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• To hear Barbara recite from the Book Of Discipline

. What is your talent????

Contact Beverly Park at ngregational.life@corvallisfumc.o The dessert dash involves each table combining their bids to claim one of the delicious desserts available at the event. The table with the largest bid gets first chance at dashing to the dessert table and picking the dessert of their choice! To get your chance at the most delectable, scrump tious dessert, simply complete the dessert dash card on your table! Be careful though... you'll need bid high to be the first table called and be fast to get your favorite dessert because the next winning table number will be called quickly... thus, the DASH part of the Dessert Dash!

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.

Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

Sometimes we do not realize all that it takes to keep thriving – doing what we do and offering what we can – inside our church and out in the community. Recently, a couple of dedicated lay people and several of our youth painted the nursery. Stop by and take a peek. It looks great and represents many hours and several hands! We were a strong presence at Open Streets the day before the eclipse with volunteers from church blessings bikes and sharing information about unusual recyclables. Right now it's power-washing our walks and buildings. Things like this happen all the time around here, inside and outside our walls.

This fall, if you are serious about our tenets – our shared understanding of what it means to follow Jesus – I am hoping you will prayerfully jump into ways to engage life through your heart, your mind and your actions. I share very candidly with you that some of what we offer now, or hope to offer through our church, could use more support from those of you who feel an affinity for certain kinds of ministry.

For instance, if we want to schedule any more fellowship or service events that involve food, we need a few more capable kitchen stewards. A kitchen steward is someone who is trained to supervise others in any of our kitchen spaces. No steward is expected to be responsible for an endless stream of events. In order to spread out this important work, more of you, who love to cook and are comfortable doing some supervision, are absolutely needed! (Contact Sara Power at outreach@corvallisfumc.org for information and training.)

If you enjoy working with children, Joyful Path, our Tuesday evening education hour, from 6:30-7:30, could use teachers and helpers on a rotating basis to engage our kids with a great curriculum. It teaches our progressive faith perspective through stories about Jesus and other wisdom sources. Perhaps you would like to be part of this team once a month. That small commitment would be immensely helpful to the continuity of this ministry.

A new program, Messy Church, is a once-a-month Saturday afternoon intergenerational experience of church – for kids with their parents or grandparents or neighbors. If you are crafty, or love to talk with children and adults, or you'd like to help make a simple meal happen, you are needed! Messy Church is space that serves as an outreach to kids and families who don't normally come to church. (For Joyful Path or Messy Church, contact Bev Park at congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org)

Many hands make light work when we have fun events like the Fall Feast Fundraiser on September 29. In hopes of closing the gap between our expected expenses and our income, this event needs several people to volunteer a little time in any number of ways. Again, you could contact Bev Park if you'd like to help.

Also coming this fall is a little shift in how we approach the financial health of our church. Don't be surprised by little stories and nuggets of information about who we are and what it takes to be church, being highlighted from mid-September through October.

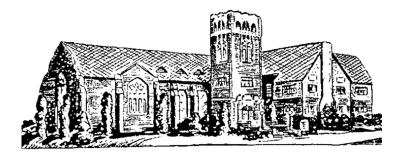
Where and how will you be church this fall? You are needed.

email: revbabs2000@gmail.com \sim phone: 208.991.8464



Annual Ecumenical Worship Service in Central Park **Sunday, Sept. 3, 10:00 am**. Six neighboring churches combine for this great time of worship and fellowship. **Note:** *That means no service that day at FUMC. The church will be closed.*





Game Night

Friday, September 1 and 15 game night from **6:30-9:30 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**, **September 20**, **12:15-12:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. Music of J.S. Bach's sons performed by Craig Hanson. Free but donations to support the series are appreciated.

Memorials

Patty McClintock

Memorial and reception Saturday, September 16, 2:00 pm sanctuary.

Gene & Norma Craven

Reception only for Gene and Norma Craven **Saturday, September 23, 2:00 pm** Martha room.

Interfaith Potluck

Let us create and strengthen friendships between our congregations. Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world.

Sunday, October 15, 2017, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, 2945 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis. Invite your friends, vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences. Bring labels to indicate gluten- or dairy-free, if possible. If it's easy bring your own plate/cup/silverware – some items available as well as paper plates if needed. For more information contact UUFC office: 541.752.5218.

