



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

THE SPIRE

June 2019

One Service at 11:00 a.m. on June 2

**The Joy of FUMC Music Ministries and more!
Combined Service Sunday, June 2, 11:00 a.m.
MICAHA Worship Center!**

June 2, 2019 is the Sunday we celebrate the joy of our Music Ministries! We will also honor our graduates and commission our Youth Mission Team at this special one-service Sunday. Don't miss it!

United Methodist Women All Together

UMW Circles – One meeting together in June

The Ruth Erbele and Katherine Parker Circles will meet on Monday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Jean Corcran.

The gathering will be a potluck, casual and outdoors, and an opportunity to meet with the all circle members. RSVP to Emily at 503-304-4410 or Jean at 503-585-2805.

FUMC United Methodist Women's Circles will resume on September 9 at their regular times and places.

JUNE HAPPENINGS FOR YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.**
New Member Class, MICAHA Conference Room
- Sunday, June 2, after worship**
Young Adult Group (see page 2 inside)
- Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.**
Getting Acquainted Class, MICAHA Conference Room
- Tuesdays beginning June 18, 6:30 p.m.**
Summer Youth Group - The Youth group Spring Schedule (meeting at Sundays at 12:30 p.m.) will continue through Sunday, June 9.

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship
8:45 a.m. MICAHA Center
(Praise Service)
11:15 a.m. Sanctuary
(Traditional Service)

**June 2 is one service
at 11:00 a.m. at
MICAHA Worship Center**

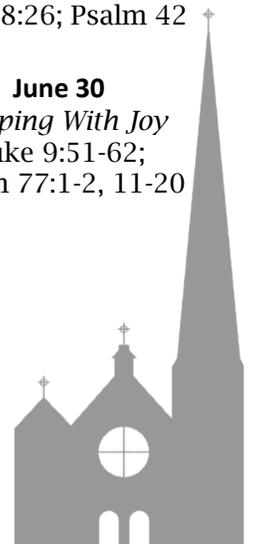
**Ascension Sunday
Music Sunday
Communion**
Luke 24:44-53

June 9 - Pentecost
The Spirit of Life
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104

**June 16 - Trinity Sunday
Peace With Justice Sunday**
The Spirit of Truth
John 16:12-15; Psalm 8

June 23
Boldly Living in Community
Luke 8:26; Psalm 42

June 30
Leaping With Joy
Luke 9:51-62;
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20



Classes, VBS, Young Adults and more



Who is my neighbor?
Vacation Bible School
August 12-15, 2019— 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost per household

- \$12 — 1 child
- \$20 — 2 children
- \$30 — 3+ children
- Scholarships available

All kids from age 3 to 5th grade graduates are invited to four days of discovering who our neighbors are as we learn to love like Jesus.

Registration forms are available online and on the Facebook event page.

Volunteers are needed! If you have a heart for kids, give us a call!

Morningside UMC
3674 12th St SE
Salem, OR
503-364-5013



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Sunday classes that meet in the Summer:

- Adult Bible Study
- Prayer of the Heart

The nursery for ages newborn to age 6 remains open in the summer during worship services and the Christian

Are You New to First Church?

Membership Information Class
Sunday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.,
MICAH Conference Room

Get Acquainted Gathering
Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.,
MICAH Conference Room

Young Adults Plan Group Activity

The newly-formed young adult group at First United Methodist Church (composed mostly of young adults over 18 with no children) is planning a get-together on Sunday, June 2, after the 11:00 a.m. combined service.

The Young Adult Get-Together will be a laid back time to get to know each other. People should bring their own lunch and plan to walk (or drive) to Riverfront Park after the service. Please invite your friends to attend as well! Contact Rachel at welcome@wvi.com if you have questions.

Celebrate Our Graduates and our Christian Ed Teachers - Stand up and take a bow!

