



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

THE SPIRE

October 2019

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Generations Potluck & Program Wednesday, October 16, 11:30 a.m., FUMC Dining Room

What are Temari balls? What they are used for? How do you make them? Dolores Middleton, guest artist, has all the answers and more.

Join this active age 50+ group to hear about Dolores' beautiful craftwork. Please bring a dish to share and a serving utensil...table service and beverages will be provided. (Donations are also welcome to help offset expenses.)

Saturdays of Service - Serving Our Community! October 19, Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Sign-ups have begun for the next Saturday of Service! There are outreach projects for all ages -- children, shut-ins, food impoverished, and those without shelter will benefit from our day of service. See page 7 for details!

"Jesus is Coming, Plant a Tree" Sundays, October 20 & 27; November 3 & 10 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

In this four-week series, participants will explore scriptural and theological calls to care for creation. Using readings, lecture, and discussion the class will identify what creation care is, why it is important, and how it impacts our lives. Participants will explore ways we as individuals and as a congregation can care for the environment.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

8:45 a.m.
MICAHA (Praise Service)

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

Sunday Message Titles

October 6
Psalms of the Heart:
Psalm 139

October 13
Entrusted with Creation

October 20
Entrusted with Resources

October 27
Entrusted with Relationships

November 3
Entrusted with Ministry



- **November Community Meal -- Saturday, November 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
(see page 7 for contact information for volunteer and donation needs.)
- **Alternative Christmas Market -- December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; December 8, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
(see page 8 for participant and shoppers' information.)

Music Ministries

Well, it's October and you know what that means? Christmas music!

**Getting ready for "Sermon in Song"
December 15, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary Service**

If you are interested in participating in our Master Works concert on December 15, now is the time to get this date and the rehearsal times on your calendars. All are welcome to participate in the choir rehearsals leading up to the performance.

This year we will be performing John Rutter's "Joy to the World" with orchestra and organ. We will begin our preparation in October and November on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., along with a daytime retreat on Saturday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please feel free to email Aimee Larsen-Amend (amendmusic@yahoo.com) with any questions.

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room (#216). Please join us if you would like to sing on Sundays, too! There is always room for bell ringers, as well. Bells rehearsals on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Youth Sunday School
Sundays, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Youth Room, MICAH**

Youth Sunday School (6–12th grades) meets every Sunday in the Youth Room from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Youth Room is located in the lower portion of MICAH, 680 State Street.

This year we will explore our own Christian faith more deeply by studying a series of theological questions, such as: Why do bad things happen? Is God all powerful? What is Grace?

All youth are welcome to join us for fellowship and conversation. If you would like more information you may contact Rev. Jeff Lowery at revjlow@yahoo.com. Or leave a message for Jeff in the FUMC church office, 503–364–6709.

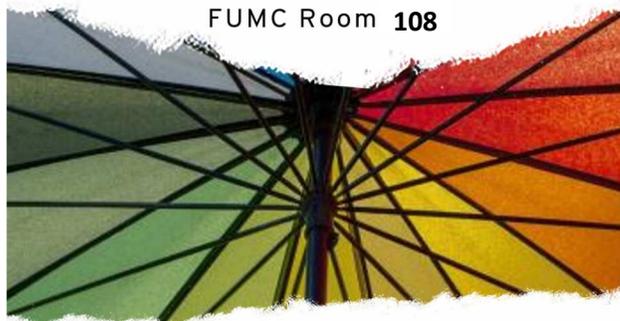
Spiritual Quests & Connections



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT BELIEVE IN GOD

A monthly gathering for recovering evangelicals and agnostics

Sept. 29th, Oct. 27th, Nov. 24th, Dec. 29th
10 AM - 11 AM
FUMC Room 108



Questions? Contact Heather Hawkins
503-602-8000 / sharingourdream2020@gmail.com

**"Friendship and Fellowship"
Salem First UMC Young Adult Group
Sundays, Oct. 6 and 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Room 212, FUMC Historic Building**

Salem First United Methodist Church has a new group primarily made up of people who are college age and up, who do not have children, and want to make connections with their peers.

They will meet on Sunday, October 6 and 20, from 10:00 to 11:00 in room 212. Other dates will be announced as plans are made by the group.

Christian Education & Family Ministries

Children's Ministry -- Godly Play Sundays, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Room 203

Children ages 3 through 5th grade gather outside Room 203 at 10:00 a.m. to begin their morning of exploration of their relationship with God through story, song, and play.

Visit the Godly Play website to learn more about this program!

Rejoice! Children's Choir - October 6 One Sunday a month, 10:00 a.m., Room 304

Sunday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. is the first children's choir gathering for the year. Children ages 3 through 5th grade will explore instruments, sing songs, and play musical games!