Special Offering

Pastoral Counseling Center

September 10

The Pastoral Counseling Center will be the recipient of our September 10 special offering. We are one of twenty Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon congregations whose support the Pastoral Counseling Center depends upon to provide its important counseling services. Many of the people requesting counseling are unable to pay the full cost of the services and need our assistance. Your contributions are needed and appreciated.



From FUMC...

Thanks to the many who hosted the Voz Hispana citizenship classes this summer, including Elizabeth Nielsen, Marge Stevens, Karen Bloom, Virginia Brittsan, Valerie White, Sara Power, Annie Smith, Marian Veley, and Mary Shultz.

New United Campus Ministry Director

Just in time for the new school year United Campus Ministry at Westminster House is pleased to announce and welcome our new Director/Campus Minister, the Rev. Rob Kirby. Rob and his family are safely settled in Corvallis



(many thanks for move-in help this

past week) following a move from Billings, Montana where Rob has served for the past several years as Director/Campus Minister for United Campus Ministry at Montana State University/Billings. Prior to that Rob served as Associate Director and Campus Minister for the Wesley Foundation at University of Illinois. He brings with him a wealth of experience and integrity with campus ministry that has been reflected through his leadership at the national level. We are very excited for the sharing of his gifts in ministry among us.

We are hosting an informal welcome event for Rob and his family **Sunday**, **September 10**, **3:00-5:00 pm** at Westminster House. Please join us as you are able (and please RSVP to osuwestm@gmail.com). Please remember that metered parking on Monroe is free on Sundays as is parking in the OSU lots across Monroe Street. You may also send a personal greeting to Rob at rob.kirby.osu@gmail.com.



- *Family of Norma Craven*, following her death on August 10.
- Andrew Fernandez, after an accident with a tree swing broke his arm.
- *Madeline Fernandez*, with bumps and bruises from the same accident with a tree swing.
- Remember: Gordon & Teca Greathouse, Missionaries in Residence, General Board of Global Ministries



Fun-raiser



Pumpkins

Several designs

Seeking Fun Experiential Donations:

- Athletic Event Tickets
- Musical Event Tickets
- Dinner Parties
- Wine Tours
- Vacation Rentals
- Be Creative

Funds go to support the church general budget

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

Ticket Sales~Pumpkin Donations and Carving~

Dessert Dash Donations~Decorations~ Talent Show~Fun-auction~Food Prep~Clean Up To coordinate, volunteer, or donate please contact Beverly at congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org



Finding Voice

Part 1

Saturday, September 9, 9:00 am-noon

talk about what you believe without using

church words but, with this safe and light-hearted approach, you can explore ideas – let go of some notions as others seem to make sense and hold fast to some beliefs that stand up firmly when challenged. And, when you find your own words, it becomes easier to tell others what you know. Try this - you really might like it! (Questions? Ask Pastor Barbara.)

Fabric & Crafts Materials Sale

The Final Fabric and Crafts Materials Sale will be held on September 22 & 23. Sara will need some help sorting and marking fabric on Thursday, September 21 and Friday morning, September 22. We also need some cashiers to collect money the day of the sale. We are trying to focus on quilting fabrics & tools, so phone Sara if you have any to donate (541.231.6772). Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Jammin' for the Hungry, Corvallis Family Table, and Room at the Inn for kitchen equipment and supplies that they all share.

Room at the Inn

- On Saturday, September 30, we need your help moving the shelter back to the Community Center. We will move stuff back, put beds together, make beds, sort out and organize supplies, make an inventory of what we need. You can sign up online at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944afa92fa02-2014 or you can sign up via the opportunities in the bulletin, or you can just show up!!
- Looking ahead... Room at the Inn opens on November 1. Volunteer training is on Saturday, October 21. Please sign up online or through the opportunities in the bulletin.

Corvallis Family Table

Volunteers needed to bake and cook and serve. The sign up link is http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4aa5af2ca31volunteer1 or you can sign up via the opportunities in the bulletin. We bake on Wednesday morning, September 27, 9:00 am-noon, and prepare the main entrée on Thursday, September 28, noon-3:30 pm. We transport and serve the meal at the Tunison Center from 4:00–5:30 pm. If the sign up is full, come help anyway. Our kitchen lead this month is Ann Weinstein, former owner of New Morning Bakery, and she has a lot to teach anyone who likes to cook.

