



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

THE SPIRE

January 2019

Generations Potluck & Speaker Series

January 17, 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room

At the next gathering of the Generations Potluck and Speaker Series on Thursday, January 17, two Camp Adair historians will bring photos and slides about the history of Camp Adair.

The facility was erected in six months in the early 1940s and quickly became the second largest city in Oregon. It was used as a U.S. Army training facility, prisoner of war camp, and later a U.S. Air Force station. Join us to learn about this important piece of mid-Willamette Valley history.

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverages will be provided. All ages are welcome.

CHP Program Director Opening

Position Available: Program Director for Congregations Helping People (CHP)

CHP is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the Director of the agency in a half-time position. CHP serves the Salem-Keizer community as a provider of assistance for basic needs and referral support. No social service background is required, but a desire to help community members in difficult circumstances is needed, supported by a level of comfort with normal office computer skills.

If you are interested or desire more details concerning the position, please call Alan at 503.569.9342 or email staff@chpsalem.org.

Membership at First United Methodist

We are offering a class on Sunday, January 13, at 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to learn about membership. Please contact Pastor Dan Pitney at dpitney@wvi.com or Lisa Rybloom at fumcwelcome@gmail.com with questions or to make arrangements to join.

Worship Schedule Sundays

Sunday Worship

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

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

January 6

Communion & Epiphany

*I Want to Walk as a
Child of the Light*

I John 1:1-7a

Rev. Dan Pitney

January 13

Baptism of the Lord
Endless Possibilities

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. Dan Pitney

January 20

Human Relations Day Offering
From Ordinary to Extraordinary

John 2:1-11

Rev. Alyssa Baker

January 27

Spirit Empowered

Luke 4:14-21

Rev. Wendy Woodworth



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Family Promise

Volunteers requested for Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality) - Sign up today!

Thanks again to all our thoughtful and caring volunteers who helped with our Family Promise (IHN) hosting in 2018. We have our hosting dates for 2019. Please put them on your calendars: Jan. 13 - 20 (sign up for your favorite position soon), April 28 to May 5, Sept. 15-22, and Dec. 1-8.

We recently received an e-mail from Julie, a volunteer from Family Promise that we want to share with you:

Hello First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of Family Promise and the families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network program we want to thank you for hosting the IHN program last week.

Because of your generosity 3 families (5 parents and their 6 children) had a safe place to sleep and a hospitable place to call home.

- *The value of your most recent hosting week is \$7,026.42*
- *231 Meals were provided for the 3 families at an average cost of \$293.90 per family per week - \$881.70.*
- *Lodging saved Family Promise an average of \$1,365 based on a hotel room of \$65 per night per family.*
- *If not for your volunteers, the cost of skilled staff to prepare meals and work with families throughout the week would total \$4,779.72 (\$24.14 per hour).*

We are so appreciative of your time. It is such a blessing to witness your congregation working together to support and share the hospitality of the Interfaith Hospitality Network program and partnering with other faith communities to do so.

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

Saturday of Service

Make Friends while Serving the Community January 12, noon to 3 p.m.

- Looking for ways to get acquainted with others?
- Want to find meaningful ways to serve our community?
- Interested in knowing how you can positively impact our city?
- Do you like to eat great soup and have fun?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions (and even if you didn't, but are curious), mark your calendar for **Saturdays of Service, January 12, noon to 3:00 p.m.** We will be serving with Family Promise, Marion-Polk Food Share, and Backpack Buddies for Hoover Elementary.

To sign up to serve, go to the Saturdays of Service page on the church website (saalemfirststumc.org). There will be activities for people of all ages and stages. Come join in the fun serving our community and getting to know FUMC friends!

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. *Thank you!*

A comparison update of contributions to the Jason Lee Food Bank

January-November 2017 = 47,712 pounds
January-November 2018 = 39,423 pounds

Allen at 503.581.6547, or Paula Sullivan at 503.990.1988. You may also sign up in the Dining Room or MICAH Lobby on Sunday mornings.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Circle Meetings

The **Ruth Erbele Circle** will hold its first meeting of the new year at Noon on Monday, January 14, in the Carrier Room. We will share our blessings from last year and our new hopes for the new year.

If you have any ideas for meeting programs, please bring them to the meeting. For more information, please contact Joan Zelmer at 503.364.6204 or Emily Broussard at 503.304.4410. We hope to see you there.

Details for **Mia Adjali Circle's** January meeting were unavailable at the time *The Spire* was printed. Regular attendees will be notified by email or phone regarding the January meeting.

Anyone interested in information about the meeting or United Methodist Women in general should please call Alice Howard at 503.588.1690.

