



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

# THE SPIRE

May 2019

## "Music in May" Fundraising Concert & Dessert

### Annual Music Ministry Fundraising Concert and Dessert Sunday, May 5, 4:00 p.m., MICAH Worship Center

Enjoy music of the spring season presented by all of our church's musical ensembles and soloists, then enjoy desserts provided by the musicians. This annual event provides the majority of funding for new music, guest musicians for special events, and instrumental upkeep.

This year, we are featuring the art work of Barbara Barrick, who created four beautiful watercolor/acrylic paintings at previous music fundraising concerts. Her intent was to donate the works to support our music ministry. These paintings are currently hanging in the Choir Room, and have found a home there. We seek to honor Barbara's intent to donate her artistry to the Music Ministry, and have them available for many people to enjoy.

We are offering donors the opportunity to sponsor one of the four paintings for a donation of \$250 or more. The donation can be designated in memory or in honor of a person, if desired. The paintings will remain in the Choir Room as part of our church. We'll place a donor's plaque with each painting showing the designation.

At the concert, there will be a list of specific donation opportunities, such as sponsoring a Sermon in Song, Christmas, or Easter instrumentalist or buying a choral anthem or Praise Service song. These gifts may also be designated in memory or in honor of a person, with the designation being recognized in the appropriate bulletin.

Eight decorative planters, provided by Egan Nursery at cost, will be used to make the concert area burst out in spring's splendor. Donors may take one home for a donation of \$40 or more.

Please join us in celebration of the spiritual, inspiring, and powerful moments that our musicians bring to worship by listening to great music, eating dessert, and donating to the Music Ministry.

**Read a little bit about our organist, Jon Stuber, inside on page 2**

### Worship Schedule Sundays

#### Sunday Worship

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

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

#### May 5 - Communion Native American Sunday

*Rise Up and Follow*  
John 21:1-19; Psalm 30

#### May 12 - Mothers Day

*What's the Buzz?*  
John 10:27-30; Psalm 23

#### May 19 - Youth Sunday

Youth lead both worship services!

#### May 26 Memorial Day Weekend

*Peace Power*  
John 14:23-29; Psalm 97

#### June 2 is Music Sunday one service at 11:00 a.m. at MICAH Worship Center



Monday, May 27, the  
church offices are closed  
for Memorial Day.

# Music and Christian Education News

## Introducing Jon Stuber, FUMC Organist



### “Interim” No Longer!

We are delighted to announce that Jon Stuber has accepted FUMC's offer to remove the “interim” designation from his organist position title and would like you to know a bit more about him.

Jon holds BM, MM and DMA from Baylor University and the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to coming to Salem FUMC, he served at First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland, Oregon.

As a pianist/organist, he has appeared with Resonance Ensemble, Consonare Chorale, Portland Vocal Consort, Columbia Chorale, and the Columbia Symphony Orchestra. As a conductor, Jon has appeared in performance with Belle Voci Women's Ensemble, Lewis & Clark Community Chorale, and the University of Portland Women's Choir. While completing his doctoral program, Jon made his European debut at Truro Cathedral in Cornwall, England. Musical theatre credits include Musical Director for *The Addams Family*, *Urinetown: The Musical*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Cabaret*, and the upcoming production of *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* at Pentacle Theatre in Salem.

During the day, Jon works at Aldrich Advisors as an Account Manager in the Benefit Administration Division. When not managing benefits or playing music, you can find Jon digging in the garden, frying chicken, or at the movies.

**Creation Care Introduction Class!**  
**May 19, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Are you interested in creation care? Want to connect with like-minded people about the theology behind creation care and explore how to live into that theology in our church, our homes, and our world?

Join us for an introduction class led by Pattie Sloan on May 19 to discuss these topics and explore the potential for other classes on the topic in the fall.