Conversations Across the Divide

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 28 (9:00 am - 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. Sponsored by the Make Peace Faith in Action Team. Watch for more details in weekly email news. For more information please contact Elizabeth directly at 541.231.7944 or nielsenrek@comcast.net.

For more information about signupgenious, see page 10.

WHAT IS MESSY CHURCH?

- children to enjoy together - every element is designed to be relevant and
- activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together.
- Messy Church is about hospitality. We conclude



Theme: journey as told in the book of Acts

> Meal: Progressive **Dinner Station**

When: Saturday, September 9, 4:00-6:00 pm

Where: FUMC 1165 NW Monroe Martha Room



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Young — Old — Big — Small

Blessing of the Animals, also known as World Animal Day, was started as a Catholic feast to commemorate St. Francis, the Patron Saint of animals and the environment. It has grown to become a time when animal lovers and their pets can be recognized for having a genuine relationship and loyalty. Rev. Barbara will welcome animals Sunday, October 1, 1:00-2:00 pm and their owners on the front steps. Larger animals can be brought to the Monroe street parking lot. There will be a variety of animals. Thank you in advance for using good judgment in how your animal might need to be restrained/contained to ensure a safe environment for all.



Financial Matters

July 2017 General Fund Income: \$75,251.52 July 2017 General Fund Expenses: \$44,120.78 YTD General Fund Income: \$317,947.67 YTD General Fund Expenditure: \$315,605.45 YTD Surplus: \$2,342.22

In the last Newsletter, I reported that as of June 30, 2017, we had a deficit of **(\$28,275.52)**. I also noted that my forecast for calendar year 2017 showed that we would have a **deficit** of about (\$31,000) by December 31, 2017. I based this forecast on the income received as of that date, plus a one-time receipt from the Foundation of around \$33,500. I expected to see the Foundation monies sometime in July.

We received the Foundation money in July, taking us from the above noted deficit, to a **momentary** surplus. The total income from the Foundation was \$33,500. This meant that at the end of July, we are showing a surplus of \$2,342.22.

In the last newsletter I asked members of this church to look closely at their finances and if possible, to increase their contributions to help with this deficit. Pastor Barbara made a similar request in a letter a short while later.

A number of very generous persons have come forward and made additional contributions towards reducing the deficit, for which I thank you very much.

At time of this writing, the additional donations total \$9,125. Based on these additional receipts, I would now amend my forecast to show a **deficit** for 2017 of about **(\$22,000)**. We still need help to reduce the deficit further.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to those generous persons who have helped, or are about to help with the deficit.

John Reed, Business Manager

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Scientists tried to find out where the sun went at night, then it dawned on them.

Faith In Action Teams

Environmental Care

Remember that sense of excitement you experienced as a child at the prospect of "going on a field trip"?! Well, the Environmental Care Team is offering you an opportunity to "relive those thrilling days of yesteryear"!

On **Saturday, Sept. 16**, the young and the youngat-heart will gather in the north parking area for a short trip to Talking Water Gardens in Albany. We will leave at **9:00 am** and return by noon.

Talking Water Gardens is an engineered water treatment wetland that reduces the water temperature before the water is returned to the Willamette River. Hundreds of native plant species have been planted in the gardens to provide habitat for over 100 species of birds and waterfowl as well as many small mammals.

We will be walking about 0.5 miles on a hardened trail. The trip will be led by Ron Leonard, a relatively new member at FUMC with 5 years of experience guiding in the West Eugene wetlands.

Bring clothing appropriate to the weather, comfortable walking shoes, sun screen, water bottle, and curiosity!

Media Opt-Out

In this digital age, FUMC takes many pictures of baptisms, worship services, special events, activities, Sunday school, youth groups, etc. Participation in church activities implies permission for publication of any media recorded, unless a signed "Media Images Opt-Out Form" is on file.

Media Images Opt-Out Forms must be renewed each year. Forms are available in the church office or Sunday mornings from Beverly Park.