Open Door Churches

Englewood United Methodist Church is Closing

On January 27 at 2 p.m., there will be a final worship service to celebrate the long history of the Englewood United Methodist Church's service to the Englewood community. We hope you will attend so we can all share our support and love with our brothers and sisters in the Englewood community.

At the Charge Conference last fall, the community officially voted to close Englewood United Methodist Church effective December 31, 2018.

The congregation has been preparing for this closure for the last several months by cleaning out the church and completing paperwork. They stopped holding services in September, but they have been meeting together as a community to study the book, *Jesus Calling*, and they have been visiting the other churches throughout the Salem area.

United Methodist Women Celebrate Sesquicentennial

In 2019 United Methodist Women (through its predecessor organizations) will be 150 years old (1869–2019). Join our anniversary celebration by giving to the Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment to ensure the mission of the United Methodist Women continues for another 150 years and beyond. We encourage every member to give in increments of 1869 to help meet the campaign goal of \$60 million. Visit unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/home to make a donation.

Together, we are building our legacy. Mindful of ongoing injustice and the challenges the next generation may face, the Legacy Fund will support United Methodist Women members in mission for women, children, and youth down the street and around the world for years to come.

A new year, a new beginning. May January 2019 be the start of a blessed year for us all.

UMW Executive Meeting for January

The executive team meeting of the United Methodist Women will be on Tuesday, January 8. (Please note that this is the second Tuesday of the month since the first Tuesday is New Years Day). We will meet in Room 107 at 5:30 p.m. Please call Barbara Alexander at 503.930.9267 with questions.

Globetrekking Lunch Group

Globetrekking next lunch out will be on Friday, January 25, 11:30 a.m. at Lum Yuen Restaurant at 3190 Portland Rd. NE. Globe trekkers enjoy lunch together at various restaurants every three months so seize this opportunity!

Newcomers, friends, everyone is welcome to join Globetrekking and to meet new friends and have a great time. Please call Joan Zelmer at 503.364.6204 with questions or to make a reservation by Tuesday, January 22.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2018 November Financial Statement

	Budget	October	November	Year to	91.66%
	2018	2018	2018	Date	of Budget
Total Income	\$ 560,068.00	\$ 48,832.95	\$ 54,320.38	\$ 527,157.62	94.12%
Total Expenses	\$ 564,994.00	\$ 49,866.14	\$ 52,947.42	\$ 522,292.74	92.44%

From Your Finance Committee...

Hello everyone! We are through November now and working to make our estimates for the 2019 budget draft. Here are brief notes for the November month-end budget.

- Our total income for November exceeded our expenses by \$1,372.
- November giving puts us currently \$4,864 ahead of budget year-to-date.
- November figures include paying our property taxes on the MICAH building (\$7,656).
- We continue to meet our full obligation for apportionments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair

Financial donations to the Jason Lee Food Bank

Due to the closure of the Englewood UMC congregation, the Jason Lee Food Bank has moved Englewood's funds to the custodianship of Trinity UMC. Monetary donations made directly to the food bank must now be made payable to "Trinity United Methodist Church," and sent to 590 Elma Avenue SE, Salem 97317.

You may also continue to make monetary donations by check payable to First UMC (or cash) and put in the Sunday offering. In either case, please include "Jason Lee Food Bank" in the memo line of your check and/or on the offering envelope.

Kenya Volunteer In Mission Trip Giving Opportunity

In February 2019, Laura Metzger, M.D., will be going as a volunteer on a mission trip with a group from Lake Oswego Methodist Church to the Maua Methodist Hospital in Maua, Kenya. This hospital is the main medical facility for impoverished area residents. Checks to support this trip may be made out to FUMC, but please be sure to specify that it is for the Africa trip. Please feel free to contact Laura with any questions at metzger-laura@mac.com. *Blessings to you, and Asante (Thank you in Swahili)!*

YOUTH NEWS

Winter Youth Group Kick-Off: 18 by 18

All Open Door Youth and their families are invited to our winter kick-off potluck on Sunday, January 6, 12:30-2 p.m. at Morningside United Methodist Church (3674 12th St SE).

Bring a dish to share and learn about some of our exciting plans for the new year.

In addition to our usual information sharing, we will also participate in an activity called 18 by 18. Youth and adults will divide into groups to brainstorm a list of skills or experiences that every youth should know by the time they are 18. Once we have our lists, each group will have the opportunity to share with the other.

Join us at Morningside UMC for the fun!

Putting on the Ritz and All That Jazz!

Annual Youth Auction Saturday, February 23

Save the Date!

Plan to join us for this annual event to raise funds for Open Door Youth programs including summer mission trips. The auction committee is currently soliciting donations for the auction.

