



# The Corvallis United Methodist

The monthly newsletter of the First United Methodist Church, Corvallis, Oregon.  
"A Reconciling Congregation"

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## Empty Containers

Empty containers from the Immigration Reform are behind the Information Counter. Please pick up or they will be disposed of after April 9.

**Native American  
Ministries special  
offering**  
Sunday, April 18

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# Holy Week

**March 28: Palm Sunday**

**April 1: Maundy Thursday Seder Meal &  
Service, 5:30 pm, Community Center**  
~ All Church Potluck ~

**April 2: Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm,  
Sanctuary**

**April 3: Children's Easter Party, 10 am-noon,  
Community Center, bring eggs to dye!!**

**April 4: Easter Celebration at 9:30 am**



**No Sunday School  
No Supper**

*We are a congregation on a journey to Sustainability, recognizing that we are stewards of God's creation for all generations, and believing that all human needs must be met equitably. The Natural Step Framework is our guide to Sustainability.*

## RovinMoses Remarks

### GOOD FRIDAY TO EASTER!

**Y**ou should receive this newsletter about the time we enter Holy Week that begins with a celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, then follows Jesus' conflict with religious leaders, the Seder Meal with his friends, his arrest, trial, and crucifixion---all the events that transpired during his last week of life.

Christians have used this week to reflect on their own walk with Jesus and to prepare for Easter by examining their priorities and values. Good Friday becomes a symbol of our own death---physical and spiritual.

Over the last few days, our congregation has experienced a number of "Good Fridays." We will have memorial services on consecutive days for Bill Regele and Curt Cook. Tim Stover lost his father, Wayne; Melody Briggs lost her mother, Debbie; and Esmeralda Allen lost her Aunt Benita. We have other members of our church family who have been in and out of the hospital.

In addition, both Courtney and I are experiencing grief over the loss of a pastoral relationship with our Corvallis church family that will take place at the end of June.

All of us experience small "deaths" when things change. I just received a poignant email from an old friend whose spouse's physical and mental health has deteriorated. In it she remarked, *We had fun for many years, but now he has changed. I miss the man I married, but I will care for him as long as possible.* Our friend is experiencing a "Good Friday" in her relationship.

Thanks be to God, however, that from death springs life! When we gather for worship on Easter, we celebrate our faith that proclaims resurrection always trumps death whether that is the loss of loved ones, the end of a particular dream, a change in relationships, or a change in worship services.

As one hymn proclaims, *This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.*

Yes, as faith and hope are born again!

Let's pack the sanctuary on Easter morning – 9:30 a.m. – and celebrate our journey from Good Friday to Easter. Invite some friends who need the encouragement of God's Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

Jim

## Things We Celebrate

- ▶ Birth of Adriana Lyra Veley, granddaughter to Marian & Bill Veley.
- ▶ Marie Kirkham celebrating birthday 94 on April 4; Sam Short who will be 92 on April 13; Harriet Shaw reaching 90 on April 16; and Ruby Rood who also celebrates number 90 on April 29.
- ▶ Birth of granddaughter Natalie Alice to Pat & Bob Smythe.
- ▶ Terry Bolin & Jason Foltz for fixing the water pipe at the sink in the sanctuary.

## Around the Parish

### In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Our prayers are with ...

*Joan Cook & family*, following Curt's death on March 17.

*Chet Earls*, after the death of his sister.

*Bill Earls*, after his surgery on March 15.

*John & Kris Graves*, following their daughter's Jenni, breast cancer surgery.

*Tim Stover & family*, following the death of Tim's dad, Wayne.

*Del Shirley*, after his surgery to remove a kidney.

*Melody Briggs & family*, following the death of Melody's mother, Deborah.

*Genie Regele & family*, following Bill's death on March 21.

*Esmeralda Allen & family*, after the death of her aunt.

Remember: *Carol & Kevin Seckel*, Assisting English Speaking Congregation in Frankfurt Area in Southern Germany Central Conference.

## Recycled Reality

*Life is a series of unpredictable events. You gotta go through them; you can't go around them.*

## Courtney's Corner

I have been thinking about transition a lot lately, as you can imagine. There is so much transition right now in our world! There is transition from life into death and finding ourselves out of that death. Transition from season to season. There is the transition from Palms to death to Resurrection. Transition from pastor to pastor. Transition of moving into new ways to respond to one another. From mourning to celebration and perhaps back and forth between the two. There is newness in baptism as well as closing other chapters.

