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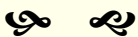
The monthly newsletter of the First United Methodist Church, Corvallis, Oregon.  
"A Reconciling Congregation"

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**CLASS OF**



*We are a Reconciling  
Congregation that welcomes  
everyone into full  
participation in the life of this  
church! Your age, sexual  
orientation, gender identity,  
racial or ethnic background,  
economic situation, marital  
status, and physical or mental  
condition will enrich the  
fabric of our community. We  
accept all people as children  
of God.*



*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.*

## High School

*Dominique Willard-Argyres, Corvallis  
Hannah Rea, Lawrenceburg IN High School  
Regine Peters, Corvallis  
Conner Garrett, Corvallis  
Justine Feist, Corvallis  
Casey Faulconer, Crescent Valley  
Ryan Fast (Garthwait), Gresham High School*

## College

*Max Wilson-Fey, BS Ecological Engineering, OSU  
Ben Stover, Doctor of Physical Therapy,  
Touro University, Nevada  
Aaron Sprunger, BS Industrial Engineering, OSU  
Mark Mueller, BS Fermentation Science, OSU  
Sonja Michelsen, BS Ecological Engineering, OSU  
Dan Lin, BS Computer Science / BS Physics, OSU  
Heidi Graves, BA Nursing, Ozark School of Nursing  
Elizabeth Baker, BS Chemical Engineering, OSU  
Logan Anderson, BS Environmental Science, OSU*

*Celebrating the Class of 2015, **Sunday, June 7**, after morning worship.*

# Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find FUMC's goals in print. I think that the three goals together draw a clear picture of how we might be church in truly meaningful ways. Our church council has done some work recently in revising and clarifying goal #2 – the goal that speaks about providing service to, and doing work with marginalized people in our community.

The question that naturally arises in thinking about this goal is “who exactly are marginalized people?” “Marginalized” is a word that is used frequently now, especially in faith communities, to describe persons who are treated unjustly – who don't have access to the basics of life. This means marginalized persons may be those who need food or shelter and cannot navigate our systems to find their way to the help that is available. Or, it may be those who don't qualify for help they desperately need. Marginalized people can also be those who are discriminated against based on the color of their skin or their sexual orientation. They may be people who need advocates; those with mental illnesses or those for whom language is a barrier or even those who are bullied in their classrooms by peers. People on the margins are people who are falling through the cracks, living on the edge, being left behind. This is how Jesus spent his time – providing direct service to people AND being a catalyst for systemic change.

So, to SERVE marginalized people means we are doing our best to help provide services need in the moment. (EXAMPLE: Providing space and volunteers for the Women's Shelter and preparing meals for Corvallis Family Table.) To work WITH them means we are helping to create change in systems of all kinds that perpetuate the problems we see. (EXAMPLE: Actively lobbying for gay marriage is work that changes systems.) As a congregation, we know how to do both kinds of work. In goal #2 we are committing to keeping our eyes, ears and hearts open so we might respond to marginalized people in fresh ways.

As time allows in future Pastor's Forums on Sunday mornings, we'll talk more about this word “marginalized” and how it may shape our life together. I am looking forward to both the talk and the work!

P.S. I want to express my thanks for the care and concern you have shown regarding my very troubled knee. In recent weeks I have needed to go through the process of trying all available avenues of care before becoming a candidate for knee replacement. The final series of injections did not do the trick so I will be having knee replacement sometime this summer. In the meantime, you will sometimes see me using a crutch (especially on Sunday mornings when I need to walk so much around this great building of ours). Other times, for shorter, level distances, I do fine without it. I'm just trying to keep my knee stable for the next several weeks. I have been through this before with my other knee when I was quite young. (Arthritis runs in my family.) I generally know what to expect, just as many of you do. I will keep you posted as a timeline unfolds.

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## Religion in the News

Pastor Barbara has permission from the Corvallis Gazette Times to organize and manage a pool of writers for the Religion page. Beginning in June, watch the Saturday paper for a column from one of eight faith communities in town. Writers include representatives of Islam, Judaism, Bahai, Christianity (through more than one voice), Latter Day Saints, Buddhism and Unitarian Universalism. Barbara writes the first column which will be in print June 6!

## Town Hall

A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28** in Wesley Hall immediately following worship to discuss Sunday morning worship. Please plan to attend and learn more about our Sunday morning worship and music. The Church Council members will be available to receive feedback and hear your suggestions.