To donate items, please contact Jan Morgan at (jan.morgan@comcast.net) or contact Susan Horning (susan.horning.83@gmail.com)!

Open Door Churches Youth January Schedule

During the month of January the youth group will meet at Morningside UMC. Join us for food, games, fellowship, and learning.

- January 6 - Winter Kick-Off Potluck, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Parents and families are invited.
- January 13 - Youth Group at Morningside UMC, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- January 20 - Oregon State University Women's Basketball game - Meet at 12:30 p.m., return by 5:00.
- January 27 - Youth Group at Morningside UMC, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- February 15-18 - Winter Camp at Suttle Lake
- February 23 - Youth Auction at First UMC

Follow and "Like" Us!



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 a great way to stay connected to our activities!

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



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

Las Naciones UMC
The Rev. Arturo Fernandez
salemhispanicumc@gmail.com
Worship: 12:30 p.m.

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

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



Christian Education

Christian Education for Children and Families

Nursery: If you pass by the Activity Room on a Sunday morning you will see that our nursery is a busy place! We have a great team of staff making sure the 10–18 kids are welcomed and cherished. Look for a new nursery check-in station for families at the MICA service coming early in January.

Children 3 yrs through 5th Grade: We are expanding our Godly Play program to all children ages 3 through 5th grade! Children will gather each Sunday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in room 203 to explore scripture through story, wondering, work, and community sharing. We would love everyone in the congregation to learn more about this unique curriculum and experience it for themselves. Visit godlyplayfoundation.org to learn more about the program or contact Heather Ingersoll about visiting a Sunday morning class.

Children's Choir is coming back! Beginning February 3 kids 3 years through 5th grade will gather on the first Sunday of every month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. to sing and play music together.

Fits 'N' Giggles is Moving and Expanding: Fits 'N' Giggles is a group for parents/guardians of young children who gather to connect, share stories, support one another, and tackle parenting through provoking topics. Beginning January 5 they will meet in room 210 on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. They will also meet Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in room 210 beginning January 8.

Adult Christian Education

We are happy to offer a number of adult education opportunities in 2019. All classes are offered on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Look for more detailed information about each class coming soon.

- Early Birds (9:00–10:00 a.m.), Room 212
- Adult Bible Study, Room 107
- Digging Deeper in Theology and Ethics, Carrier Room
- Prayer of the Heart, Room 207
- Fits 'N' Giggles, Room 210 (also Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m.)
- Modern Christian Life, Room B-8
- Women's Tuesday Evening Book Study (Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.), Room 212

Outreach

Bicycle Donations Needed for New Families

Salem for Refugees partners with The Northwest Hub to provide bicycles for our new neighbors. Bikes often meet critical needs for those who commute to work or school. There is currently a waiting list of new neighbors who are in need of bikes. The Northwest Hub is looking for donations of bicycle of all sizes in order to meet this need. If you have a bike that you can donate (or know someone who does), you can drop it off at The Northwest Hub, 1230 Broadway Street NE, Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., or Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please mention that your donation is for refugees. Questions? Contact Jesus Gutierrez at jesus.gutierrez10@yahoo.com or 503.383.4510.

**Recurring
Weekly Events**

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.
MICAH Service

11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Service

Adult Sunday Clas-

- 9 a.m.
 - Early Birds
- 10 a.m.
 - Adult Bible Study
 - Prayer of the Heart
 - Modern Christian
 - Digging Deeper

Please check out our Winter edition of the Christian Education brochure for details

MUSIC

- REHEARSALS:**
- WEDNESDAYS:
5:30 p.m.
Mission Bells
7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir
- THURSDAYS:
6 p.m.
Praise Band



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(*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
		1 New Year's Day Buildings and Offices Closed	2 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir	3 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group Weekly at Taproot (downtown restaurant)	4	5
6 Communion	7 5:30 p.m. MICAH Worship Team 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team	8	9 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir	10 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	11	12 SATURDAY OF SERVICE NOON TO 3 P.M.
13 FAMILY PROMISE HOSTED HERE THROUGH THE 20TH	14 Noon Ruth Erbele Circle 6:30 p.m. Uke Group 7 p.m. Mia Adjali Circle	15 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Book & Bible Study	16 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir	17 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 11:30 a.m. Generations Potluck 6 p.m. Finance 7 p.m. Ad Council	18 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR FEB. PUBLICATION	19
20	21 CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	22 6:30 p.m. Book & Bible Study	23 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7pm Choir	24 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. SPRC	25	26
27 ENGLEWOOD UMC CELEBRATION AT 2 P.M.	28 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry	29 6:30 p.m. Book & Bible Study	30 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir	31 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group		



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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).

2019 Spire deadlines:
February issue— Jan. 18
March issue— Feb. 15

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*.



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