So where does that leave us all? Well, here we are together. We have been choosing one another. We are left with just us, just community, just this time and place. We are ready to prepare for new things and different stages. We are ready to take on new challenges and say goodbye to those very dear to our hearts.

Barbara Brown Taylor writes a book about a large transition in her life. In her work as an Episcopalian priest she discerns that she no longer is called to be in the parish. Her life then transforms into rediscovering the holy in her moments as a priest out in the world. She has to find where she is in the mix of transition. She writes,

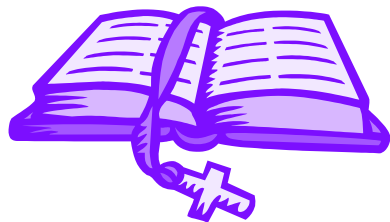
*“A priest is a priest, no matter where she happens to be. Her job is to recognize the holiness in things and hold them up to God. Her job is to speak in ways that help other people recognize the holiness in things too. For twenty years I had done that in churches, surrounded by ecclesiastical furniture, stained glass, and sacred language, and congregational expectations that kept me every mindful of my vocation. Now I was going to try working without a net, in a room that might yet become a sanctuary.”*  
*Leaving Church, a memoir of Faith pg. 204-205.*

We are all called to such a priesthood! We believe that all are ministers along the way and all have a call on our hearts to speak of God and hold up holiness to people. We are all called to see where we can find holiness in everyday things and people.

Here is the challenge as we look to Easter, the Resurrection, newness, and celebration. How will we find holiness in everything? How will we hold that up? How will we lift our voices to make our surroundings a sanctuary? How will we recognize God even though we may be busy in recognizing the changes?

Peace,

Courtney



## Merrimakers



Now that daylight saving time has returned, Merrimakers will return to an evening potluck in April and May. They will meet at **5:30 pm Tuesday, April 13**, in the Martha Room. Hosts are Maggie Rea, 541.752.8490 and Midge & Rich Mueller, 541.752.5400. All are welcome. Call the hosts for information.

## 4-F

4-F fellowship will meet at **7:00 pm, Friday, April 16** at the home of Bob & Luella Henderson, 32091 Fern Road, Philomath, for an evening of fun and games. Activities include table tennis and various table and card games. The last half of the alphabet beginning with **N** are asked to bring finger foods to share. If you are planning to attend, please contact the Hendersons at 541.929.2650 or email them at [mjlubo@msn.com](mailto:mjlubo@msn.com).



## Special Offering

Our April special offering is **Sunday, April 18** for Native American Ministries, which recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. The funds collected allow The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries and create programs on behalf of Native Americans. Money collected also supports seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans.

## Parent Night Out

Parent Night Out is **Friday, April 16, 6:00 pm**. Food provided for the children. \$2.50 per child donation.



**From South Corvallis Food Bank...**

Thank you for your generous donation to the South Corvallis Food Bank. The continued support of the food bank by FUMC members is deeply appreciated. [\$51.09 was given by the Sunday School kids.]

**From Kay Carroll...**

Dear Friends — Thank you so much for your birthday greeting. So many signatures evoked special memories! (~On my birthday I was snowbound but cozy.) Special blessings to you all.

**From Julia Howard...**

Thanks to all the volunteers and donators at the March 15 blood drive. We didn't quite make our goal, but it was nevertheless a good turnout. See you on May 17!

*New Music Series*



**Sunday, April 11 at 2:00 pm** marks the beginning of a new music series in our church, The Amore Chamber Music Series, with Craig Hanson, our organist, and guest performers. It is our goal to have three or four of these concerts a year. And starting in June, monthly third Wednesday noon (12:15 to 12:45) organ concerts will be given by Craig or by guest organists. These concerts will serve as one of our church's outreach efforts for the Corvallis community and as a showcase for our wonderful Noack Tracker Organ. They will be

free of charge.

The first concert in the series, on April 11, highlights the Arias of Johann Sebastian Bach and Georg Friedrich Händel. Also included in the program are solo works for Andy Kolb, cello and Stephen Chong, violin, both of the Eugene Symphony; and Abbe Groh, a young and upcoming Mezzo Soprano soloist from Corvallis. The concert is free, but a \$12 donation will help defray the costs of putting on the concert. Please invite your friends to this new music series. It's important for us to get a large turnout for the opening performance!

Our organist, Craig Hanson, is currently accepting organ and/or piano students. Contact Craig directly at 541.908.4477.