We celebrate with our high school & college grads and our volunteer Christian Education teachers, during worship on Sunday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m. at MICAH on this one-service Sunday

Congratulations to our graduates and their families, as they celebrate their goals and achievements! Thank you to our Christian Education volunteer teachers for dedicating time and their faith lives with FUMC! We have a special time at the June 2 combined service when we will recognize these special people.

In Memoriam

A memorial service celebrating the life of Evelyn Franz is planned for Saturday, June 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Evelyn was First United Methodist's oldest living member. She died at the age of 99 and had been a member for 87 years.

Summer Saturday of Service

Our next Saturday of Service for 2019 will be August 10, *with an earlier start time for this summer event*. Watch for times and other details in the July issue of *The Spire*, in Sunday bulletins, and/or on our website.

Music Ministries

Music in May a Great Success!

Music In May, our annual fundraising concert for the Music Ministry, was a great success musically and in the support garnered for the various ensembles that provide music in worship. Thanks to everyone who attended the event that brought in \$4,000 to provide music purchases, as well as hiring instrumentalists for Sermon in Song, Easter, and Christmas services.

This year, the event featured the art work that Barbara Barrick created during previous Spring Offerings. Her vibrant acrylic and watercolor paintings will remain in the Choir Room, thanks to the sponsorship of four donors. Her gifts, and those of the sponsors, will continue to enliven the rehearsal space for years to come.

If you were not able to attend Music in May, but would like to provide support for our Music Ministry, you may put your gift in an offering envelope in Sunday worship and indicate "Music Ministry." If you have a particular designation you would like to give to or a person you would like to honor or remember, a list of options is available in the church office.

These donors gave gifts in honor or remembrance of the following people; they will be further remembered in bulletins or on art work plaques.

In honor of:

Our music ministry, past, present, and future,
by Ken and Nancy Porter

Emma Robbins, by Susan Robbins

John Ranney and Cynthia and Emanuel

McGladrey, by Erin Hanni

(In honor of continued...)

The wonderful leadership of **Jennie Pitney and Emanuel and Cynthia McGladrey**, by Bill and Paula Sullivan

Jennie Pitney and CrossFire, by an anonymous donor

ALL SINGERS (high school and older) Invited to Sing with Summer Choir!

On communion Sundays (July 7, August 4, and September 1), the choir will rehearse from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and then sing during the service at 11:15.

Anthems will be chosen for their accessibility, so that they may be learned in one rehearsal. Summer Choir will not wear robes.

No sign-up is required. Just show up on Sunday morning and add your voice to the choir.

Rejoice! Kids' Choir, past, present and future, by the Bateman Family

Amanda Rich and Elisabeth Rich, by Roberta W. Moore

In memory of:

My parents, Dr. Sab and Mrs. Betty Akiyama, by Kathy Akiyama

Melanie Aque LaFleur Schweiger, by Alan and Christy LaFleur

Our parents, by Emanuel and Cynthia McGladrey

Our parents, by Marilyn and Joe Scahill

Jim Murch, by Jane Murch

Helen Hoffhines, by Barbara Alexander

Rose Wallace, Sandy's grandmother, by Sandy and Gary Onstot

Kenny Stuber, by Jon Stuber

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	Budget	March	April	Year to Date	33.33%
	2019	2019	2019	2019	of Budget
Total Income	\$ 581,657.00	\$ 46,653.13	\$ 55,597.25	\$ 199,656.52	34.33%
Total Expenses	\$ 586,641.00	\$ 46,735.71	\$ 47,792.66	\$ 195,276.16	33.29%

Notes from your Finance Committee ...

Summer is making a showing!