The recent retreat at Camp Magruder was perfect weather for beach time! This retreat is an annual event around the same weekend (late September/early October), so we hope you and your family can save the date and attend next year!

Children's Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

We have a lot of new children and families in the congregation! We are looking for more volunteers for both Sunday School and the nursery.

If you are interested in serving, contact Heather Ingersoll at christianedfumc@wvi.com.

Save the Date! One Service for Children's Christmas Service Sunday, December 22, 11:00 a.m.

There is a special children's Christmas service planned for Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m.

It will be a Sunday where we have one blended service in the Historic Sanctuary and the children will share the story of Jesus' birth with everyone.

We encourage people to invite their friends and families and all children are invited to participate in this fun and special service.

(There is no 8:45 a.m. MICAH Service on this day.)



Halloween Family Fun Barn

Join us for a fun Halloween celebration!

- Halloween Fun for All Ages
- Costumes Encouraged
- Food and Drinks
- Pumpkins Galore
- Games, Activities, Prizes and Candy!
- All children Ages 0-12 are Invited!

Followed by the youth group's dance "Halloween Barn Dance" at 7:30 p.m.

Contact David Deckelmann at 503-508-5085 for questions or to volunteer.

**Saturday, October 26th
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Location:
2325 Egan Rd NE
Silverton OR 97381



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 2019 Financial Statement

	Budget	July	August	Year to Date	66.67%
	2019	2019	2019	2019	of Budget
Income	\$ 581,657.00	\$ 48,958.72	\$ 47,517.23	\$ 381,857.66	65.65%
Expenses	\$ 586,641.00	\$ 50,024.76	\$ 46,840.57	\$ 388,287.53	66.19%

Notes from your Finance Committee ...

Hello everyone! A couple quick comments about our Church's finances through August (yes, that's 2/3 of the year now)...and a couple of comments looking into the future for the remainder of 2019. It's important that we keep track of the finances as the year goes along but it's just as important to be aware of trends/large variances during the year and never too early to start planning for next year.

- In August our income exceeded out expenses by \$677 lowering our year to date budget deficit to \$6,400.
- We are expecting an "annual" giving pledge in the next few weeks that if prorated through August will be an additional \$6,600 in the general giving category and that one amount offsets the year-to-date deficit.
- Claremont is here and we are fully engaged in negotiating our building usage with them going forward.

Crystal ball for building income for the remainder of 2019:

- TOTAL "projected" building income for 2019 is estimated to be \$5,500 UNDER budget. This includes, MICAH leases and event income, church building use and weddings.
- Church operational expenses are currently \$3,000 under budget and church building expenses are running slightly under budget as our combined gas/electricity expenses should come in close to estimates.
- And we continue to meet our shared ministries - apportionments - obligation to the conference.

There is a lot of excitement with our church's Fall Kickoff and we are having larger numbers in our services...including a growing number of kid's and young families in the MICAH service every week.

As always, if you have any questions regarding our budget/finances, please feel free to reach out to me.
Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair

Stewardship campaign starts now with your prayers

Our "Entrusted" stewardship campaign will begin soon and as we enter into this time the upcoming sermon series will help guide us in reflecting on our giving and our stewardship to the church.



On Sunday, November 3, stewardship cards will be handed out during worship for you to fill out your intention in the ways you will support First United Methodist Church through prayer, the gift of your time as a volunteer, and financial gifts to the church.

OPEN DOOR CHURCHES - United Methodists of Salem-Keizer

Youth Group Schedule for October
All youth ages 6th to 12th grades are invited
from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

- October 6 - Offsite service project
- October 13 - Meet at FUMC to gather decorations and supplies for Family Fun/Barn Dance
- October 20 - Meet at Keizer Clear Lake
- October 26 - Barn Dance, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
(see event poster for address)
- October 27 - No Sunday Youth Group

Contact Rev. Jeff Lowery for more information,
revjlow@yahoo.com.



Halloween Barn Dance

Join us for a fun Halloween celebration!

- Food and Drinks
- Games
- Photo Booth
- DJ with Music
- Costume Contest
- Prizes

All youth from 6th grade through 18 years old are invited! Invite your friends!

Location: 2325 Egan Rd NE, Silverton OR 97381

Saturday, October 26th
7:30-9:30 p.m.

OpenDoorChurches.com



An Invitation for Everyone....
OPEN DOOR CHURCHES PRESENTS

Open Door Communitéa
BUILDING COMMUNITY 1 CUP OF TEA AT A TIME

OCTOBER 12, 2019 | 10AM - 11AM
7920 WHEATLAND RD N KEIZER OR

Connecting with friends and pastors of Open Door Churches

Open Door Churches Young Adult Ministry

Open Door Churches Young Adult group meets on Wednesdays for Coffee, Conversation, and Community! For updates and to be added to the young adult contact list, please email alyssabaker08@gmail.com, Pastor Alyssa.

