



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

THE SPIRE

April 2019

Sermon in Song - *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray

Sunday, April 7 in the Historic Sanctuary at 11:15 a.m.
See page 2 for details!

Join Us for Saturday of Service

April 13, Noon-3 p.m. Sign up now and pick your project!

We will meet in the Dining Room at Noon for a light lunch and then divide into smaller groups. Options for service in our community include: helping fill backpacks for Backpack Buddies and then making cards for shut-ins (this activity is at the church), helping at the Family Promise Day Center on Edgewater, or sorting food at the Marion-Polk Food Share.

To register, either click on the link on the FUMC website (under Mission and Outreach if not on the home page), watch for the link in the weekly email news, sign up with a volunteer after worship on March 31 or April 7, or email Laura Metzger at lemetz@aol.com. Everyone is welcome!

Holy Week and Easter Events and Services

April 14 - Palm Sunday

Zorro the Donkey will visit children and families at the First United Methodist Church, 11:15 a.m. service.

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

Open Door Churches Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., at Morningside UMC, 3674 12th Street, Salem

April 19 - Good Friday

Open Door Churches Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., at Keizer Clear Lake UMC, 7920 Wheatland Road, Keizer, with Open Door Churches combined choirs.

April 21 - Easter Sunday (worship at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.)

Easter Brunch in the FUMC Dining Room, 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Easter Activities for Children, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church Dining Room.

Worship Schedule Sundays

Sunday Worship

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

April 7 - 5th Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. - Communion
Facing Death

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; Psalm 32

11:15 a.m. - Sermon in Song:
Gospel Mass by Robert Ray

April 14 - Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

Shouts of Joy

Luke 19:28-40

April 21 - Easter Sunday

Wonder and Amazement

Luke 24:1-12;

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

April 28 - Second Sunday in Easter

Free from Doubt

John 20:19-31; Psalm 150



Worship and Music

Sermon in Song - April 7, 11:15 a.m.

On Sunday, April 7, musicians from all areas of our church will present *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray at the 11:15 worship service. The setting, composed in 1978, brings the Ordinary of the Mass into a contemporary harmonic language and musical style. The English language text creates a direct link for singers and listeners to the yearning, faithfulness, contemplation, and joy contained in the text of the Mass.

"It is my desire to combine centuries of old traditions of Mass settings with sounds of the contemporary Black Church," Robert Ray said.

"The move from Latin to English creates new opportunities for a composer to express feelings about the texts of the Ordinary of the Mass. I wanted everyone to experience the sense of joy and celebration that is generally felt in true African-American worship."

We welcome guest soprano soloist Kurleen Nowickas, who will lead a cast of soloists from the choir as they tell the parables of Jesus and add personal reflections to this ancient liturgy. The choir will be supported by a gospel trio from our congregation. Jon Stuber (organist and choral accompanist), Phil Rundquist (MICAH praise band bassist), and Dennis McIntire (MICAH praise band percussionist) will combine their talents to provide a harmonic basis and a rhythmic drive that is integral to the gospel music experience.

The service will be formed by the choir's music interspersed with the congregation singing hymns, hearing scripture, and offering prayers. Heighten your Lenten journey of turning toward God with your presence and participation in this unique worship experience. Help to fill the sanctuary as our whole congregation joins for this expression of Christian teaching and faith.

In Memoriam

Horace "Hod" Cook

September 21, 1922 - March 9, 2019

Hod's memorial service, will be held at City View Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

Norma Pati's memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary at FUMC

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

Help Decorate FUMC Worship Spaces with Easter Lilies and Azaleas!

Be on the lookout for a Sunday bulletin insert to sign up to purchase Easter lilies or a white azalea to decorate our worship areas for Easter Sunday. You purchase the plants and we print a list - "in memory of" or "in honor of" your loved one(s) - and the names listed will be placed in the worship bulletins for Easter Sunday.

Call the church office if you would like more information, 503.364.6709.

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 Sundays 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.