# Pick Your Passion



## Game Night

**Friday, June 5 and Friday, June 19** game nights from **6:00-9:00 pm** in the Martha Room (B19). Bring a favorite board or card game to play. Drop in anytime; bring a snack to share, if you wish. Everyone welcome. Children and youth need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Nielsen at 541.757.0057 or [nielsenrek@comcast.net](mailto:nielsenrek@comcast.net).

## Amore Music Series Production

The next noon-time Amore Music Series Organ Concert is **Wednesday, June 17, 12:15-12:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. Johann Krieger performed by Craig Hanson. Free but donations to support the series appreciated.

## 4F

Members of 4-F and guests are invited to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Oregon Gardens in Silverton on **Friday, June 12**. There are 20 specialty gardens and other features. Tram tours are complimentary with paid admissions and offer a 25-minute narrative, stopping at six points to get on or off to view places of interest.

If you wish a day trip, gather by 10:00 a.m. Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> at the church parking lot by the community center. You can bring a picnic lunch or eat at the Garden Cafe which offers soups, sandwiches, and wraps plus beverages and ice cream.

Admission for adults is \$11 and seniors \$9. If you haven't made reservations already please contact Marilyn Roland at 541.752.5257 or email her at [rolandm2@comcast.net](mailto:rolandm2@comcast.net) by Wednesday, June 10. Five couples are staying at the Garden Resort June 11 and will meet you day trippers around 11:15 a.m. at the entrance to the gardens on June 12. Please join us even if you are not a regular member of 4-F but are interested in this trip.

Co-chairs: Leon and Marilyn Roland, Julian and Sharon Tuck.

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## General Conference, 2016

The Oregon-Idaho Conference is host for General Conference 2016 in Portland, OR. General Conference is the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church and is held once every four years. There will be 864 delegates representing UM conferences from around the world, as well as about 2,000 visitors. The expected need is for about 1,000 volunteers from churches all over the conference. Volunteers register for four hour shifts. It's too early to sign up now but mark your calendars and think about how you, as an OR-ID United Methodist, could help:

- ❖ Pre-conference hospitality partners: provide a long-distance welcome to delegates by email.
- ❖ Greeters: at area hotels, the airport, and convention center.
- ❖ Information booth: answer questions regarding the location of meetings and activities.
- ❖ Registration: delegates and visitors.
- ❖ Lounge support: ensure lounge areas have supplies and are tidy and welcoming.
- ❖ Prayer: support for prayer space and as prayer delegates.
- ❖ Worship support: work behind the scenes to greet worship participants and prepare the rehearsal areas for visiting choirs and music groups.
- ❖ Clerical support: work in a variety of office settings providing clerical and administrative support.
- ❖ Translators in French, Portuguese, and Swahili.

# Burtner Book

Lives of Faith – Biographical Sermons by Robert W. Burtner has now been published. The twelve sermons transcribed, edited, and footnoted by Robert's daughter Shelley include: Johann Sebastian Bach, Martin Buber, Dag Hammarskjöld, Abraham Lincoln, Anna Howard Shaw, and Elie Wiesel.

Cost is \$10. Books are available in the church store or stop by during office hours to buy one.



# Coffee House Concert

Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference  
Salem Convention Center (by Grand Hotel)  
200 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97301

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 7-9 pm.**

Internationally honored song writers, Jim & Jean Strathdee, worship leaders and concert artists – their music offers hope and encouragement with songs of love and justice, healing, and caring for the Earth.

Donations accepted for this and other work of the Oregon-Idaho Reconciling United Methodists, [www.OIRUMs.org](http://www.OIRUMs.org).



# Life Line Screening

Stroke                      Diabetes                      Heart Disease

Early detection is key to prevention. Stroke screening will take place **Wednesday, July 1** here in our community center. Pre-registration is required: 1.888.653.6450 or [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). Information sheets (on pink paper) available at the church office.



*Whether you think you can or think you can't – you are right.*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



*Gerry DeKock*, recovering from eye surgery.  
*Aaron Lewis*, recovering from needed wrist surgery after breaking the wrist.  
*Jen Chen*, who had shoulder surgery May 7.  
*Mary Lou Schubert*, after a spill gave her a gash on her head.  
*Bob & Laurie Lewis & family*, following the death Laurie's dad, Jim Reynolds, on May 3.  
*Family of Vernon Smith*, after his death on April 23 in Tucson.  
*George Brown*, dealing with an infection in his leg.  
*Pat Sorem & family*, after the death of her son, Jeffery, on May 14.  
*Beverly Park*, undergoing chemotherapy.  
*Rich Mueller & family*, following the death of Rich's wife, Midge, on May 20.  
*Mary Alice Jensen & family*, after the death of husband, Harold, on May 21.  
*Joan Collison*, recently diagnosed with a brain tumor.  
Remember: *Evelyn & Teri Erbele*, Missionaries in Ketchikan, Alaska.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 20-24 (Mon.-Fri.), 9am – noon

Age 4 – entering 5th grade

Registration available on church website.

