



The Corvallis United Methodist

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Youth Mission Trip 2017



**Sierra Service Project
Spokane Indian Reservation**



**9 Youth
3 Adults**



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.

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.

Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

Those of us who were able to attend Leslie Chartier's ordination in our sanctuary on July 16 had, what I think we all would call, an extraordinary experience.

First of all, we got to witness and share in Leslie's ordination into ministry in the Universal Unitarian (UU) Fellowship. After spending eighteen months with Leslie in our care as a student intern, we felt such joy in this service that marked the completion of long personal journey. I think we all felt like proud and trusted friends to have been a part of how she got there.

And how fabulous it was that Leslie wanted her ordination to happen in our sanctuary. By choosing this, she expressed a deep sense of connection and appreciation for her time here. She let us know we mattered! It was fun to host our UU neighbors who turned out in great numbers for this happy time.

For many among us, Leslie's ordination was the first time to witness this kind of initiation into ministry. As United Methodists, all of our clergy ordinations happen, in a very similar ceremony, but always done at Annual Conference. Whomever has been approved for ordination through our own lengthy process is ordained before the whole gathered assembly from all around Oregon/Idaho. So to see how an "ordinand" makes promises, receives blessings and gifts – to hear a special sermon designed for the occasion as well as a personal "charge" to the new pastor – this was new to many and a treat for us all.

Leslie planned a seamless service that honored her UU tradition and our Christian perspective as well. So, the Chalice Candle from the UU Fellowship was lit side by side with our Christ Candle. We sang from "The Faith We Sing" and we sang UU songs as well. A wonderful combined choir sang the "Jesu Joy of Our Desiring" using only the verses that all of us could embrace. There were greetings and speaking from members of both faith communities and our respective denominations. The offering was to be divided equally between the UU building fund and our main floor new bathroom fund. The sanctuary was filled by people from both congregations. We laughed and sang and listened and enjoyed it all ESPECIALLY because we were all together! The fellowship before and after the service made this obvious.

Rev. Jill McAllister from the UU Fellowship took a moment to remind all of us what wonderful and important work it was and is for our congregations to raise up leaders. With our congregations being like-minded about matters of social justice, we could be nurturing MORE faith leaders who can extend the work and influence of what we care about. I think we all appreciated hearing this, especially in the midst of seeing our friend Leslie launched into a life of ministry. It was inspiring.

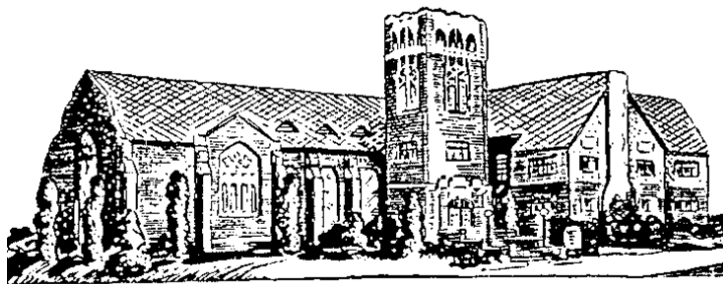
Leslie closed the service by urging all of us to pay attention when something – even a little thing - tugs on hearts, possibly calling us to action. Don't ignore these inklings. I would echo this sentiment from the wise words of the newly ordained Rev. Leslie Sonoma Chartier.

Finally, there was cake. I got a corner piece.

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Pick Your Passion



Game Night

Friday, August 4 and 18 game night from **6:00-9:30 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.

Amore Music Series Production

The next noon-time Amore Music Series Organ Concert is **Wednesday, August 16, 12:15-12:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. Girolamo Frescobaldi Organ works performed by Craig Hanson. Free but donations to support the series are appreciated.

Interfaith Peace Walk

An annual interfaith peace walk sponsored by Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Order from Bainbridge Island, Washington (along with many other groups) is beginning their walk this year right here in Corvallis.

They will be arriving at 5:00 pm on July 30 and staying overnight in our community center on Sunday and Monday night. On Monday, the interfaith peace group will walk to the OSU campus in the morning to be part of a class; then in the afternoon walking to the campus cultural centers; then later to nearby houses of worship to share prayers. Following this they will walk to the Benton County Courthouse to attend the regular peace vigil at 5:00 pm and then walk to the Corvallis Multicultural Center for a short program before heading to Central Park for a community wide potluck, about 6:30 pm.

On **Sunday evening, July 30 at 6:00 pm**, we will host a potluck in the community center to greet and show hospitality to the peace walkers. The local organizers and all church members are invited to join us for this meal.

Anyone who would like to join them for any part or all of the day to walk with them is welcomed. Please contact me if you would like more details – Valerie White valeriejwhite@comcast.net or 541.738.8275.