- Adult Bible Study, Room 107
- Digging Deeper in Theology and Ethics, Carrier Room (116)
- Prayer of the Heart Meditation Group, Room 207
- Fits 'N' Giggles (Young Family Study), Room 210
- Modern Christian Life, Room B-8

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Circle Meetings

The **Ruth Erbele Circle** will hold its monthly meeting in the Carrier Room on Monday, April 8, at Noon. There will be a program and refreshments. Join us and let us enjoy the Easter month with each other. For more information, please contact Joan Zelmer at 503.364.6204 or Emily Broussard at 503.304.4410.

Mia Adjali Circle will meet on Monday, April 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Carrier Room. We will be working on a project for the Christian Education Easter scavenger hunt planned for the children in the church. Come enjoy this fun, hands-on activity and meet new and old friends, visit and have some refreshments.

Social Events for All!

Generations Potluck & Speaker Series Wednesday, April 17, 11:30 a.m., FUMC Dining Room

Laura Metzger will share pictures and stories of her recent mission trip to Maua Methodist Hospital in Maua, Kenya. We will hear about the people, their religion, their health care, some of their needs as she saw them, and ways our church might consider helping in the future.

Bring a dish to share and join our active, (mostly) 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.

Globetrekking Lunch Group

Globetrekking's next lunch out will be on Friday, April 26, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Izzy's (2205 Lancaster Drive NE). Everyone is welcome to join! Globetrekkingers enjoy lunch together at various restaurants every three months and everyone has a great time! Make your reservation with Joan Zelmer (503.364.6204) by Tuesday, April 23, if you plan to come.

A Day of Celebrations

By the time you read this article the United Methodist Women organization will be 150 years old – a true Day of Celebration and a special Day of Giving. Members and supporters can give to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign to ensure our next 150 years in mission. Events were planned all over the country and in Boston, near the site where it all began, the New England Conference collaborated with the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History and Boston University School of Theology to host a day-long 150th birthday event.

In other parts of the country members participated in district prayer breakfasts, mission institution celebrations, issue forums, legislative events, and more. We have been blessed with a 30% increase in donations from the 2017 to the 2018 Day of Giving. We're hoping for an even greater increase for this anniversary year. Donating to the Legacy Fund Endowment on that special Day of Giving was a perfect way for many of our sisters to celebrate our founding history.

May you all have a faithful and blessed Easter!

~ *This article includes excerpts from Response Magazine (March/April 2019).*

All Ages Invited- Movie Group

Monthly Movie Group meets on April 15 *Theatre location and time to be decided*

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.

Monday, April 15 is the next screening! Please contact Robert McKinney, rmckinne@willamette.edu, if you have any questions or to be added to the email list to help select the movie of the month.

Come as you can!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2019 February Financial Statement

	Budget	January	February	Year to Date	16.67%
	2019	2019	2019	2019	of Budget
Total Income	\$ 581,657.00	\$ 41,714.41	\$ 55,691.73	\$ 97,406.14	16.75%
Total Expenses	\$ 586,641.00	\$ 47,256.52	\$ 44,926.41	\$ 100,980.04	17.21%

Notes from your Finance Committee ...

As I mentioned last month, it is early in the year to get too many established trends, good or bad, but we are starting very similarly.

1. The largest portion of our church's budgeted revenue is General Giving (77%). Through February 2018 our general giving and open plate offering was \$70,233.23 and in 2019 it is \$70,694.72. That is just slightly under budget.
2. MICAH event revenue is running ahead of budget as we are receiving rental requests referred from the legislature's groups and committees.
3. We will be slightly behind on regular MICAH lease revenue as we have budgeted revenue from Claremont, but that won't start until this summer. So we have to wait to get that piece of our budgeted income, which will affect the bottom line as the year moves along.
4. Our buildings are a large portion of our annual expenses. Our historic building utility expenses through February 2018 were \$5,709.93 compared to \$5,417.56 in 2019. Very close!!
5. Our MICAH building utility expenses thru February 2018 were \$3,823.29 compared to this year at \$4,049.51. Very close!!
6. If you combine both buildings utility expenses, we are only \$66.15 different year to year.
7. We have prepaid a portion of our Shared Ministries (apportionments) for this year using our Christmas offering total of \$5,921 which was designated for the offering to go toward the World Community portion of our obligation.
8. Our Bottom line - which I typically look at first - through February 2018, we were slightly under budget by \$3,463 and through February 2019 we are slightly under budget by \$3,341....which is about .006% of our budget.