*Maundy Thurs. Seder*

Get ready for an All Church Potluck Supper! Bring the whole family to this wonderful experience of Jesus' last meal with his friends. It was a festive celebration of Passover and we will have all the traditional symbols used by Jesus. It will be a 'family-friendly' time around tables in the Community Center beginning at **5:30 pm, April 1**. Bring anything for the potluck except pork products.

*MAPS*

**Y'ALL COME!!**

ALL are invited to the next MAPs meeting where we'll have the opportunity to hear first hand from members of our Volunteer in Mission Team recently returned from the New Orleans area. Disasters in Chile and Haiti have captured our attention recently. Hurricane Katrina is no longer in the news, yet its destructive effects continue to cause pain to many people there. By building houses and building caring relationships this VIM team and others prove to them that they are not forgotten.

Please come to the Martha Room at **10:30 am Thursday, April 8**, to hear their stories. You are welcome to join us for lunch in the Community Center after the program. Just tell us you are coming to lunch ahead of time so there will be enough food! Contact Judy Jaquith, 541.752.2816 or [gjaquith@aol.com](mailto:gjaquith@aol.com).

*Taizé Prayer*

A Taizé Prayer Service will be at **7:00 on Sunday evening, April 11**, at The Church of the Good Samaritan on the corner of 35<sup>th</sup> & Harrison. This ecumenical service includes meditative singing, short readings and a quiet time for corporate and private prayer. Everyone welcome!



## Spring Speakers at OSU

The Artist Observes the Doctor: Half a Millennium of Scrutiny, **Thursday, April 8, 7:00 pm**, LaSells Stewart Center. A presentation by Dr. Sherwin Nuland, author of *The Soul of Medicine*. Cosponsored with The Horning Endowment in Science and the Humanities, and the OSU office of Student Affairs.

Stories Students Tell: What We Can Learn from Medical Students, **Thursday, May 6, 7:00 pm**, Kearney 112. Felicia Cohn, a professor at University of California-Irvine, will explore the use of narrative in medicine.

Two Sides of Professionalism in Medicine, **Monday, May 10, 7:00 pm**, Kearney 112. Dr. George Agich, a philosophy professor and Clinical Professor of Medicine as a profession that benefits its practitioners and one that benefits its patients.

## Shared Ministries/Apportionments

### Have You Ever Wondered About Shared Ministries/ Apportionments?

What are they? Why are they in our annual budget? How does the Conference decide our fair share? How does the money get spent? What happens if we don't pay some or all of them?

These questions and more will be answered at the next Finance Committee meeting. We will be joined by Rev. Bill Mullette-Bauer, Director of Finance and Stewardship for the Oregon-Idaho Conference. He will be leading a discussion on Shared Ministries/Apportionments. The meeting is open to anyone that is interested. We will also be inviting folks from surrounding Methodist Churches.

Meet us in the Martha Room – B19, **Monday, April 12, 6:30–8:00 pm**.

If you have any questions please contact: Finance Chair Dave Straub at 541.757.2049 or [dave@straub-landscape.com](mailto:dave@straub-landscape.com).

## Living ~ Giving ~ Thriving

This is the theme of a ONE YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN adopted by the Church Council at its last meeting. Did you know that when our current capital campaign ends on May 31, we will have reduced our debt by \$300,000? In addition, we have installed energy efficient windows in the education wing, contributed over \$23,000 to Camp Magruder and are completing plans for lighting the Monroe Street parking lot! The goal of this one year capital pledge drive will be to reduce as much debt as possible. Campaign information will be sent out after Easter and we will have the opportunity to make a new, one year commitment on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

## Financial Numbers

February Income: \$42,179  
February Expenses: \$40,739  
YTD Income: \$78,572  
YTD Expenses: \$84,462

As of the end of February, we are current on all obligations including Shared Ministries.

## April Trivia

**April** Most people know the month of April has 30 days and is the 4<sup>th</sup> month in our calendar year. Many believe it was named after the ancient Greek Goddess Aphrodite. And many religious holidays are celebrated in April: the Christian holiday of Easter usually falls in April, the Jewish holiday of Pesach (Passover) is celebrated in April, April 21 is the first day of Rivdan in the Bahai faith and April 21 is Grounation Day for the Rastafari believers.