#### **Sunday classes that meet in the summer:**

- Adult Bible Study
- Prayer of the Heart

#### **Sunday classes that take a summer break starting May 26:**

- Children and Youth
- Modern Christian Life
- Fits n' Giggles
- Digging Deeper in Theology and Ethics

*These classes return in September!*

## Digging Deeper in Theology and Ethics

The Digging Deeper class would like to invite other classes and individuals to join us for “*Jambo Jambo – A Mission Trip to Kenya*” by Laura Metzger, M.D. on Sunday, May 12, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Carrier Room. Laura will talk about her mission trip, and what she learned about the people, their faith, and their health care. She also will talk briefly about ways that we can help.

#### **Full Digging Deeper schedule to the end of the program year:**

- May 5 – Continuing John Dominic Crossan mini-lectures begun in April from *The Challenge of Paul* series, Session 2.3, “The Long-Distance Apostle”
- May 12 – A break from Crossan: “*Jambo Jambo – A Mission Trip to Kenya*” (see above)
- May 19 – Crossan, Session 2.4, “The God-Worshippers” (Last class of the program year, with an opportunity to think about a summer potluck and ideas for our fall curriculum.)

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## A Special Announcement from Mia Adjali Circle

Mia Adjali UMW Circle has great news! We are changing our name to **Katherine Parker UMW Circle**. Recently we were moved, inspired, and amazed to hear Katherine talk of her work as a United Methodist missionary to Nepal. Our members chose this way to honor her important efforts.

Our circle has been privileged for many years to be named for another remarkable woman, Mia Adjali. Her impressive accomplishments include service as Executive Secretary of the United Nations International Affairs Council. Both Mia and Katherine provide examples of faithful service and dedication to improving the lives of women, children, and families, an important focus for United Methodist Women locally and around the world.

## Celebrating Our Foremothers

Whenever I write about United Methodist Women it's almost always about what we are doing now, whether locally or globally, a discussion about mission giving and what and where the money goes, or the Legacy Fund for the future of United Methodist Women. But what kind of women came before us to make us as strong as we are today. I would like to introduce to Clementina Butler, Grace Stevens, and Martha Drummer. Parts of their stories follow:

*Clementina Rowe Butler*, also known as “Mother Butler,” was one of the founding members of the Women’s Foreign Mission Society. She, along with Lois Parker, called together those women on that stormy afternoon in Boston in March, 1869. They set off together to India as the Methodist Episcopal Church’s first missionaries. Butler was a tireless supporter for mission work and her daughter Clementina started the first schools of mission in Massachusetts and in 1912 founded the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Lands that remained open until 1989.

*Grace Stephens* was an Anglo-Indian missionary serving in Madras, India for the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society in the late-19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. In April, 1886 she was appointed by the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society to be a zenana worker, “zenana” meaning “of the women” and, in the Hindu context, referring to the part of the house reserved for women. She broke down gender barriers, oversaw an orphanage, a boarding school, day school, and Sunday schools as well as her zenana work. Stephens was the only woman from Asia to attend the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1910.

And lastly, *Martha Drummer* was an African-American Methodist deaconess sent as a missionary to Angola in the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society. She served in Quessua – 85 miles from the nearest railroad. In Quessua, in addition to helping run an orphanage for 40 girls, Drummer also provided nursing care and health education and instruction. She was also a popular preacher.

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

## UMW Circle Meetings

The Ruth Erbele Circle will meet on **Monday, May 13, at noon in the Carrier Room (room #116)**. Joan Zelmer will give the program and Jean Corcran will provide refreshments. All women are invited to come! For more information, please contact Joan Zelmer at 503.364.6204 or Emily Broussard at 503.304.4410.

**Katherine Parker Circle** (formerly Mia Adjali Circle) will meet in the **Carrier Room on Monday, May 13, 6:30–8:30 p.m.** This will be our annual book sharing meeting. You may bring books to exchange and give a brief summary of a favorite read. Come and offer suggestions for some good summer reading! Members are also reminded to bring socks (adult and kids) for donation to CHP, Las Naciones UMC, or Jason Lee clothing closets. All are invited! For information, contact Alice Howard, 503.588.1690, or Connie Bork, 503.302.8706.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2019 March Financial Statement

	Budget 2019	February 2019	March 2019	Year to Date 2019	25% of Budget
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 581,657.00	\$ 55,691.73	\$ 46,653.13	\$ 144,059.27	24.77%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 586,641.00	\$ 44,926.41	\$ 46,735.71	\$ 147,715.75	25.18%

### Notes from your Finance Committee ...

***Thank you all! We are a very generous and giving congregation.***

March had very few categories with large or irregular variances to our budget. For example... Last month our expenses exceeded our income by whopping \$82.58 and through the end of March, our expenses have exceeded our income by \$3,424.

