



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

THE SPIRE

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal, March 5, at 5:30 p.m., Keizer Clear Lake UMC
Ash Wednesday Service, March 6, at 7 p.m., First UMC Sanctuary

Please see page 2 for more information about these Lenten events.

Table Talk Opportunities

What Comes After General Conference 2019? Table Talks 3.0

by Tim Overton-Harris, Superintendent of Cascadia District

The unanswered question that really matters to most United Methodists is what happens *after* the special called session. At this point, we don't know what plan will be chosen, if any. (The deadline for this issue of *The Spire* was before the session.) And we don't know how that plan will be vetted, challenged, and implemented in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. The 2020 General Conference will almost certainly be responding to challenges and changes to any selected plan.

Here in the Oregon-Idaho Conference and rest of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area we will hold discussion groups called Table Talks 3.0. These events will include a time of worship and sharing Holy Communion together, as well as conversation using a covenant in which participants agree to stay curious, be kind, and listen with the same amount of passion with which they want to be heard.

The offerings in the Cascadia District are listed below (there are others across the Episcopal area). We do ask that you pre-register (go to umoi-reg.brtapp.com/TableTalks3) at least a week before the event so that we can be prepared for your presence. There is no fee.

- Sunday, March 24, 2:00–5:00 p.m., Forest Grove UMC
- Tuesday, March 26, 6:30–9:30 p.m., Salem FUMC, Taplin Hall, MICAH Building
- Saturday, March 30, 1:00–4:00 p.m., Madras UMC
- Thursday, April 4, 6:30–9:30 p.m., Canby UMC
- Sunday, April 7, 2:00–5:00 p.m., Nehalem Bay UMC

Please uphold these gatherings in prayer. It is God's own Spirit which will guide us on our way forward.

March 2019

Worship Schedule Sundays

Sunday Worship

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

March 3 - Transforming Expectations Communion

Bedazzled

Luke 9:28–37; Psalm 99

March 10 - First Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

What Drives You?

Luke 4:1–13; Romans 10:8b–13;
Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

March 17 - Second Sunday in Lent

Learning To Lament

Luke 13:31–35; Psalm 27

March 24 - Third Sunday in Lent

Embracing Second Chances

Luke 13:1–9

Psalm 63:1–8

March 31 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

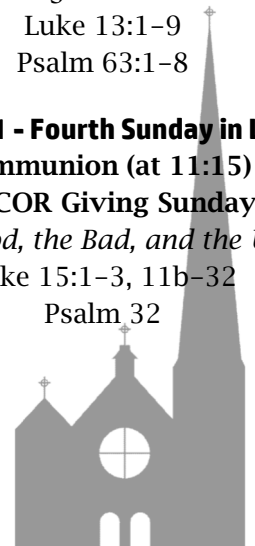
Communion (at 11:15)

UMCOR Giving Sunday

The good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Psalm 32



Worship and Music

Sermon in Song is April 7, 11:15 a.m. March Rehearsal Schedule

- Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesdays through April 3 at 7:00 to 7:55 p.m. in the Choir Room (#216).
- Rehearsal retreat is Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- Dress Rehearsals is Friday, April 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Rehearsal at 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on April 7. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you! Cynthia and Emanuel, 503-871-9414

Open Door Churches Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Keizer Clear Lake UMC

Keizer Clearlake UMC is hosting their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 at Friendship Hall. Pancakes, ham and applesauce will be served. There is NO set price for the meal, but donations are accepted.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. Historic Sanctuary, Salem First UMC

Ash Wednesday service is a time of reflection. We take this time together to reflect on the upcoming season of Lent, a time to grow in holiness, so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy.

John Nilsen in Concert - Sunday, March 31, 3:00 p.m.

We welcome an old friend back to Salem First Church. John Nilsen, pianist, vocalist, and composer, will present a concert on Sunday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. He has graced our congregation with his music several times in the last twenty years.

John is a prolific musician, having performed in all fifty states and in many countries around the world. John's evocative musical style combines songs of faith with his love of the outdoors. He has collaborated with noted musicians, including Jose Feliciano, Kenny G, Alex De Grassi, and Marc Cohn.

We will get a chance to experience John's unique gifts, as he will be a part of worship in both services that day. His recordings will be available following both worship services and the concert.

Congregations Helping People Introduces Rebecca Strader

Congregations Helping People (CHP) has a new Client Services Coordinator. Rebecca Strader is already at work in the offices located in FUMC after reading about the position in St. Mark Lutheran Church's newsletter.

Rebecca (Becky) is a highly qualified professional with 20 years experience in non-profit and government administrative and front line work. She is an ordained minister and recently served churches in Monmouth and Falls City. She is a native Oregonian who spent many of her working years in Vermont.