Facebook link to the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1469835543091875/>

Congratulations

Tim Stover was presented the Francis Asbury Award General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. This annual award is supported by the Division of Higher Education at GBHEM and is one of the ways the agency continually strives to enable and resource leadership within the church. This award recognizes and encourages support of higher education and campus ministries within The United Methodist Church.

To learn more about the award: <http://www.pnwumc.org/news/2017-francis-asbury-award-recipients-named/>



Come cheer on our coed softball team and enjoy a Sunday afternoon at the park. Games are played on Sundays. Last game of the regular season:

Aug. 6

4:40 pm

Pioneer

Childcare at FUMC

Childcare At FUMC – Nurture and Outreach

At FUMC, we see childcare is a vital ministry of the church.

Care is taken to provide childcare for all church related functions, at no charge. To arrange childcare for a church function, contact Childcare Coordinator, Justine Feist, at justine.feist@gmail.com. Please give at least three days prior notice. Registration forms are required for each child. Beepers are given to adults when they sign the child in.

Childcare is also an outreach program. It is currently being offered to the families attending the Voz Hispana accelerated pathway to citizenship class. If you would like to fund this outreach program please make checks payable to FUMC with Childcare Outreach in the memo line.

Stone Soup

Stone Soup is a non-profit, all volunteer program in Corvallis providing a full meal each day to any person in need. More than 37,000 meals are served each year.



During the summer months, June through September, we prepare and serve the Stone Soup dinner meal at First Christian Church on the second Tuesdays: 8/8, and 9/12. You can assist at meal preparation (3:00-5:00 pm), dining room set-up and meal service (4:30-6:30 pm), or clean-up (5:30-7:30 pm). Choose date preference(s), and shift preference by means of the Opportunities section of the Sunday worship bulletin or by email sent to (midge_rich@q.com).

Rich Mueller

Ecumenical Worship

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 3** for the Annual Ecumenical Worship Service in the Park. Six neighboring churches combine for this great time of worship and fellowship. Watch for the opportunities to sign up as greeter, ushers, communion server or cookie baker!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Family of Victor Amoth, after his death in early July.

Joan Gathercoal, diagnosed with throat cancer.

Family of Cal Bream, after his death on July 9.

Emery Castle, after spending a couple days in the hospital.

Family of Betty Wallace, following her death on July 22.

Doug Faulconer, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

Remember: *Jorge Rodriguez Flores*, National Plan for Hispanic Ministries, United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer

Kid Connection Schedule

August 6: Soil

August 13: Rocks

August 20: Garden (popcorn)

August 27: Renewable



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

- *Double trouble with both Doug Faulconer and Marjorie Thornburgh turning 95 on August 20.*



Muffins and Ministry Madness

Muffins and Ministry Madness Sunday (Sept. 10)– Ministry Teams – this is your chance to promote what your group does. Team leaders please contact Beverly at congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org to reserve presentation space.

OSU Move In Volunteers

Save the date—**Sunday, September 17, 1:00-5:00 pm**. RSVP to Beverly Park: congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org.

Friends and Family CPR

Our congregation is invited with staff in taking the Friends and Family CPR class. This is a non-certifying course intended for people who want to learn CPR, but do not need a certificate of completion. Community groups, new parents, grandparents, and babysitters who are looking to learn CPR would benefit most from this course. Students will learn hands only CPR for adults, CPR with breaths, and AED usage for adults, children, and infants, as well as recognizing and helping a person who is choking (child and infant portions are optional in this course). There is no written or skills testing in this class and it takes about 1.5 hours to complete with all training modules. Cost: \$1.65 per person. **Thursday, August 17, 10:00-11:30 am**.

Conversations Across the Divide

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 28 (9:00 am to 2:00 pm)** for an opportunity to learn (and practice) how to have compassionate, respectful, and productive conversations with those folks you disagree with. These skills can be useful for extended family gatherings (like Thanksgiving dinner!), interactions with neighbors or co-workers, or discussions with anyone with whom you may disagree. The workshop will be facilitated by Tim Stover, Elizabeth Nielsen, and others and is sponsored by the Make Peace Faith in Action Team. Watch for more details in September!



We Care

August 20

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.
- It appears that recipients will be able to manage successfully after a single assist.

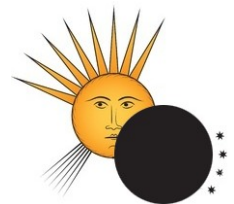
Assistance checks are made out directly to the service agent and not to the applicant.

We Care is supported by 20 faith communities, plus individuals, businesses, and grants.

Eclipse

Due to expected traffic concerns during the eclipse, we have decided to close the office and church on **Monday,**

August 21. However, we will need volunteers to staff the parking lots during the weekend of August 19-20 to make sure groups that use our facilities during that time will be able to park in our lots or when we have no events, open our lots and charge for parking (like we do for football games). Sign up on Opportunities to help.