Open Door Churches is a cooperative ministry of five United Methodist faith communities in Salem and Keizer.

- Open Door Churches Youth Director**
Rev. Jeff Lowery
revjlow@yahoo.com
- First UMC of Salem - Rev. Dan Pitney**
dpitney@wvi.com
Worship: 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Morningside UMC - Rev. Wendy Woodworth**
pastorwendymumc@gmail.com
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

- Keizer Clear Lake UMC**
Rev. Alysa Baker
office@kclumc.org
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
- Iglesia Metodista Unida Las Naciones**
Rev. Mario González
salemhispanicumc@gmail.com
Worship: 12:30 p.m.
- Trinity UMC - Rev. Sandra Kimbrow**
skimbrowp@gmail.com
Worship: 9:00 a.m.



**Recurring
Weekly Events**

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.
MICAHA Service
(Contemporary)

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

Sunday Classes

10 a.m.

- Adult Bible Study
- Prayer of the Heart
- Modern Life
- Digging Deeper
- Raising Up
- Plant a Tree (starts Oct. 20)
- Struggling With Belief (once a month, Oct. 27)
- Youth Class
- Children's Classes

MUSIC

Sundays:

10 a.m. Choir
10 a.m. Rejoice! Kids Choir (First Sunday of each month)

Wednesdays:

5:15 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursdays:

6 p.m. Praise Band



Salem First United Methodist Church

October 2019

(*indicates off-site)

For updates, please check our Facebook page:
Salem First United Methodist Church

And our website calendar at:
www.salemfirstumc.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>September 29</i>		1 7 p.m. Women's Book Study	2 Weekly: 5 p.m. Bridges 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	3 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group meet at Taproot (downtown restaurant)	4	5
6 10 a.m. Rejoice! Kids Choir (Rm 302)	7	8 7 p.m. Women's Book Study	9 5 p.m. Bridges 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	10 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	11	12
13 12:30 p.m. Youth Grp at Salem First UMC	14 UMW Circles -- Noon Erbele Circle 7 p.m. Parker Circle	15 5:30 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. Women's Book Study	16 11:30 p.m. Generations Potluck & Speaker Series	17 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. Ad Council	18 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NOV. PUBLICATION	19 <i>Saturday of Service Noon - 3:00 p.m.</i>
20 10 a.m. Getting Acquainted 12:30p.m. Youth Grp at Keizer Clear Lake	21 5:30 p.m. Uke Grp 5:30p.m. MICAHA Worship Team 6:30p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team meet	22 7 p.m. Women's Book Study	23 5 p.m. Bridges 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	24 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. SPRC	25 11:30 a.m. Globetreckers Lunch Group @ Olive Garden	26 5:30 p.m. Family Fun Barn and 7:30 p.m. Youth Dance!
27 No Youth Group	28 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry	29 7 p.m. Women's Book Study	30 5 p.m. Bridges 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	31		

Saturday of Service in October

Sign up for October 19, Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Join us Saturday, October 19, from noon to 3:00 p.m. as we gather to serve our community! Lunch starts at noon in the dining room and service projects will be from 12:45 to 3:00 p.m..

We will be packing lunches for Hoover Elementary, making cards for shut-ins, and organizing supplies for Congregations Helping people on site. We have 2 additional teams heading out into the community for Family Promise and The Marion Polk Food Share. There is something for all ages and stages.

Sign up on Sunday October, 6 and 13, after worship, or via the church website. Questions? Email Saturdaysofservice@gmail.com.

****A request for travel type toiletries and hygiene items has been made for the CHP project. Please drop off your donations at the church office!**

Union Gospel Mission Harvest Celebration

Union Gospel Mission's annual Harvest Celebration Dessert is on Friday, October 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m. The celebration will be at the Salem Convention Center (200 Commercial Street SE) just a few blocks from First United Methodist Church. Let Mary Ann Robinson, 503-393-7377, know if you'd like to join the FUMC table.

It is time to help get ready for the November Community Meal!

A team of planners from Willamette University and FUMC are getting their grocery lists and volunteer slots ready for anyone who is able to help. Contact Mary Ann Robinson for more information at 503-393-7377.

Contributions to the Jason Lee Food Bank

Through the month of August we have received donations totaling 24,055 pounds for the Jason Lee Food Bank. By this time in 2018 we had received 28,145 pounds of food. 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!

Mission Café News

The Mission Café needs YOU!

Our Mission Café is an important way that First United Methodist Church supports world wide mission. Through its ministry we have raised thousands of dollars to support missionaries.