Member Contributes Perpetual Funding to FUMC

Rhonda Mast, who many of you know and who passed away in February, continues to provide funding to First United Methodist Church of Corvallis – and will provide it in perpetuity. She provides this funding through a gift to our foundation – the Corvallis United Methodist Foundation (CUMF). She arranged for this gift of more than \$10,000 by naming CUMF as one of the beneficiaries of an IRA. The CUMF Board is very appreciative of Rhonda's, and her family's, gift, as well as those of others, whose generosity and foresight has created an endowment that annually provides a significant amount of funds (in the past three years averaging about \$37,000 per year) to help meet FUMC's budget and mission needs. It is also of note that the CUMF funds are all invested in a socially responsible balanced portfolio. If you would like more information about the CUMF, how it helps to support FUMC, and/or how you might contribute to the perpetual funding of FUMC through CUMF you may pick up a brochure at the Welcome counter or the church office. Or, you may wish to speak with one of the current Board members: Ann Bateman, Troy Garrett, Ron Marek, Bill Mercer, Paul Miller, Rich Mueller, Pastor Barbara, Phyllis Pearson, Gordon Reistad, or Janet Swinyard.

Called To Love! Making Our UMC's Safe Places for Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Persons

Saturday September 16, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Corvallis First UMC Saturday September 23, 2017, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Madras UMC (includes lunch) Saturday October 21, 2017, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Salem First UMC Saturday October 28, 2017 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Gresham First UMC (includes lunch)

You and your church can help save lives!

Come and find out how your warm welcome and acceptance can make all the difference to gender-nonconforming young people, adults, and their families. This practical workshop is being offered by our annual conference to help us focus our ministries with those who all too often experience rejection.

"Called to Love!" will help you and your church be better informed and resource you to be more hospitable.

Are you wanting to learn more about gender to help your church be more welcoming? Are you feeling called to open your heart and draw the circle just a bit wider? Do you want to help provide a healthier and safer environment in your ministry setting?

Then this workshop is for you!! Register now and bring your pastor and other church leaders.

Leaders for this event will be Revs. Jim and Bonnie Parr Philipson, retired Oregon-Idaho clergy.

Registration deadline: the Monday at noon before each Saturday event! Registration is online at https://umoireg.brtapp.com/CalledtoLove. Cost is \$5 per person and covers refreshments at Corvallis and Salem, lunch at Madras and Gresham, and materials. Child care for younger children (up to age 8) will be provided upon request if made when you register. For each child you are welcome to provide a snack from home. If your child will be coming more than an hour late you must let us know.

Corvallis FUMC located at 1165 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis OR 97330 www.corvallisfumc.org Madras UMC located at 49 NE 12th St, Madras, OR 97741 www.madrasumc.org Salem FUMC located at 600 State St, Salem, OR 97301 www.salemfirstumc.org Gresham FUMC located at 620 NW 8th St, Gresham, OR 97030 www.greshamumc.com

Music

Adult Choir

Welcome to all regardless of skill or ability. Rehearsals cover 5-6 weeks in advance, some come as you can.

Thursday, September 7, 2017 – first regular rehearsal 7:00 pm in Choir Room (every Thursday 7:00-8:30 pm unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, September 10, 2017 – first regular Sunday service (meets at 9:00 am most Sundays and 8:45 am on first Sunday of month, service is at 9:30 am)

Saturday, October 7, 2017 – Reformation Hymn Festival rehearsal (for those involved), 10:00 am in sanctuary.

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – Reformation Hymn Festival, 3:00 pm (rehearsal prior)

Sunday, November 5, 2017 – Make A Joyful Noise Festival, 3:00 pm (rehearsal prior)

Thursday, November 23, 2017 – No Rehearsal – Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm (6:00 pm rehearsal)

Thursday, December 28, 2017 – No Rehearsal – Christmas Break

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – No Choir Sunday Morning – New Years Eve

Bell Choir

Welcome to anyone with rhythm and basic pattern recognition. You do not need to be able to do both to join. Bell Choir plays for Christmas and Easter.

Sunday, November 19, 2017 – First Christmas Rehearsal 10:45-11:30 am

Sunday, November 26, 2017 – No rehearsal - Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 3, 2017 – Second Christmas Rehearsal 10:45-11:30 am

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – Third Christmas Rehearsal 10:45-11:30 am

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – Final Christmas Rehearsal 10:45 am

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm (rehearsal 5:30 pm – bells play Prelude at 10:00 pm and are free to leave)

Ukulele Choir

Welcome to EVERYONE! No musical skills needed. If you don't have an instrument, let Jim Davidson know ahead of time and one will be provided for you. Choir plays 4 times with short rehearsals weeks preceding on Sundays. Come as you can.