*Don't let anything or anyone block
your shine!*

Financial Matters

June 2017 General Fund Income: \$33,043.86
June 2017 General Fund Expenses: \$45,143.91
YTD General Fund Income: \$243,246.15
YTD General Fund Expenditure: \$271,484.67
YTD Deficit: **(\$28,278.52)**

June 2017 resulted in our expenditures exceeding our income by \$12,100.05 (a deficit) for the month. This gives us a Year to Date (YTD) deficit of \$28,278.52.

At this time, it looks that our expenditures for the year will be about \$560,000.00

Looking at the income side of the budget, my forecast was for \$540,900.00. Using the first half of the year to project the total year, the General Fund Income looks to be about \$525,000.00.

This will mean a potential deficit of around \$31,000.00.

I would ask all members of this church to look closely at their own personal finances, and if at all possible, please increase your contribution to see if we can remedy this situation.

John Reed, Business Manager

Due to the generosity of those attending the 4F picnic, \$795 was collected and will be donated to the South Corvallis Food Bank.

August

Fun Fact: On August 20, 1911 the first telegram is sent around the world in just 16.5 minutes travelling more than 28,000 miles. Today's email can travel 93,000 miles a second.

Faith In Action Teams

Alternatives to Violence Team

The Alternatives to Violence Faith in Action Team has a new name: **Make Peace**.

We think this name more accurately reflects the work of our team to offer opportunities for individuals in our congregation (and the community) to make peace for and within themselves, in their relationships with others, and in our community and the world. It is by making peace that we address the root causes of violence and bring forth a less violent world.

Watch the monthly newsletter, weekly e-mails news, and Sunday bulletin insert for ways in which you can participate in making peace!

To learn more about the Make Peace team, please contact Elizabeth Nielsen (nielsenrek@comcast.net).

Lunch at Panera

Sunday, August 27, noon

If you are new to First United Methodist Church and would like to meet a few other new people, please join Pastor Barbara for lunch (her treat) at Panera. No big agenda – just a time to get acquainted and get questions answered. Let her know if you'd like to be there, revbabs2000@gmail.com.

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All Comers Pickup Choir Date:  
August 20  
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Join Us for Game Night!

Do you like to play table-top board or card games? Or maybe you are looking for a fun group of people to hang out with on Friday nights? Game Night at FUMC Corvallis is just what you need!

Game Night happens on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month (year-round). In August, Game Night will be on August 4 and August 18. During August, Game Night will begin at 6:30 pm and wrap up at 9:30 pm. You can drop-in anytime; new games start throughout the evening.

We play a variety of table-top board and card games that are easy to learn and fun for all. You are invited to bring a favorite board or card game that you would like to play. Or, if you just want to hang out and chat, we'd love to have you join us!

Regulars include college students, single adults, couples, and families of all ages and stages. Usually there are between 10 and 20 folks present ranging in age from 9 to 90. Everyone is welcome. Children and youth need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

We share munchies and finger foods at our snack table – fruits and veggies, cookies, popcorn, dips and chips, nuts, cheese and crackers, and other tasty treats. We even have a full-blown potluck dinner occasionally! In an effort to be gentle to our planet, we try to use washable cups, glasses, plates, and other utensils whenever possible.

Game Night happens in the Martha Room (room B19 on the ground floor) – where it's always cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Please join us! For more information or to be added to the e-mail list for reminders, please contact Elizabeth Nielsen at nielsenrek@comcast.net.



It's fun to help too! Here are some ways to help:

Ticket Sales	Decorations	Talent Show	Pumpkin Donations and Carving
Fun-auction	Dessert Dash Donations	Food Prep	Clean-up

Please contact Beverly at congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org to coordinate, volunteer, or donate.

Join the Food Outreach Team

FUMC has a very active food outreach ministry as well as nurturing ourselves both nutritionally and in fellowship at suppers and coffee hour. We are recruiting for specific and on-going events such as Jammin' for the Hungry, Corvallis Family Table, Tuesday suppers during the school year, Stone Soup, receptions for various purposes, and special food production work parties such as cookie baking for receptions, processing gleaned fruit for freezing and later use.

The general job descriptions below break out the work needed for most of our kitchen work. Contact Mary Ann Sward or Sara Power if you have interest in any of these jobs.

Consider what might work for you: one-time commitment or on-going activities (we can accommodate your availability) Especially helpful are folks who are willing to be "on call" for last minute emergencies. We ask that you wear shoes or sandals, not flip-flops, and have a bandana or other means of keeping your hair contained. We suggest that you lock purses and other personal items that you cannot carry in a pocket in your car and out of sight.