You can come by and meet Becky in the CHP offices - expect her to recruit you to volunteer for a 3-hour shift helping out. Please welcome her to the FUMC building if you see her.

Becky is replacing Alan LaFleur who is leaving after training Becky. He has been here for less than a year, but stepped willingly into the gap left by our previous director and said he could stay for "a while." That turned out to be until Alan and Christy's son is born. Alan will fill a new very important role as an at-home dad. The volunteers and board at CHP are grateful for Alan's seamless transitions and winning ways with clients and technology.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Circle Meetings

The Ruth Erbele Circle will hold its March meeting in the Carrier Room, on Monday, March 11, at Noon. The program on “tamara” (yarn, etc.) will be presented by Delores Middleton. There will be snacks and good fellowship. You are always welcome.

Mia Adjali Circle will meet Monday, March 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Carrier Room. Doris Bennett will present the program, an interview with Tia Runion, Manager of International Ministries at The Upper Room. Refreshments will be served and your friends will be there.

We are one family in God!

United Methodist Women stand in our objection to the zero tolerance policy that separates children from their families at our southern border as they seek asylum in the United States. “We oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that include detention of families with children.” (*The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* ¶162H).

We are vigilant in our commitment to a just immigration policy. We are very grateful to God for the people who voice their anger and dismay at the separation of families. The United Methodist Women urge this administration to immediately return 2,300 children to their parents. These families are not smugglers, thieves, or criminals, but people running from violence we cannot understand, tyranny, starvation, and poverty.

They come to us to start a new life, a new beginning. They deserve help, food, clothes, a roof over their heads, and our prayers. Please pray for the immigrants - for love, peace, and strength now and for their future.

Pray for our future as well. Blessings on you all.

Join us as we celebrate the UMW 150th Legacy Fund

Mindful of ongoing injustices 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.

Join us as we celebrate our 150th birthday, on Saturday, March 23 - 150 years of empowering women, children and youth. To give to the Legacy Fund, go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund.

Nepal missionary will visit

Where in the world is Katherine? In Salem, Oregon on March 19!

Who is Katherine? Ask about her at the Mission Café in the Dining Room! Salem FUMC helps support missionary Katherine Parker in Nepal with your donations. You won't want to miss meeting Katherine on Tuesday, March 19.

Along with Pastor Dan, please join us as we welcome Katherine for supper at 5:30 p.m. in Doris Bennett's home. Please RSVP to the church office (503.364.6709) or Doris (503.399.7847).

You are invited to hear about Katherine's amazing accomplishments as she shares pictures and stories of the past three years. Katherine serves with the health team in the United Mission to Nepal where she hikes to various remote villages. Her mission work includes visiting schools to conduct workshops on sanitation, drinking water, and other hygiene issues. The youth with their new knowledge transform families and the whole community.

Many more incredible stories await us during Katherine Parker's visit.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2019 January Financial Statement

	Budget	January	Year to	8.33%
	2019	2019	Date	of Budget
Total Income	\$ 581,657.00	\$ 41,714.41	\$ 41,714.41	7.17%
Total Expenses	\$ 586,641.00	\$ 47,256.52	\$ 47,256.52	8.06%

Notes from your Finance Committee ...

Hello from your Finance Committee. Not a lot to talk about yet and there are no categories that have any trends showing only one month into 2019. Here are some thoughts/observations through January:

- We have a \$581,600 budget for 2019.
- General giving is budgeted at \$447,000 or 76% of that budgeted income, making an average needed (in a perfect world) of \$37,250 per month. We were slightly behind that in January, receiving \$33,100.
- We also are in the process of transitioning the Youth Director position to the Open Door Churches staffing list alongside the pastors. Our logic is we share Jeff with the other churches so this year we are beginning to have them pay a portion of his wages.
- Postage has made an expected increase of \$.05 per stamp.

Some other happenings we are expecting during the year:

- Claremont Seminary will make its initial move to Salem in the summer of this year and will become a tenant in the MICA building. This is revenue we are budgeting, but it will not begin until mid-year. That lease revenue stream will be split evenly between the Trustees (capital expense) and the general budget (operating expense).
- There is a long session of the legislature until mid-year and we are expecting additional building usage through June. Those will be good surprises if/when they happen.

We are looking forward to a great 2019, knowing that change is always happening. But rest assured that one thing that won't change is your Finance Committee's diligence in its fiduciary responsibility to our church's finances. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to reach out to Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair.

Food Bank Report

FUMC contributions to the Jason Lee Food Bank

- January 2018 = 3,219 pounds
- January 2019 = 2,574 pounds

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

YOUTH NEWS

Thank You for Your Support! The 2019 Auction raised over \$28,000!



