



The Corvallis United Methodist

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Valentine's Brunch & Dessert Auction

Proceeds go to fund our Youth Mission trip to the Oregon Special Olympics State Games.

Sunday, February 11 10:45 am

Adult/\$10 Child/\$5

Dessert Auction Featuring

Buy & Share Desserts

Buy & Take Desserts

Menu

Waffles

Crustless Quiche

Bacon

Roasted Potatoes

Salade Amour

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

As I write this column today I am wondering how, as a church community, we can do better at communicating. I realize there are many newer folks in our congregation who are not up to speed yet on lots of things. But I am also aware that many well-established people do not read my column or peruse this newsletter. And, I know that many people do not open the weekly Constant Contact. It is clear that some people do not actually come into the sanctuary on Sundays until after my announcements and that the calendar page of the worship bulletin goes straight to recycling. Many others may never glance at a bulletin board. I confess this can be frustrating, especially when I hear people say they don't know what is going on.

Never-the-less, let me try to state again a few things that seem not to have soaked in. Feel free to share this column with someone who might not usually read it or whom you know would appreciate it.

- ◆ This is the third year we have had a January Faith in Action meeting over brunch – in order to share what is going on in ministries that reach beyond our doors and in order to invite people into deeper participation. These teams (Make Peace, Environmental Care & Human Rights) sponsor NUMEROUS opportunities to learn, serve and work for justice throughout the year. This is a significant way our congregation works to bring the Kingdom of God among us. Even if you, for any reason, are not directly involved, you really should know these teams exist and that they are doing great work.
- ◆ This is the sixth year our church has been institutionally organized around what is called “Single Board Governance.” As a congregation, you voted to approve this model. Each year, you vote in a slate of members to that board. Each year we print their names many places. Each year we introduce them in worship. This board or “council” meets quarterly to shape and steer the vision of our church and to be sure we have resources of all kinds to stay the course.

- ◆ A spring town hall meeting of the whole congregation happens annually to take the pulse of things and be sure we understand the needs and hopes of our congregation. It's a time of mutual listening and learning. (That's coming up on Sunday, March 4.)
- ◆ Various teams that do the nuts and bolts work of being church meet and give report on what is happening throughout the year as any changes might occur regarding our financial health, personnel and our church property.
- ◆ Various ministry teams beyond Faith in Action (Congregational Care, Memorials, Kitchen Stewards, etc.) can be joined or learned about just by asking. We also have an annual Ministry Fair where you can get any question answered regarding just about anything!
- ◆ It is always okay to contact the church office and ask a question. We will find an answer!!!