Note: Commercial kitchens are loud, potentially dangerous places, so we cannot accommodate individuals less than middle-school age in the Community Center kitchen or under 16 in the Stone Soup kitchen (rule set by that organization). We do invite younger folks to participate in separately scheduled cookie baking sessions and gleaned fruit processing sessions *if, they are accompanied one-to-one by an adult who is present for their entire work shift*. This requirement is to assure that everyone in the kitchen is safe and children have good and fun experiences in our kitchen.

Job Descriptions

Head Cook and Supervisor

Plays lead role in determining menu working with Sara Power, Mary Ann Sward, and/or Rich Mueller to recruit for a particular session or event; on-the-job training as needed for team members; supervises work in kitchen as well as set-up, clean-up, transport of food (Stone Soup & Corvallis Family Table), and is in charge of leftover dispersal or storage. Current Food Handler's Card required.

Set-up Team

Set up tables and chairs at FUMC-based food events, arrange beverage serving areas and serving tables, start coffee and hot water, set out and set up cleaning supplies for clean-up crew. Stone Soup set-up also involves wrapping flatware in paper napkins and counting out plates.

Clean-up Team

Wipe down salt, pepper, and condiment containers; disinfect tables; put away beverage station components, put away tables and chairs; spot clean floor. Stone Soup clean-up also involves moving compost and trash out to street containers; vacuuming serving room floor, and mopping kitchen floor.

Coffee Set-up, Brewing, Clean-up

Specific tasks vary. Separate crew for Sunday mornings set-up and serving/clean-up.

Kitchen Prep Team

Specific tasks vary depending on menu, but generally include:

Fruit and/or vegetable preparation

Clean produce, chop, or dice per directions.

Dedicated Food Processor Operator

Run items through food processor per directions. This person must be highly focused and trained in operation of food processor before assigned to task.

Mixing and Baking

Not always a part of every meal, but most frequently involves baking packaged cake mixes, preparing fruit cobbler, baking cookies, assisting with large efforts such as baking biscuits or pies.

Stove Top Tasks

Brown meat, sauté onions or other veggies, track progress of pots of soup or beans, etc.

Serving Table Set-Up and/or Replenishing

Arrange trivets and serving utensils for menu items, assist in moving food from kitchen to serving table, keep an eye on consumption and restock food as needed.

Dishwashers and Sanitizers

Hand wash knives and non-stick equipment, set up sanitizer bucket for kitchen and refresh as needed, put used laundry in washer at end of event, run sanitizer and shut down following use, put away clean items.

Transportation

Food transportation from FUMC to Stone Soup and Family Table

Locations

Requires fairly roomy vehicle with considerable trunk or rear area capacity that is flat. Help load and unload vehicle, must be able to lift 30 pounds.

Transport non-driving volunteers

Occasionally have volunteers who need transport, arranged in advance of day(s) of volunteering.

Griddle Cleaning

Griddle in Community Center kitchen requires a very specific cleaning process after each use. Not particularly difficult, but must be done following exact directions while griddle is still hot. Volunteer needs upper body strength with ability to work in a heated environment, and be at least 5'4" tall (taller is better) to reach back of griddle without leaning on heated area. This volunteer will be scheduled before a "Breakfast for Dinner" pancake Tuesday Supper is scheduled. Task starts 20 minutes following last use of griddle, so volunteer has plenty of time to eat before tackling this task. Takes about an hour from start to finish.

Youth Activities



Middle School and High School

Sunday morning programs (Building Leaders Today), 10:30-11:30.

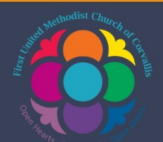
Pop-up fruit gleaning events – date and times TBA as fruit ripens.



We, the youth of Corvallis First United Methodist Church, would like you to know that YOU are welcome and we would enjoy your company regardless of who you are, where you come from, gender, color of your skin, sexual orientation, and we accept you where you are in your journey of Faith.

YOUTH—OPEN REC NIGHTS TUESDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM

First United Methodist Church
Community Center @ Jackson St. & 11th St.
Middle School-High School Youth
Emergency consent forms available at the door.
More information contact Scottie @youth.director@corvallisfumc.org



OPEN STREETS CORVALLIS

Sunday, August 20 12 pm to 4 pm

Find out more: www.openstreetscorvallis.org

OPEN STREETS IS A FREE STREET FESTIVAL THAT ENCOURAGES THE COMMUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AND CREATE SPACES WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO WALK, BIKE, AND PLAY.

Imagine our city streets as active community spaces in a fun, car-free environment.

Open Streets is a joint project of Corvallis Bicycle Collective and City of Corvallis Active Transportation Program.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT PROJECTS@corvallisbikes.org



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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday:

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

Barbara Nixon, Pastor

Tim Stover, Campus Minister

Leslie Chartier, Student Intern

Bob Lewis, Lay Leader

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:
August 21, 2017
for the September Newsletter.