



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

THE SPIRE

February 2019

Generations Potluck & Speaker Series

Lenten Symbols and Foods

Thursday, February 21, 11:30 a.m., FUMC Dining Room

Rev. Jody Felton will share delightful, lighthearted information about items pertaining to Lent at our gathering this month. You may be familiar with some, like Maundy Thursday, but do you know about Collops or Simnel Cake? A fun-filled time is guaranteed!

Bring a dish to share and join our active age 50+ group. Even if you're not a cook, please come! We will offer an opportunity to donate toward expenses. Coffee, cups, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided, but please bring a serving utensil for your shared dish.

"Puttin' on the Ritz"

Open Door Youth Fundraiser Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 23, 5:30 p.m., MICAH

Musical Entertainment
Mocktails and Appetizers
Dinner and Desserts

Live and Silent Auction

Tickets:

Adults - \$13

Children (under 12) - \$5

Family - \$40

At the door - \$15



Donations of auction items are still being collected. Please let the church office know by February 10 if/what you plan to donate. If possible, please email a photo of your item to Susan Horning (susan.horning.83@gmail.com).

Worship Schedule Sundays

Sunday Worship

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

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

February 3

Communion

Shattering Expectations

Luke 4:21-30; Psalm 71:1-6

February 10

Claiming our Superpower

Luke 5:1-11; Psalm 138

February 17

The Great Reversal

Luke 6:17-26; Psalm 1

February 24

Going Against the Grain

Luke 6:27-38;

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



Music Ministries

Sermon in Song Rehearsals begin February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Cynthia and I are honored to be back as interim directors of music ministries. Third time is a charm, but so were the first and second. We have enjoyed Sanctuary Choir rehearsals these last few weeks, and hymn singing with the congregation has been heart filling. Our task of helping to create music for worship is a privilege and a bit daunting. Fortunately, it is also familiar. One of the familiar joys is the opportunity to bring an extended choral/orchestral work into the worship experience. This is a place for singers who are not able to commit to the weekly choir schedule to be a part of choral music in worship.

Sanctuary Choir and all interested singers are invited to prepare a Sermon in Song to be presented in worship during the 11:15 service on April 7. We will be preparing Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*, a work composed in 1981 and recently recorded by St. Olaf Choir (available on YouTube). As the name implies, this work sets an English translation of the Ordinary of the Mass in contemporary gospel music style. This engaging musical setting makes the work inspiring and relatable for both musicians and listeners.

We encourage all interested people to consider participating in this Lenten experience. *Gospel Mass* rehearsals are from 7:00 to 7:55 on Wednesday evenings, February 20 through April 3, in the Choir Room (216). In addition, we will hold a rehearsal retreat on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, with a potluck time of fellowship to follow. Our dress rehearsal will be Friday, April 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The "orchestra" for this work is a trio, consisting of piano, bass, and drums. Our wonderful new organist/choral accompanist Jon Stuber will be at the piano, with MICAH praise band members Phil Rundquist on bass and Dennis McIntire on drums.

Please contact Cynthia or Emanuel McGladrey (503.390.7563) if you have questions or would like to touch base before *Gospel Mass* rehearsals begin February 20 at 7:00 p.m. Otherwise, just come to the first rehearsal and add your voice!

In Memoriam

Charlotte Holmes

February 8, 1919 - January 10, 2019
Memorial service, Feb. 9 in Seattle

Jerry Bray

July 10, 1933 - January 10, 2019
Memorial Service, Jan. 27, in Salem

Robert Bain

Bob died on Monday, January 21, 2019.
His memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 2, 2019 in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church of Salem.

We mourn, but not as those who have no hope.

2018 Food Bank Report

FUMC contributions to the Jason Lee Food Bank

January-December 2017 = 59,129 pounds
January-December 2018 = 44,015 pounds

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 in our community.

Thank you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Circle Meetings

The **Ruth Erbele Circle** will hold its February meeting at Noon on Monday, February 11, in the Carrier Room. The program will be presented by Jan Granosky who will discuss "The History of Handbells." This should be exciting and interesting because it will be presented by someone who loves the subject and handbells!

Joy Daniels will serve as our hostess; snacks will be available. Come and join us. You are always welcome - and bring a friend! For more information, please contact Joan Zelmer at 503.364.6204 or Emily Broussard at 503.304.4410.

The **Mia Adjali Circle** will meet on Monday, February 11, in the Carrier Room, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The program will be given by Doris Bennett. There will be friends, conversation, and, of course, refreshments. We hope to see you all there.

A Night at the Movies

Monthly Movie Group

A group of First Church folks meets the third Monday of each month at a local theatre to enjoy a movie together and discuss it briefly afterward. If you would like to join the group (you're not committed to every month - the group is always different), contact Robert McKinney to be added to the email list to help select the movie and be informed of movie time and location. Monday, February 18, is the next screening!

If you have any questions or to be added to the email list, please contact Robert McKinney (rmckinne@willamette.edu).