September 10, 2017 – rehearsal at 10:45 am in sanctuary

September 17, 2017 – lead song in worship (9:15 am rehearsal)

October 22, 2017 – rehearsal at 10:45 am in sanctuary

October 29, 2017 – rehearsal at 10:45 am in sanctuary

November 5, 2017 – worship music and lead song in worship (9:15 am rehearsal)

All Youth Choir

Three choirs available – Primary Choir for non-readers, Filios Choir for elementary school $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ grade, Youth Choir is children 6^{th} grade and above.

Tuesday, September 12 – Tuesday rehearsals begin: 5:00-5:30 pm both Primary and Filios Choir meet in chapel/choir room in basement - after dinner, Youth Choir meets from 6:00-6:30 pm before Youth Group

Sunday, October 1, 2017 – Kids Choir Sunday – each group will participate in Worship, rehearsals at 9:00 am

Sunday, November 5, 2017 – Kids Choir Sunday

Sunday, December 3, 2017 – Advent Kids Choir Sunday

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve – Kids Sing at 4:00 pm service

Acolyte Training Workshop

Sunday, October 1, 10:45-11:30 am

Sanctuary, Grade: 4-8

Learn about the symbolism and rituals behind the liturgical ministry of an acolyte. The workshop will end with sign-ups, so bring your calendars. RSVP to Beverly Park at congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org

Church Tour

Church Tour – September 17, 10:45 am - Meet in the Sanctuary – Our history. Our rooms. Our faith in action.

Sign up Genius:Why and How

WHY? Sign up genius makes it super easy to schedule volunteers. After you sign up, it sends a notice to the event organizer, so they can send you any extra information you might need. And the "genius" even sends you an automatic reminder a day or two before the event. If there is a change, the event coordinator can contact everyone who is signed up (eliminates lots of phone tag time!).

HOW? Go to sign up genius or click on a link in the newsletter or on the church website. If you go to the website you will have to find the specific sign up by knowing the creator's name. Clicking on a link is much easier! Once you are at the right sign up, you just click on the button that says "sign up." You will be asked to set up an account, which will make it super easy to sign up again. Make your password easy to remember, (this is a very low risk site), and sign away.

Church Closures

Church closed **Sunday, September 3**— Ecumenical service in Central Park at 10:00 am as service that day.

Church and Church office closed **Monday**, **September 4** for the Labor Day holiday.



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

- > Jean Faulconer celebrating 93 on September 1.
- LenWeber entering his tenth decade by turning 90 on September 7.
- Jean Rosendahl turning 92 on September 9.
- Chet Earls also turning a spry 92 on September 16.

Blood Drive

Monday, September 25, 1:30-6:30 pm in the Community Center.

Save the Date

Celebrating 25 Years as a Reconciling Congregation **Sunday, October 8** during worship followed by a fabulous potluck.

Middle School and High School

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



Date	Time	Event
Starting September 12, Tuesday nights	6:30-7:30 pm	Joyful Path for youth, middle school—high school
Starting October 1, first Sunday of month	6:30-8:30 pm	High School youth time, October at the Ponders
Thursday, October 5	7:00 pm	Imani Children's Choir concert, sanctuary, come support this cultural exchange
October 14-15	TBA	Youth overnight
October 15	9:30 am	Youth Sunday, youth leading worship
October 27	TBA	Highway clean up
July 10-15, tentative		Mission trip, Special Olympics state games

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 pm

Youth

Activities



Imani Milele is a Swahili phrase meaning "always believe". We work with impoverished children living in rural communities; providing them with the hope of a brighter future through education. Imani was established in 1989 and currently serves over 3,500 at risk children and orphaned children, by providing housing, education and skill training.

The purpose of the **Imani Milele Children's Choir** is to promote and bring awareness to the plight of these vulnerable children in Uganda. Through their craft in music and dance, their performances have earned them recognition as one of the best children's choirs in the nation.

Enjoy vibrant costumes, African dance, song, and drum routines!



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1165 NW Monroe Avenue Corvallis, OR 97330 Phone: 541.752.2491 Fax: 541.752.3636 E-mail: fumc@corvallisfumc.org Web site: www.corvallisfumc.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Office Hours: Monday-Thursday:

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

Barbara Nixon, Pastor Rob Kirby, Campus Minister 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.

Newsletter Deadline:

September 18, 2017 for the October Newsletter. address label