Here are few thoughts on our year-to-date numbers and looking ahead:

- MICAH event revenue is ahead of budget with the legislature using our space regularly while they are in session.
- MICAH “lease” income will remain under budget until Claremont begins its lease mid-year.
- IT expense was a new category this year and we have not needed them as much as in prior years – which is a cost savings to this point.
- In both the Church and MICAH utility categories we are looking pretty good. Current natural gas savings have offset electricity usage excess.
- Yes, we are still meeting our Shared Ministries (Apportionments) obligation. Currently we are paid ahead.
- Total overall year-to-date income is slightly ahead of budget.

If you have any questions or comments regarding our budget, please feel free to contact me.

*Steve Horning, Finance Committee Chair (503.785.9816, direct)*

### 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 - March 2018 = 10,351 pounds  
January - March 2019 = 9,933 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!

### 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 to our congregation. No experience is needed; this is a super easy job!

Please contact Rachel at [welcome@wvi.com](mailto:welcome@wvi.com) today if this is something about which you'd be interested in knowing more!

# YOUTH, FAMILY, & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

## Youth Group May Schedule

**May youth group will be at First United Methodist Church of Salem each Sunday from 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Important May Event! Youth Sunday May 19! Youth lead both services at FUMC! Youth will be confirmed on this Sunday, also!

There is no youth group on Mothers Day, May 12.

## Registration for Vacation Bible School

**"Who's My Neighbor" VBS at Morningside UMC Monday through Thursday, August 12-15, 9:00 a.m. to noon; 3 years through 5th grade**

Join us for a fun-filled week of music, arts, games, science, and scripture. Kids will explore what it means to be a neighborhood and love our neighbors as God loves us.

Cost: \$12 for 1 child; \$20 for 2 children; \$30 for a family of 3 or more children in a household.

Email Heather at [christianedfumc@wvi.com](mailto:christianedfumc@wvi.com) for registration information.

## Celebrate Our Grads

**We will celebrate our grads during worship! Sunday, June 2, 11:00 a.m. at MICAH on this one service\* Sunday**

**\*this is also music Sunday, where our musicians for worship gather in one place to share with the congregation**

If you are or know of any FUMC youth graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the church office (503-364-6709) or Heather at [christianedfumc@wvi.com](mailto:christianedfumc@wvi.com).

## Connecting Young Adults

**Young Adult Brainstorming Group Sunday, May 5, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. MICAH Conference Room**

Are you a young adult looking to connect with others at FUMC? Meet us on Sunday, May 5, 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the MICAH Conference Room to meet others and brainstorm ideas for future events.

Contact Heather at [christianedfumc@wvi.com](mailto:christianedfumc@wvi.com) with questions or to RSVP (and put in a custom coffee order to enjoy during the meeting).

## ALL AGES INVITED - SOCIAL EVENTS

### Generations Potluck & Speaker Series Wednesday, May 15, 11:30 a.m., FUMC Dining Room

The theme for this month's Generations gathering is "Getting to Know You." Please bring something you collect to share. If it's small, bring the entire collection. If it's larger, bring a sampling. If it's cars or furniture, bring photos!

Bring a dish to share and join our active, (mostly) age 50+ group. Coffee, cups, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided, but please bring a serving utensil for your shared dish.

### Monthly Movie Group meets on May 20 *Theater 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, May 20, is the next screening! If you have any questions or wish to be added to the email list to help select the movie of the month, contact Robert McKinney, [rmckinne@willamette.edu](mailto:rmckinne@willamette.edu).

Come as you can!

Recurring  
Weekly Events

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.  
MICAH Service

11:15 a.m.  
Sanctuary Service

Adult Sunday Clas-

- 10am
- Adult Bible Study
  - Prayer of the Heart
  - Modern Christian Life
  - Fits N' Giggles
  - Digging Deeper

Children and Youth and some Adult Sunday classes end for the summer on May 19.