For more information contact Alicia Straub at 541.757.2049 or [alicia124@comcast.net](mailto:alicia124@comcast.net).

# Church Council

The Church Council has voted at the April 25 Council Meeting to approve a change to one of our goals which we hope will improve the focus and intent of our goal.

The new language for goal #2 is now: We will identify needs and provide service to and with marginalized people in our community through active, visible community partnerships or by acting independently. We will also work for justice and social transformation to address root causes of marginalization in our community and world.

The other two goals will remain unchanged and read as follows:

- #1 Most members will be able to share openly and respectfully about our faith/spiritual journeys.
- #3 We will foster personal, spiritual growth and development as followers of Jesus.



## Green Moment

The Green Moment for the month of May concerned trash. Yes, Corinne talked trash in Church! The Natural Step Ministry Team's efforts to assist the Church and it's members includes the following:

1. Researching how much trash we make and finding other options for garbage pickup resulting in a \$40.00 savings per month.
2. Adding larger recycling cans in the Church Library.
3. Working with the Custodians' and Kitchen Stewards' assistance, we are recycling and composting more and using less of the throw away items
4. Encouraging members to recycle and compost by teaching what is recyclable and compostable.
5. Letting the members know about "Waste Audits," they can contact Rachel Snyder at Republic Services (rsnyder2@republicservices.com) to request an audit. Perhaps they too can save money!

Corinne concluded by saying "Now this may seem like a message about saving money, but in actuality it is a message about saving the Earth, about not filling up our landfill, and about being good stewards of our land."

## Financial Numbers



April 2015 General Fund income: \$34,558.86  
April 2015 General Fund expenses: \$40,695.84  
YTD General Fund income: \$141,571.03  
YTD General Fund expenses: \$178,489.47  
YTD General Fund deficit: **(\$36,918.44)**

As you can see from the above figures, our deficit on the General Fund has increased each month to the present <\$36,918.44>. At the same time period in 2014, we had a cumulative deficit of <\$13,644.89>.

Our expenditures for this year are approximating those shown on the budget drawn up in late 2014, however our income is falling short of what was anticipated.

I have also been reviewing the Building Fund Income and Expenditures and find a similar condition. Our required loan payments are exceeding the monthly contributions. We are committed to a minimum payment to the bank of \$3,114.68 per month. (Payments greater than this will shorten the time period of loan and help reduce interest on the loan, allowing us to put the funds to better use for the church). In April, the contributions did NOT meet this minimum.

We will need your help starting in May to get back on track. We do not want to have an emergency request near the end of the year.

John Reed, Business Manager



## Care Packages



Treats needed for OSU Care Packages. Please bring hot cocoa packets, microwave popcorn, wrapped or packaged candies (especially chocolate), post-it notes, and highlighter pens to the office by **Wednesday, June 3, noon.**



# Reach Out and Share the Joy!

Are you a quilter? A knitter? A graphic artist? Master crocheter of fancy flipflops? Do you like to do other crafts? Food artiste? Dancer? Please come and share your joy and play with a neighbor you haven't met yet!

Rather than just providing meals and shelter, we would like also to reach out and share our joy! Sometime this summer, we can open the Community Center to a day of crafting, art making, dancing even, for those folks who are don't have access to equipment or materials to express themselves creatively.

It would be great to have you come and share your skills one-on-one, or with a small group of folks who want to learn. Ideally, you can come up with a project that can be finished in a couple of hours (or at least get a good start). We will have an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.** We'll need all sorts of folks involved – those who want to share their skills, those who are good at procuring (begging) for materials, those who might want to make a simple snack (or teach how to make some great snacks!). And those who want to pick up a new skill from those who find great joy in their favorite craft! We'll also need assistants to help with ironing, cutting, and pinning pieces together.

If you want to help make this happen, please contact Sara Power at [outreach@corvallisfumc.org](mailto:outreach@corvallisfumc.org) or 541.231.6772. Who knows, maybe Pastor Barbara will be giving tap dancing lessons on her new knee!