Cascadia District Training Event

The Cascadia District UMW Every Member Enrichment Event (EMEE) will be held at Canby UMC (1520 N Holly Street, Canby) on Saturday, March 2. This event is for all women, not just UMW officers. Please come and learn about the responsibilities of your district officers. There will be a luncheon and childcare will be provided.

Registration forms are available on the United Methodist Women bulletin board in the Dining Room. The registration deadline is February 23. (An electronic registration form is available from Janelle Bolt by emailing janelle@busyhands.biz)

Opportunities to Help

Looking for Sanctuary Service Liturgists

We are in need of additional people with strong voices who are willing to read scriptures and help to lead worship on Sunday mornings at the 11:15 service. If you want to know more about what being a liturgist entails, please contact Jennifer Lewallen through the church office (503.364.6709) or fill out a Communication Card (found in the Sunday bulletin), stating you are interested.

Altar Flowers Needed for the Sanctuary

We have updated our 2019 altar flower calendar and we have lots of dates available for people to sign up to provide flowers for worship in the sanctuary. Please express your willingness to provide flowers on a Communication Card on Sunday morning or call the church office (503.364.6709).

We will order the arrangement for you through Green Thumb Florist; you provide your preference of dates and flower colors, to whom you wish the flowers to be dedicated or in whose memory (which will be printed in the worship bulletin). You may then put a check for \$50 in the Sunday offering (including in the memo, Altar Flowers), mail it to us, or drop by the office during business hours.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2018 December Financial Statement

	Budget	November	December	Year to	100.00%
	2018	2018	2018	Date	of Budget
Total Income	\$ 560,068.00	\$ 54,320.38	\$ 61,895.25	\$ 589,052.87	105.18%
Total Expenses	\$ 564,994.00	\$ 52,947.42	\$ 47,837.54	\$ 570,130.28	100.91%

Welcome to 2019 From Your Finance Committee...

Great news! Our church finished 2018 fiscally sound and, I am excited to report, able to deposit \$18,922 into our reserve account. We are confident of remaining in a strong financial position now and still planning on pending/future growth. *(For financial highlights from 2018, please see page 6.)*

On January 17, the Administrative Council approved the finance committee's budget recommendation and here are some highlights for the coming year:

- Great news, we have a letter of intent followed by two court judgments in favor of Claremont School of Theology coming mid-year 2019. Because of that, we have included \$13,000 of additional rent for the general budget starting mid-year from Claremont. This is ½ of the rent amount with the other half shared with the Trustees for their ever-growing building needs. (For those planners out there, this will increase to \$26,000 for full year 2020 for the general budget as well as the Trustees' budget.)
- Because of the additional administrative needs with Claremont using our buildings and the growing relationship with Willamette, we have approved increasing the budget for the Church Administrator position to be a full-time position.
- We have lowered the budget amount for our church's Youth Director cost. The position will be subsidized by other Open Door Churches because they share in his time and duties. We felt they should share in the expense and they have agreed.
- With the long legislative session, we anticipate additional rental revenue prior to Claremont arriving.
- We have additional operational expense relating to printing with the new color equipment and also included expense for ongoing IT work.
- As mentioned before, we have the new security team and they are included for the full year's budget going forward.
- Our shared ministries/apportionments had an increase this year due to an accounting/reporting change. We will continue to pay 100% of our apportionments.
- With change, there are some that don't agree and we have accounted for known church members that have left or are leaving the church.
- The approved budget is a \$5,514 "deficit." This is a tiny .0009% of our overall \$581,000 budget. We have reserves to cover it in a worst case scenario and we consistently take a conservative estimate on general giving.

So here's to all the changes ahead...and as we know, there are always changes! If you have any questions, please free to reach out to me.

Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair

YOUTH NEWS

18 by 18 Report Youth list impresses adults

At our January Youth Group Kick-Off, youth and parents participated in a fun activity called 18 by 18. Youth and adults gathered separately and each group brainstormed a list of experiences or skills that a youth should know by the time they reach 18.

Once the two groups fine-tuned their lists, we all came together and shared with each other. It was fun to see what our lists had in common. The adults were impressed with how serious and practical the youth list was.

We thought we would share the final result with the broader congregation. Here are 18 things listed by youth and by the adult participants!

“18 by 18” Adult List

- manage a bank account/budget
- deal with conflict
- deal with failure
- know the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships
- understand consent
- safe sex
- role of alcohol and drugs in life
- sense of self worth
- faith
- basic civic responsibility
- goal setting
- basic car maintenance
- work a job
- riding public transportation
- manners
- basic cooking
- empathy and boundaries
- how to evaluate sources of information

“18 by 18” Youth List

- balance a checkbook
- file insurance
- taxes
- laundry
- write a resume
- how to interview
- how to audition
- cook
- change a tire
- pick up a hobby
- real estate
- get a job
- college application
- make money
- driver’s license
- how to communicate
- public speaking
- start a fire



Open Door Churches Youth February Schedule

During the month of February the youth group will meet at Morningside UMC.