Thank you to donors, participants, planners, and everyone who made the Youth Auction for 2019 a success!

Open Door Churches Youth March Schedule

March youth group will be at First UMC in the MICAH building each Sunday from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

- March 3 - What happened at General Conference?
- March 10 - Lunch provided by United Methodist Women
- March 17 - Costa Rica Mission Team Meeting during youth group
- March 24 - Youth Group, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- March 31 - Youth Group, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events -Youth Sunday May 19!



Suttle Lake Snow Retreat was a Blast of Winter Fun!

Twenty of our Open Door Youth joined youth from Portland and Clarkes UMC for a weekend of fun and learning in the snow at Suttle Lake Camp. We learned about how we are all a part of the Body of Christ and had a great time. A special thanks to our adults who helped chaperone the weekend (Aaron Lopez, Sara Morin, Jason LeRoy, and Amy Doerfler).

Christian Education

Children's Choir is Back!

1st Sunday of each month

10:10-11:00 a.m., Room 304

Rejoice! Kids Choir meets on the first Sunday of the month (March 3) at 10:10 a.m. in the Kids Choir Room on the third floor of the historic building. Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to come join in the singing and other musical merriment! (Godly Play does not meet on choir mornings.)

Godly Play

ages 3 years through 5th grade

Sundays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Room 204

Godly Play does not meet the first Sunday of the month so children can participate in Rejoice! Kids Choir.

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

Easter Egg Hunt Help needed

We have an Easter Egg Hunt planned for the children between services on Easter Sunday!

We need help filling eggs! If you are willing to take home plastic eggs to fill, please contact Heather at christianedfumc@wvi.com.

We will provide the eggs and stuffing materials.

All Ages - Group Activities

Generations Potluck - Experience Morocco Wednesday, March 20, 11:30 a.m. FUMC Dining Room

Morocco is a beautiful land with beaches, desert dunes, mountains, great food, friendly people. Don and Chris Kirkwood will share tales, photos, and Moroccan tagine from their recent trip.

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.

Monthly Movie Group meets on March 18 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, March 18, 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!

**Recurring
Weekly Events**

Sunday Worship

**8:45 a.m.
MICAHA 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.

MUSIC

REHEARSALS:

WEDNESDAYS:

5:30pm Mission Bells

7pm *Gospel Mass*

8pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAYS:

6pm Praise Band



Salem First United Methodist Church

March 2019

(*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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Group meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Taproot, in downtown Salem. • The Open Door Churches Youth Group meets every Sunday in March at the FUMC Youth Center, 12:30-2:00 p.m. 					1	2
3 Communion 10 a.m. Rejoice! Kids Choir	4	5 *5:30 P.M. SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE MEAL AT CLEAR LAKE UMC IN KEIZER	6 7 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (No <i>Gospel Mass</i> rehearsal)	7 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group Weekly at Taproot (downtown restaurant)	8 NOON SOCIAL CONCERNS	9 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 4:30-6:30
10 1st Sunday in Lent <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR</i>	11 Noon Ruth Erbele Circle 6:30 p.m. Mia Adjali Circle 6:30 p.m. Uke Group	12 7:00 p.m. Book & Bible Study	13 5 p.m. Bridges 7 p.m. Confirmation Meeting	14	15 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL PUBLICATION	16 <i>GOSPEL MASS RETREAT</i> 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. IN THE CHOIR ROOM
17 2nd Sunday in Lent	18 MOVIE GROUP TIME AND THEATRE TO BE DECIDED	19 5:30 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Book & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Council	20 11:30 a.m. Generations Potluck 5 p.m. Bridges	21 6 p.m. Finance 7 p.m. Ad Council	22	23
24 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT	25 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry	26 7:00 p.m. Book & Bible Study	27 5 p.m. Bridges	28 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting	29	30
31 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT	SPRING VACATION FOR SALEM KEIZER SCHOOLS - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -					



First United Methodist Church
600 State Street
Salem, OR 97301

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
P A I D
Salem, Ore
Permit No. 99

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Location..... Corner of Church and State Streets
Phone..... 503-364-6709
Email..... **Church:** salem1st@wvi.com
Dan Pitney: dpitney@wvi.com

Web page..... www.salemfirstumc.org
Office hours..... Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

FUMC STAFF

Lay Leaders

Ray Lewallen
Melissa Berry

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

Interim Organist

Jon Stuber

Children’s Choir Director

Sarah Pitney-Torres

Director of Congregational Life

Rachel Joy

Childcare Coordinator

Christina Gordon

Church Administrator

Kathy Pressler

Business Administrator

Judy Allen

Office Reception

Katie Carpenter

Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Fran Eriksen

Campus Custodian

Adam Somodi

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*.