## OI RUMs' Annual Picnic

**You're Invited!**

It's the Oregon-Idaho Reconciling United Methodists annual picnic, **Saturday, July 25, 11:30 am** at Bush's Pasture Park in Salem. Park at the perimeter of the park and along neighborhood streets. Meet in southwest corner. Our setting is picnic tables under the canopy of oak trees. Bring your favorite picnic food to share and lawn games (if you have them). If you want a chair, please bring one. A hot grill and table service (plates, napkins, flatware) provided.



## Coed Softball

Coed softball games are played on Sundays (unless a make-up game then it could be on a Friday).

May 31	4:20 pm	North Chintimini
June 7	7:00 pm	Porter
June 14	4:40 pm	East Sunset
June 21	7:00 pm	Porter
June 28	8:40 pm	Pioneer
July 12	5:40 pm	North Chintimini
July 19	7:20 pm	West Sunset
July 26	4:20 pm	North Chintimini
Aug 2	4:20 pm	Porter



### ***Nonagenarians***

One who is between the age of 90 and 99, inclusive.  
One who is in his or her tenth decade.

- *Ed Kasperek on being 93 on June 30.*
- *Norma Lachelle turning 92 on June 30.*



## Important Parent Meetings

Pastor Barbara is inviting all parents to come to one of two meetings where we will discuss some exciting possibilities for educating our children and youth this fall, helping them grow spiritually. Your input is needed! Childcare provided if you let Barbara know in advance. Plan on spending about an hour. Meetings are scheduled for:

- ❖ **Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Monday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

# Ministry Team 2015

Here are the current chairpersons and contacts for FUMC ministry teams. If we've missed your team, please contact Kim and we'll get it in the next newsletter. Thanks!

## **Personnel**

Janet Swinyard, co-chair  
Jill Mackey-Feist, co-chair  
Staff: Barbara Nixon

## **Finance**

Mary Ann Sward, co-chair  
Cindy Dahl, co-chair  
Staff: John Reed

## **Facilities**

Terry Bolin, chair  
Staff: Jim Swinyard

## **Congregational Care**

Linda Jewett, chair  
Staff: Barbara Nixon

## **Natural Step**

Marge Stevens, chair  
Sara Power  
Staff: Bev Park  
Barbara Nixon

## **Active for Peace and Justice**

LoErna Simpson, chair  
Staff: Bev Park  
Barbara Nixon

## **Reconciling Ministries**

No standing committee  
Staff: Bev Park  
Barbara Nixon

## **Kitchen Stewards**

Judi French – chair  
Staff: Bev Park  
Barbara Nixon

## **Education**

(no chair)  
Staff: Bev Park  
Barbara Nixon



## A Celebration of Caring for God's Gift of Creation

### A Natural Step Congregation

### Natural Step 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The film "Blue Gold: World Water Wars" was shown to an audience of community and congregation members on April 19 and offered a global look at what many describe as an impending crisis. Wars of the future will be fought over water as they are over oil today, as the source of human survival enters the global marketplace and political arena.

The "Water and Creation Care" event on April 26 explored some of these concerns. "Fifty years from now, our vision is to see, everywhere in our State, ...healthy waters, able to sustain a healthy economy, environment, and cultures & communities," Oregon's Water Policy Group stated in 2010. By August 2012 an Integrated Water Resources Strategy had been adopted for Oregon without waiting for state wide drought, flooding, litigation or other crisis. This strategy departs from traditional water supply planning in that it incorporates water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem considerations.

An introduction to the lofty Strategy was presented as well as opportunities to discover things closer to home, such as how much rain water one can gather in a barrel (.6 of a gallon per inch of rain per square foot of attic space) and how long it takes water to soak into compacted soil. Attendees included about equal numbers of church and community members.

Stay tuned for announcements about events sponsored by the Natural Step Team about Land and Food in the fall.

**Results from May 10 survey:** Out of 15 responses to the trash survey, nine people reported under 5 lbs. of trash per week per person. Six people reported between 5-10 lbs of trash per week per person.

# FUMC Opportunities

## INTERESTED IN BAPTISM OR MEMBERSHIP?

If you would like to learn more about baptism or if you are interested in becoming a member here at FUMC, please contact Pastor Barbara at [revbabs2000@gamil.com](mailto:revbabs2000@gamil.com) or 208.991.8464.

