including a Live Action Clue Game on October 7, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Barn Dance, and a confirmation class for youth going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above.

Folks are meeting in the next few weeks to start planning these events so keep a watch out on the weekly email for more specific details. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jeff Lowery at [directoroflast@gmail.com](mailto:directoroflast@gmail.com) or 541-654-1878.

## Follow and “Like” Us!

The youth ministry has had a great summer together 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 “Salem/Keizer UMC youth” and on Instagram @salemfirstumcyouth, #SFUMCyouth, #600StateSt. This is the best way to stay connected to our activities!



## Youth Ministry Dates

**September 2 & 8**  
No Youth Group

**September 9**  
Open Door Churches Outdoor Worship  
and Potluck, 10:00 a.m.–1:00pm

**September 16**  
Youth Kickoff (parents and youth)  
12:30–2:00pm

**September 23, 30**  
Youth Group  
12:30–2:00pm

### Special October Events:

**October 7**  
*Live Action Clue*

**And Later in October...**  
The 3rd Annual  
October Halloween Barn Dance  
7:30—9:30 p.m.

## Coming in October:

**Harvest fun and activities  
for children and families**

**AND**

**A Barn Dance for youth**

# Moving towards reconciliation

## Wallowa Lake Property Returned to Nez Perce

With one small rock, a monumental moment was honored at the Oregon–Idaho Annual Conference gathering in Boise, Idaho, when it was noted that 1.5 acres of land at Wallowa Lake Camp would soon be returned to its rightful owners – the Nez Perce Tribe.

In a moving ceremony on August 1, filled with song, work, and action, under the shadow of Chief Joseph Mountain a small step toward righting an historic wrong happened when a parcel of land was returned to the Nez Perce nation. 115 people from the Nez Perce Tribe, The United Methodist Church, camp supporters, and the community gathered to witness this historic event. The ceremony culminated with returning the rock that was symbolically passed to representatives from the Nez Perce Tribe at Annual Conference to its original place in the Wallowa River.

In 1923 predecessors of the Oregon–Idaho Conference purchased 100 acres of land for what is now known as Wallowa Lake Camp. Parcels of the property have been sold over the years and the camp now stands at about 60 acres in size. Left behind in the land sales was 1.5 acres of Wallowa River property, surrounded by vacation homes, and bordering the Wallowa Lake State Park. This land was part of the historic territory of the Nez Perce People, taken from them in treaty violation.

“This sacred act was encouraged by the work done at the 2012 General Conference through the Act of Repentance with Native peoples,” said Camp and Retreat Ministries Executive Director Todd Bartlett. “This is also in line with two previous actions of the Oregon–Idaho Annual Conference: 1986 and 2007 when we returned land to the Klamath tribes.”

“We have one spirit and I felt it when we came here,” said Elizabeth Arthur–Attao, treasurer of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. “Our Lord is here and so are our ancestors. They are smiling down on us today.”

It was a privilege to represent our Church at such an historic ceremony at Wallow Lake Camp. I was moved by the action taken in friendship to the Nez Perce. One of the Nez Perce cultural camps with youth from ages 14 to 17 was held during that week and they were able to participate and be a part of this new relationship. They were also given the task of placing the ceremonial rock back into the Wallow River. This annual cultural camp has gifted both the tribe and the church with learning and understanding. Because of this the relationship has deepened and, in the summer of 2016, a meaningful step was taken when the Nez Perce flag began being flown alongside the U.S. flag at camp. If you would like to see additional pictures or information on this event, please visit the conference website, or feel free to contact me

*Ray Lewallen, Lay Leader*



**Recurring Weekly Events**

**Sunday Worship**

**8:45 a.m.**  
**MICAH Service**

**11:15 a.m.**  
**Sanctuary Service**

**Sunday Classes**

The Fall Schedule from Chrisitan Education begins on September 16.

A Christian Education booklet is being printed for details about fall classes!

**MUSIC**

**REHEARSALS:**

**WEDNESDAYS:**

5:30pm

Mission Bells

7pm Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAYS:**

6 p.m.

Praise Band



**Salem First United Methodist Church**

**September 2018**

(\*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](http://www.salemfirstumc.org)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Ruth Erbele and Mia Adjali Women's Circles resume meetings on Sept. 10. Ruth Erbele is at Noon and Mia Adjali at 7pm.						1
Open Door Churches Youth Group resumes the fall Schedule on September 16 at 12:30 p.m.						
2 Communion	3	4	5 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30pm Bells 7 p.m. Choir	6 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group Weekly at Taproot (downtown restaurant)	7	8
9 10 a.m. All Open Door Churches Worship at Riverfront Park	10 5:30 p.m. MICAH Worship Team meeting 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team 5:30 p.m. Comm. Team	11 7 p.m. Finance	12 5 p.m. Bridges	13 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	14 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15
16 All Sunday Classes Resume Youth Group at 12:30. p.m	17	18 5:30 p.m. Trustees 5:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting	19 5 p.m. Bridges	20 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. Ad Council	21	22
23 IHN THIS WEEK	24	25	26 5 p.m. Bridges	27 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	28	29
30	Camp Magruder All Church Retreat Friday through Sunday					



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**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.....** **In transition**

**Director of Music Ministries .....** **Dr. Kerry Burtis**

**Mission Bells Director .....** **Glenda Serex**

**Praise Band/CrossFire Director .....** **Jennie Pitney**

**Interim Organist .....** **Susan Johnson**

**Rejoice! Kids' Choir Directors.....** **To Be Announced**

**Interim Director of Congregational Life .....** **Lisa Rybloom**

**Facilities Manager .....** **Kathy Pressler**

**Childcare Coordinator .....** **Mora Carpenter**

**Business Administrator .....** **Judy Allen**

**Office Manager .....** **Katie Carpenter**

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**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:**  
October issue— Sept. 14  
November issue— Oct. 19

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*.