If you have any specific questions, please feel to reach out to me.

Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair (503.785.9816, direct)

Camp Scholarship Info

The Oregon-Idaho Camp and Retreat Ministries offers a variety of summer camp options for children 1st-5th grade and families who want to enjoy a meaningful week outdoors. (See gocamping.org for a schedule.) We have scholarships available for families with children and families who want to attend. First priority goes to campers who turn in their applications by May 5. Contact Heather Ingersoll for more information or to get an application (christianedfumc@wvi.com).

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Open Door Youth Group

The Open Door confirmation program continues to meet once a month as our six youth and their adult mentors explore their faith. In March we talked about ways to deepen our spiritual lives. Part of our meeting was spent exploring nine different prayer stations, learning that there are many different ways to connect with God. In April we will travel together to Suttle Lake Camp for a retreat to learn more about our Methodist heritage.

During April our Open Door Youth Group will meet at Keizer Clear Lake UMC. Join us on April 7, 14, and 28, 12:30–2:00 p.m. at 7920 Wheatland Road N.

The Costa Rica Mission Team had a great team-building meeting and our group of 22 folks is getting excited for our summer adventures. Our next team-building session is Sunday, April 14, during youth group.

Open Door Churches Youth April Schedule

April youth group will be at Clear Lake UMC in Keizer each Sunday from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

April 27-28 is the Confirmation retreat at Suttle Lake.

Upcoming Events – Youth Sunday May 19!

Looking for Graduating Seniors

We will honor our youth who are graduating from high school during worship near the end of the school year

If you are graduating or live with a graduating senior, please contact Heather Ingersoll at christianedfumc@wvi.com.

Easter Family Fun!

Join us anytime from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday (April 21) in the Dining Room for a family scavenger and love rock hunt and a professional photo. Prizes and treats for all the participants! Enjoy the Easter Brunch hosted by the youth group!

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School August 12-15

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us for a fun week with friends exploring God's work in the world. More information is coming soon. Registration opens April 28!

Introducing Heather Ingersoll, FUMC's Director of Christian Education and Family Ministry

What I do for the church: I provide leadership for Christian Education options for all ages. I also support family ministry including care, classes, and programming for infants, preschool, and elementary school children and families.

My passion for ministry: I have served in a variety of churches leading Christian education and children's ministry programs. I believe God created human beings with curiosity, a propensity for new insight, and a longing for understanding. My passion for ministry is developing caring learning environments where individuals are invited to encounter God and experience transformation. Learning is ultimately a journey toward inner truth. This journey inward then propels us outward to be agents of God's justice, mercy, and love in the world.

Hobbies away from my job: Most of my free time is spent hanging out with my 3 year-old son and husband - playing Legos, visiting the park, and playing baseball. I also enjoy cooking, yoga, running, and reading.

OPEN DOOR CHURCHES

Reaching In, Reaching Out

Join the Team Now!

Union Gospel Mission Walk for Hope and Fun Run Saturday, June 1, 9:30 a.m. Minto-Brown Park

Mary Ann Robinson is putting together another Open Door Churches team for this spring's Union Gospel Mission Walk for Hope and Fun Run. This year the event is on Saturday, June 1, and will be at Minto-Brown Park starting at 9:30 a.m. There will be the usual 5K walk/run options, and there will be a 10K run opportunity.

The cost is \$30 for registrations made by April 7 and \$35 for later registrations. There will be a no-charge BBQ lunch for all registered participants after the walk/run. A UGM t-shirt can be ordered when you register.

It's lots of fun and, as we know, UGM does amazing work restoring hope and restoring lives for many of our community's homeless men, women, and children.