So now we can say 1/3 of 2019 is done. Good news! Our April income exceeded our expenses by \$7,804 which makes us \$4,380 ahead, year-to-date. Here are some thoughts and comments:

- April is seasonally a better month with general income, open plate, plus the Easter offering increasing the revenue for our church.
- Our generous congregation exceeded our budgeted \$3,200 Easter offering figure by \$800. Thank you all!
- MICAHA event rentals and building usage continues its expected increase with the legislature still being in session.
- Seems like there always are some adjustments in staffing structure and expense. We approved a mid-year increase for our organist and continue to share our Youth Director with other Open Door Churches.
- We saw a mid-year increase in insurance premiums and the Finance Committee, Trustees, and Administrative Council will be reviewing some possible building valuation adjustments and increasing our insurance coverage. It's been many, many years since we had this updated.
- NW Natural did its annual "adjustment" to correct the level pay. Both buildings had much lower bills and we actually got a check back for MICAHA. We will find out our "new" level pay amount with the next bill.
- We continue to fully pay our portion of Shared Ministries (apportionments) and we are ahead of budget currently.

We are a generous congregation and working together we have our church in a very financially stable and manageable position right now. And, just think, more opportunities are right around the corner with Claremont arriving soon.

If you have any questions regarding our church budget, please feel free to reach out to me.
Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair (503-785-9816, direct)

Give your time? Visitor Hosts Wanted

Are you outgoing and friendly? Do you like to meet people?

Rachel Hoey, Director of Congregational Life, is looking for outgoing people who want to help with church growth and would be willing to talk to visitors who come to Sunday worship. No experience is needed, this is a super easy job! Please contact Rachel at welcome@wvi.com today if this is something which you'd be interested in knowing more about!

Open Door Churches Youth Group



I have been reflecting on our recent Confirmation worship service and the beautiful testimonies given by our five confirmation students from FUMC. Each of them talked about the ways in which the people and ministries of our congregation have helped them grow and find their faith. All of their reflections touched on a similar theme; that going away and being in intentional Christian community was one of the ways that had helped them find their faith. They all mentioned summer camp and mission trips.

As we enter into camp and mission trip season I think about all of the lives that will be changed this summer by the wonderful support of our Open Door Churches. Summer camps will be starting in a little over a month and our youth will be off to experience God in nature. If your youth haven't signed up yet, you should head over to www.gocamping.org to find out more. We offer Camp scholarships for families in need of financial assistance. Let Jeff know if you would like a scholarship form (revjlow@yahoo.com).

Our confirmation youth also talked about the power of going on a mission trip, specifically mentioning our trip last summer to the Yakama Reservation. This summer our older youth will be traveling to San Isidro, Costa Rica for a week of mission work. They will be joined by a United Methodist group from Georgia as they work to repair a retreat center, build relationships with a diverse group of people, and experience God as they help others and experience another culture. We are also sending a group of middle schoolers to Portland in August with the L.A.S.T. program to work at a variety of ministries that deal with food insecurity and homelessness. I am excited to hear how these experiences change their lives.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our congregation to help send our youth to camp and in mission. Thank you!

Jeff Lowery, Director of Youth Ministries

June Youth Group will be at various locations at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings starting on June 18.

Jason Lee Food Bank

Donations to the Jason Lee Food Bank include food and cash donations. Every dollar donated is considered the equivalent of five pounds of food.

January - April 2018 = 14,659 pounds
January - April 2019 = 11,857 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 - United Methodists of Salem-Keizer

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

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

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

Iglesia Metodista Unida Las Naciones -Worship:12:30 p.m.
Rev. Arturo Fernandez (Interim)
salemhispanicumc@gmail.com

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

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Pastor	The Rev. Dan Pitney
Director of Youth Ministries	The Rev. Jeff Lowery
Director of Christian Education	Heather Ingersoll
Interim Directors of Music Ministries	Cynthia and Emanuel McGladrey
Mission Bells Director	Glenda Serex
Praise Band/CrossFire Director	Jennie Pitney
Organist	Jon Stuber
Children’s Choir Directors	Sarah Pitney-Torres Courtney Karns
Director of Congregational Life	Rachel Joy
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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:
 July issue -- June 14
 August issue -- July 19

E-mail articles for *The Spire* to the church office, salem1st@wvi.com

Please include the word “SPIRE”