## HOSPITALITY EVENTS COORDINATORS

Have you ever attended a memorial or wedding reception at FUMC? Did you wonder where the food and servers came from? This was all the work of our Hospitality Team. We are looking for a new teams members—people who could set-up, serve, and clean-up. This is an on-call duty, but provide so much to the families of these recipients. Please contact Beverly I. Park at [congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org](mailto:congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org).

## LIKE TO BAKE?

The FUMC hospitality coordinators are looking for people who would be willing to bake cookies, as needed, for Memorial Services. Please contact Beverly I. Park at [congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org](mailto:congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org).

## SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

These classes are valuable in educating our volunteers in the Safe Sanctuary policies of our church. Additionally, it educates our volunteers in ways to ensure the safety of the vulnerable populations with whom they interact, as well as, measures for a safe and positive experience for our volunteers.

To review the FUMC policy, please visit: <http://corvallisfumc.org/content/safe-sanctuary-policy>.

Date: **Sunday, June 28, 10:30-12:30**, Wesley Hall, childcare available.

## ALL CHURCH BBQ

Save the Date! **Sunday, July 12** following worship.

## RENEW WEDDING VOWS

You are cordially invited to renew your wedding vows **Saturday, August 8** in the sanctuary.

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## Volunteers Needed for Stone Soup

Stone Soup is a non-profit, all-volunteer program providing a full hot meal each day at either St. Mary's or First Christian Church to any person in need. All are welcome to come and eat. No identification or qualification is required.

United Campus Ministry at Westminster House prepares and serves the Tuesday meal during the school year. During the summer and end-of-quarter breaks, local churches fill in for UCM. Our turn is the second Tuesday. This summer our dates are **June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8**.

On each of our days, we split the volunteer work into three shifts: 3:00-5:00 pm – Meal Preparation; 4:30-6:30 pm – Dining Room Set-up and Meal Service; 5:30-7:30 pm – Clean-up. Mary Ann Sward is our menu planner and supervisor.

In the past over 40 UCM volunteers have assisted at Stone Soup. They will be contacted by e-mail about volunteering their time this year. We invite others to participate in this rewarding service. Sign up on the Sunday Bulletin Opportunities sheet or e-mail Rich Mueller at [midge\\_rich@q.com](mailto:midge_rich@q.com).





# Youth Activities



## Recurring Events:

Homework club	grades 4-12	Tuesdays, 5:00-5:30 pm, room 119 *
Middle School Sunday Un-School	grades 6-8	Sundays, 10:30-noon, room 118
Middle school youth AND High school youth	grades 6-12	Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm (8pm on Building Better Moms night), room 218/219 *

\* Last recurring youth events before summer break, June 9.

## Special Offering Sunday, June 28



### We Care

We Care provides one-time financial assistance to residents of Benton County in emergency situations when no other help is available from public or private sources and it appears that recipients will be able to manage successfully after a single assist.

We Care's five-member volunteer board meets weekly to distribute funds. Requests are brought to it by Community Services Consortium (CSC). The board does not meet the persons seeking assistance and requests are kept confidential. When assistance is granted, checks are made payable to the provider and not the applicant. We fund up to \$400 dollars per applicant requests. Our \$400 dollar limit is set because we have limited funding and want to help the most people we can.

CSC staff spend approximately 15 hours a week taking requests and screening applicants. They check the validity of the request and assist applicants to access other available programs. This collaboration assures Faith communities that their financial gifts are properly utilized.

## Health Kits

UMCOR is in urgent need of health kit supplies. Any supplies we can collect between now and **noon, June 10** will be taken to annual conference. Please bring the following to church on the next two Sundays or to the office by the June 10 deadline:

- Hand Towels: 15 x 25" to 17 x 27". Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber **NOT** acceptable.
- Wash Cloths.
- Combs: sturdy, longer than 6". **NO** pocket combs or picks. Rattail combs and combs without handles acceptable with a minimum of 6" of teeth.
- Metal Nail Files: **NO** emery boards.
- Nail Clippers.
- Bath Size Soap: 3 oz. & larger. **NO** Ivory or Jergens due to moisture content.
- Toothbrushes: Adult size only.
- Band-aids: 3/4 to 1" common household band-aids. **DO NOT** remove from original packaging.
- Gallon Size Zip-Lock Bags: **ONLY** sealable bags.



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**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 am

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday:

9:00-4:00; closed noon-1:00

Friday:

9:00-noon

Barbara Nixon, 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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**Newsletter Deadline:**

**June 15, 2015  
for the July  
Newsletter.**