Let Mary Ann know if you'd like to join our team (503.393.7377). You may also register online at ugmsalem.org/walkforhope. Make sure to register under our team name: "Open Door Churches/United Methodist Churches of Salem-Keizer."

FUMC Hosts Family Promise - Starting April 28

If you are interested in signing up as a volunteer, call the FUMC church office (503.364.6709) and leave your name and contact information. A coordinator will contact you!

Contributions to the Jason Lee Food Bank

(Donations include food and cash donations. Every dollar donated is considered the equivalent of five pounds of food.)

Remember that one of our Lenten challenge options this year is to bring seven items of food for the Food Bank each Sunday! If you prefer to write a check, please note "food bank" in the memo.

January and February 2018 = 5,532 pounds
January and February 2019 = 4,794 pounds

Let's see if we can collect more food this year than the 44,015 "pounds" collected in 2018. Thank you for your generosity to the food insecure in our community!

Open Door Churches – Soup & the Spirit Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. through April 20 Las Naciones UMC (820 Jefferson Street N)

As we make the journey through Lent this year, we will gather as a community for a special time of enjoying a bowl of soup and good conversation around the table. Relaxed and informal, this is an evening time for all ages, where all voices are welcome and all appetites are filled.

If you think you might like to come, please contact Alyssa Baker at alyssabaker08@gmail.com. If you aren't sure and would like to come at the last minute; that is ok, too!

Open Door Churches: United Methodists of Salem-Keizer

First UMC of Salem, The Rev. Dan Pitney – dpitney@wvi.com

Worship: 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

Keizer Clear Lake UMC, The Rev. Allysa Baker – office@kclumc.org

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Morningside UMC, The Rev. Wendy Woodworth – pastorwendymumc@gmail.com

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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

Iglesia Metodista Unida Las Naciones, The Rev. Arturo Fernandez – salemhispanicumc@gmail.com

Worship: 12:30 p.m.



Recurring Weekly Events

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.
MICAHA Service

11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Service

Adult Sunday

- 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.

MUSIC

REHEARSALS:
WEDNESDAYS:
5:30pm Mission Bells

7pm Sanctuary Choir
(beginning 4/10)

THURSDAYS:

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(*indicates off-site)

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

And our web calendar at:



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note: On April 7 There will be Communion at 8:45 a.m. in MICAHA	1	2 7:00 p.m. Book & Bible Study	3 5 p.m. Bridges 7 p.m. <i>Gospel Mass</i> rehearsal 8 p.m. Sanctuary	4 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group Weekly at Taproot (downtown restaurant)	5 7 p.m. <i>Gospel Mass</i> rehearsal	6
7 Sermon In Song 11:15 a.m. <i>GOSPEL MASS</i>	8 Noon Ruth Erbele Circle 6:30 p.m. Mia Adjali	9 7:00 p.m. Book & Bible Study	10 5 p.m. Bridges	11 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	12 NOON SOCIAL CONCERNS	13 SATURDAY OF SERVICE NOON - 3 KIDS' NIGHT OUT 4:30-6:30
14 PALM SUNDAY 10 a.m. GET ACQUAINTED	15 *MOVIE GROUP FILM, TIME, AND THEATRE TO BE	16 5:30 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Book & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth	17 11:30 a.m. Generations Potluck 5 p.m. Bridges	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY *7:30 a.m.	19 GOOD FRIDAY SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MAY	20
21 EASTER 9:30-11:15 a.m. EASTER BRUNCH 10 a.m. KIDS' ACTIVITIES	22 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m. Uke Group	23	24 5 p.m. Bridges	25 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting	26 *11:30 a.m. Globetreckers @ Lancaster Izzy's	27 CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT SUTTLE LAKE
28 HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE BEGINS	29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Open Door Churches Youth Group meets every Sunday in April (except Easter) at Keizer Clear Lake UMC, 12:30-2:00 p.m. • Maundy Thursday Service is 7 p.m. at Morningside UMC • Good Friday Service is 7 p.m. at Keizer Clear Lake UMC. 			



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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:

April issue — March 15
May issue — April 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*.