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REHEARSALS:

WEDNESDAYS:

5:30pm Mission Bells

7pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAYS:

6pm Praise Band



# Salem First United Methodist Church

# May 2019

(\*indicates off-site)

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

And our web calendar at:  
[www.salemfirstumc.org](http://www.salemfirstumc.org)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		The Open Door Churches Youth Group meets every Sunday in May (except Mother's Day, May 12) at First UMC, 12:30-2:00 p.m.		1 5 p.m. Bridges	2 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group Weekly at Taproot (downtown restaurant)	3
5 Communion *2 p.m. Memorial for Jon Yunker (offsite) 4 p.m. <i>Music in May</i> FUNDRAISER	6	7 7:00 p.m. Book & Bible Study	8 5 p.m. Bridges	9 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	10 NOON SOCIAL CONCERNs	11 *2 p.m. MEMORIAL FOR BETTE KRAUSE (OFFSITE) 4:30 P.M. KIDS NIGHT OUT
12 MOTHER'S DAY (No youth group)	13 Noon Erbele Circle 5:30 p.m. Uke Group 6:30 p.m. Parker Circle	14 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Youth Council	15 11:30 a.m. Generations Potluck 5 p.m. Bridges	16 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 6 p.m. Finance 7 p.m. Ad Council	17 SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE PUBLICATION	18
19 Youth Sunday & Confirmation Last day of Youth and children Sunday Classes until Sept.	20 5:30 MICAH Worship Team meeting 6:30 Sanctuary Worship Team	21	22 5 p.m. Bridges	23 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. SPRC	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED	28	29 5 p.m. Bridges	30 *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	31	JUNE 2 THERE IS ONE SERVICE AT 11 A.M. IN MICAH, AND WE CELEBRATE GRADS, TOO!

## In Memoriam

**"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."**

The friends and family of Hod Cook and Dorothy Garrett celebrated their lives at memorial services in late April. Our prayers are with their families and with the families of:

### Norma Pati

Memorial Service: Saturday, May 4, 1:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, in the Historic Sanctuary

### Jon Yunker

Memorial Service: Sunday, May 5, 2:00 p.m., Zenith Vineyard, 5657 Zena Rd. NW, Salem

### Bette Krause

Memorial Service: Saturday, May 11, 1:00 p.m., Dallas Retirement Center, Dallas, Oregon

## Giving Thanks

*Dee Cook and her family wish to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and support for them during the time of Hod's last days and his death.*



*We are thankful for all the children and their families who are a part of the FUMC faith community! Thank you to the children for sharing their voices in worship!*

## OPEN DOOR CHURCHES United Methodists of Salem-Keizer

### Join the Team Now!

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

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 \$35 for registration. 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.

You may register online at [ugmsalem.org/walkforhope](http://ugmsalem.org/walkforhope). Make sure to register under our team name: "Open Door Churches/United Methodist Churches of Salem-Keizer."

### First UMC of Salem

**Rev. Dan Pitney**  
[dpitney@wvi.com](mailto:dpitney@wvi.com)  
Worship: 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

**Keizer Clear Lake UMC**  
**Rev. Allysa Baker**  
[office@kclumc.org](mailto:office@kclumc.org)  
Worship: 10:00 a.m.



**Reaching In, Reaching Out**

**Morningside UMC**  
**Rev. Wendy Woodworth**  
[pastorwendymumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwendymumc@gmail.com)  
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

**Trinity UMC**  
**Rev. Sandra Kimbrow**  
[skimbrowp@gmail.com](mailto:skimbrowp@gmail.com)  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.

**Iglesia Metodista Unida Las Naciones,**  
**Rev. Arturo Fernandez**  
[salemhispanicumc@gmail.com](mailto:salemhispanicumc@gmail.com)  
Worship: 12:30 p.m.



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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:**

June issue -- May 17  
July issue -- June 14

E-mail articles for *The Spire* to the church office,  
[salem1st@wvi.com](mailto: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*.