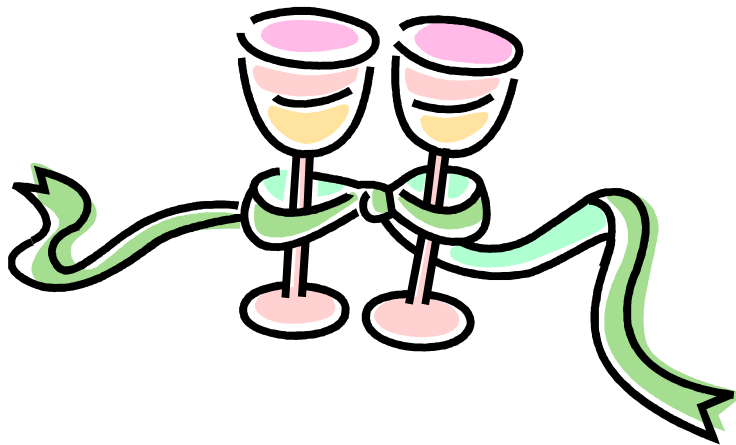
Here are some historical trivia facts about April.

- ❖ It was the second month in the Roman calendar and they called it Aprilis.
- ❖ April 19, 1775 the American Revolutionary War began.
- ❖ April 2, 1792 the first gold prices were fixed by Congress at \$19.39 an ounce.
- ❖ April 3, 1860 the Pony Express began.
- ❖ April 9, 1865 General Robert E. Lee commander of the Confederate Army surrendered to U.S. Grant and the official end of the American Civil War took place.
- ❖ April 30, 1939, television first publicly broadcast, from the Empire State Building.

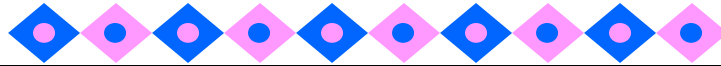
The members of *First United Methodist Church*  
and their friends and families are  
cordially invited to the marriage of  
*Craig Hanson*  
and  
*Liping Ku*  
on *Saturday, May 8, 2010*  
at 3 o'clock in the afternoon  
*First United Methodist Church*  
*Corvallis, Oregon*

*Drinks, dinner, live music and dancing*  
following at the  
*Thompson Shelter in Avery Park*  
*R.S.V.P. Craig: 541.908.4477*  
*pipe\_organist@mac.com*

*Registry at Bed Bath and Beyond and*  
*<http://www.bhphotovideo.com/wl/2213C5BBFC>*

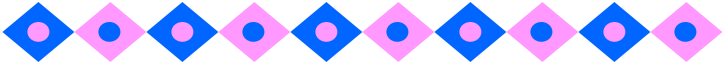


# Youth



## **Youth Every Week:**

Middle School Sunday School, Sundays, 10:40 am, room 219.  
High School Breakfast Club, Sundays, 10:40 am, Community Center.  
Middle & High School Wednesday Rec Night, 7 pm, Community Center.



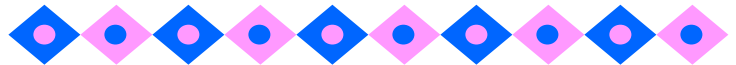
**Middle School Youth** – 3-5 pm. Contact Pastor Courtney with any questions.

**April 4** – NO middle school youth today due to Easter.

**April 11** – Wii and movie night.

**April 18** – NO middle school youth group because of mission trip.

**April 25** – Mystery fun!!!



**Senior High Youth** – 6-8 pm. Contact Pastor Courtney with any questions.

**April 4** – Christianity in Culture. We are going to watch a movie and news clips then discuss the current image of Christianity in our society. **Note time:** 6-7 pm.

**April 11** – In-Town Field Trip. Location TBA. Some possibilities include mini-golf, a hike to Mary's Peak, a group dinner, etc.

**April 18** – Mission Trip Meeting & Bible Study.

**April 25** – Community Outreach Event. We will be teaming up with the senior high youth group from First Congregational United Church of Christ to participate in a community outreach with the Jackson Street Youth Shelter. We will be helping with yard work and landscaping among other things, and free food will be provided! Further details and exact time will be announced on a future date.





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**Sunday Worship:**

9:30 am 6:08 pm

**Office Hours:**

Monday 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00

Tuesday 9:00-4:00

Wednesday 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00

Thursday 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00

Friday 9:00-3:00

Jim Fellers, Pastor

Courtney McHill, Associate Pastor

Tim Stover, Campus Minister

*Nursery Care is available.*

*Church building is accessible.*

**Our Mission**

Our mission is to bring people into a living relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, that we might love the world as God Loves the world.

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