We are currently in need of volunteers who can help serve beverages or provide baked goods.

If you would like to help, please let us know on Sundays using a Communication Card (inserted in your bulletin) or contact our church office, 503-364-6709. Thank you!

Reaching Out

Congregations Helping People is looking for volunteers

Congregations Helping People is overflowing with our neighbors who face the crisis of eviction or utility shut-off. **Thank you** for your ongoing financial support.

CHP is in need of morning volunteers for our Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon office hours. If you'd like more information, please contact Rebecca Strader at 503-391-4365 or Rebecca.strader@chpsalem.org.

We are also looking for new ideas and "new blood" for our Board of Directors beginning in January 2020. If you would like more information, please contact Roberta Moore 503-510-9006 or Albert@ipa.net.

****A request for small size toiletries and hygiene items has been made for the Saturday of Service CHP project. You may drop off items at CHP or in the church office.**

Supporting Events that lift up Social Concerns

A Community Event -- Salem Peace Lecture tackles “Climate Leadership” Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m., Hudson Hall of the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center, Willamette University

Sarah Myhre will deliver this year's Salem Peace Lecture. Her topic will be: "Living, Loving, and Loathing on a Hot and Finite Planet: the Path Towards Climate Leadership."

A leading local peacemaker or peacemaking group is honored with the Peacemaker of the Year Award. **This year's honoree will be Bill Hayden**, whose long history of peace activism in Salem includes involvement with many local groups including the Peace Lecture Committee, the United Nations Association and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Alternative Christmas Market - Hosted by First United Methodist Church



The 31st Annual Alternative Christmas Market will take place in the Carrier Room on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For the past 30 years, First United Methodist Church of Salem has hosted this event as part of a celebration of the Christmas season of giving.

It is called the “Alternative” Christmas Market because it provides an alternative to giving “stuff” for Christmas presents. We all have those names on our gift list of people that don’t really need another sweater or pair of slippers. How about a scholarship through the **Dorothy Patch/Nellie Thompson Scholarship Fund**? Or paying the rent for a needy family through **Congregations Helping People**? If you still want a tangible and unique present, **One Fair World** joins this event for this occasion, offering handmade gifts from around the world.

The Market hosts over 20 local and global charities, providing shoppers with the opportunity to do some real good with their Christmas giving. From **Heifer**, the non-profit that provides needy communities with the means to provide food and an economy, to **H.O.M.E.**, a local non-profit that provides homeless youth in the Salem area with a day center, all the participating charities are good causes and contributions to them in the name of your family or friends make the perfect Christmas gift.

Another staple of this event are pre-ordered, handmade Christmas wreaths! Order your Christmas wreath before and after worship services on Sundays, November 16, 23, and 30. **Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas** (Women Striving for Progress) make these beautiful wreaths. This is a project that provides income for local farm workers during the down time in farming. Pick up your wreath at the ACM and do your Christmas shopping!

Open Door Youth sell the best baked treats at the Market for your Christmas shopping snacking pleasure. Funds from these sales support their activities year round.

If you have an hour or two to volunteer at the market, we would love to have you participate. To volunteer or if you have questions about the Alternative Christmas Market, call Ken and Linda Bierly 503-362-6860 or send an email to bierlyskl@gmail.com!

United Methodist Women

UMW Circle Meetings

The Ruth Erbele Circle will hold its October meeting at Noon on Monday, October 14, in the Carrier Room.

Our program will be presented by Emily Broussard and our hostess will be Jean Corcran. We welcome all visitors to come and have an afternoon of lively conversation, meeting new people, and reconnecting with friends!

Please contact Joan Zelmer at 503-364-6204 or Emily Broussard at 503-304-4410 for more information. Hope to see you there!!

The Katherine Parker Circle will meet on Monday, October 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Carrier Room.

Please come! There will be friends, conversation, UMW news, a program, and refreshments. All are welcome!



Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Women Annual Conference Saturday, October 19, Newberg Oregon

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of FUMC will join others in Newberg for the United Methodist Women's Annual Conference. Please contact Barbara Alexander at barba@wvi.com.

Meet for Lunch?

Globetrekkers Lunch Group Friday, October 25, 11:30 a.m., Olive Garden

The Trekkers will be off and trekking once again at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 25th, to the Olive Garden on 1302 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem.

Please contact Barbara Alexander, 503-930-9267 by Monday, October 21, if you plan to attend.

First UMC - Faces of Service



Among the day of outreach projects from the August Saturdays of Service event was packing food for hungry school children at Hoover Elementary School -- a program called Backpack Buddies.



Director of Family Promise, T.J. Putnam peeks around a corner and looks on as Saturdays of Service volunteers help out at the Day Center in West Salem.



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 Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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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:

November issue -- October 18
 December issue -- November 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*.