- February 3 - Youth Group at Morningside UMC, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- February 10 - Youth Group at Morningside UMC, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- February 16-18 - 21 youth will attend the Winter Retreat at Suttle Lake Camp
- February 17 - NO Sunday School or Youth Group
- February 23 - Youth Auction at First UMC to support our mission trip to Costa Rica this summer
- February 24 - NO Youth Group



Ways to Help Our Open Door Youth

If you would like to support our Open Door Youth Ministry, please consider signing up to bring lunch. Each Sunday our youth group starts off with lunch together, usually provided by parents, grandparents, or other folks who love our youth.

If you would like to provide lunch, you can use the Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49a4a629a31-youth1>.

Do you have an old iPad that you don't use anymore? The youth group is looking for an iPad to help us keep records and attendance. Let Jeff know if you have one to donate revjlow@yahoo.com.

Christian Education

Children's Choir is Back!

**1st Sundays beginning February 6
10:00-11:00 a.m., Room 304**

On the first Sunday of the month, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to gather for a time of musical activities and singing. They will learn and prepare music to sing at worship services in the spring.

Godly Play

**ages 3 years through 5th grade
Sundays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Room 204**

Godly Play is a unique approach to Christian education which engages the whole child through a multi-sensory experience of the Biblical narrative. In this program, children are invited to explore their place in God's story through rich storytelling, open-ended play, and a shared feast.

Adult Christian Education

Various times and locations

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 in the Winter Christian Education booklet now available at several locations in our buildings.

- Early Birds (9:00-10:00 a.m.), Room 212
- Adult Bible Study, Room 107
- Digging Deeper in Theology and Ethics, Carrier Room (116)
- Prayer of the Heart, Room 207
- Fits 'N' Giggles (Young Family Study), Room 210 (also Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- Modern Christian Life, Room B-8
- Women's Tuesday Evening Book Study, Room 212 (Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.)

Family Ministry

Parents' Night Out

February 9, March 9, April 6, May 11

One Saturday a month parents are invited to bring their children, ages 2 through 8, to church from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Kids will enjoy activities, dinner, and a movie and parents get a night out! Our trained nursery staff will ensure children have a fun and safe evening.

Cost is \$5 per child. To reserve your child's spot for any of the dates, text 503.508.8073 or send an email to preschoolministries@salemfirstumc.org.

2018 Financial Highlights

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Here are some 2018 highlights:

- General giving exceeded budget projections.
- Combined lease and rental use of our buildings exceeded budget.
- Staffing was an ever-moving target during the year. We budgeted \$362,000 in staffing and finished the year at \$367,000.
- More than half of that was adding the John/Jon security team mid-year.
- We ended the year with \$78,000 in reserves – of which \$50,000 is the target minimum for unforeseen cash flow needs/crises.
- The remaining \$28,000 is available for one-time funding requests.
- Last year we funded five one time requests. \$2,500 for startup cost for "Godly Play," \$2,000 needed for the balance of the choir robe expense, \$500 deposit for staff retreat, \$600 for balance of the purchase of two new Christmas trees, and another \$1,000 for the Open Door Churches service in the park.
- We again paid 100% of our shared ministry/apportionments.

**Recurring
Weekly Events**

Sunday Worship

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

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

Adult Sunday Clas-

9am

- Early Birds

10am

- Adult Bible Study
- Prayer of the Heart
- Modern Christian Life
- Fits N' Giggles
- Digging Deeper

Please read our Winter edition of the Christian Education brochure for details.

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REHEARSALS:

WEDNESDAYS:

5:30pm

Mission Bells

7pm

Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAYS:

6pm

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
<p>The movie group will now be meeting the third Monday of each month! In February, the group will meet on Monday the 18th; the film, theatre, and time to be determined. Call or email the church and we will help you connect!</p>					1	2
<p>3 Communion 10 a.m. Rejoice! Kids Choir 10 a.m. LaFleur Baby Shower</p>	4	<p>5 6:30 p.m. Book & Bible Study</p>	<p>6 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>7 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group Weekly at Taproot (downtown restaurant) 6 p.m. Praise Band</p>	<p>8 NOON SOCIAL CONCERNS</p>	<p>9 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 4:30-6:30</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11 Noon Ruth Erbele Circle 6:30 p.m. Mia Adjali Circle 6:30 p.m. Uke Group</p>	<p>12 6:30 p.m. Book & Bible Study</p>	<p>13 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Confirmation Meeting</p>	<p>14*7:30 a.m. Men's Group 6 p.m. Praise Band</p>	<p>15 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MARCH PUBLICATION</p>	<p>16 OPEN DOOR CHURCHES YOUTH WINTER RETREAT TO SUTTLE LAKE THROUGH MONDAY</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	<p>19 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Book & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Council</p>	<p>20 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7pm Choir</p>	<p>21*7:30 a.m. Men's Group Noon Generations Potluck 6 p.m. Finance 7 p.m. Ad Council</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 OPEN DOOR YOUTH AUCTION 5:30 P.M.</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>26 6:30 p.m. Book & Bible Study</p>	<p>27 5 p.m. Bridges 5:30 p.m. Bells 7 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>28 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting 6 p.m. Praise Band</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019, and all Open Door Churches will be participating in a 7 p.m. worship service in the FUMC Sanctuary.</p>	



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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:

March issue — Feb. 15
April issue — March 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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