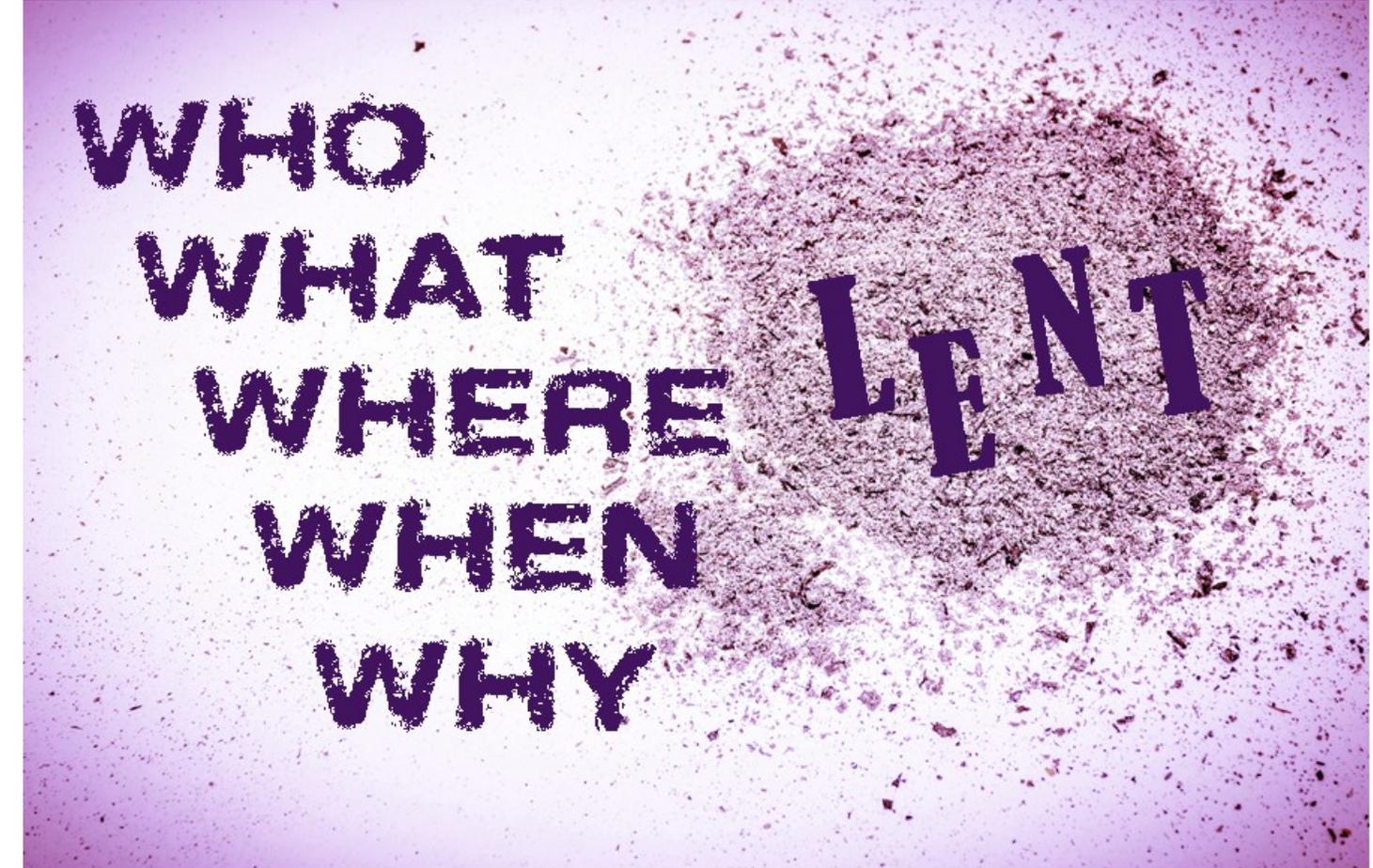
There is so much happening here – opportunities for service, classes, discussions, music and more. Church staff and church council do their very best to communicate thoroughly. We will miss a step at times. When we get wind of a gap in communication, we do everything we can to bridge that gap. You can help, of course, by asking questions or alerting us to gaps. But you can also help by sharing what you know with others and by doing all you can to take note of what is happening through any and all of the ways we try to communicate.

Thanks for reading!

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WHO
WHAT
WHERE
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WHY

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
11:30 AM—1:00 PM
4:00 PM—7:00 PM

Come to a place of quiet sanctuary where you may meditate on the coming Lenten journey and receive the imposition of ashes and prayer. Stay briefly or at length.

LENTEN STUDY
WITH REV. KAREN BLOOM
TUESDAYS
6:30 PM—7:30 PM

Explore the who, what, where, when and why of the Lenten Season through Jewish teachings.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, March 25
9:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER
Thursday, March 29
5:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, March 30
7:00 pm

THANK YOU!
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From South Corvallis Food Bank...

Thank you to FUMC friends for over \$3,000 donated to the South Corvallis Food Bank in 2017. In addition, many pounds of fresh and non-perishable food were donated—plus all the yummy jam from the Jammin' folks.

Interfaith Potluck

Sunday, February 18, 5:30-7:30 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, 1205 NW Walnut Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Please invite your congregations and 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. We also have some, and will have paper plates if needed.

Let us create and strengthen friendships among our faith communities. Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world. FMI: Alice Rampton, alice.rampton@gmail.com, 541.231.6238.

Annual Eco-Film Festival

Fridays, February 2, 9, & 16

Odd Fellows Hall, 223 SW Second St.

(Doors open 6:30 pm, program starts 7:00 pm)

14th Annual Eco-Film Festival:

- ♦ **Feb. 2**—Chasing the Sun (Sponsors: Linn-Benton Pacific Green Party & Energy Wise Lighting)
- ♦ **Feb. 9**—Stink: Removing hidden chemicals from your life
- ♦ **Feb. 16**—Wasted (Sponsor: Republic Services)

Suggested donation \$5/person, \$10/family.

Contact: info@sustainablecorvallis.org, 541-230-1237

Sponsors: Corvallis Odd Fellows, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Corvallis Environmental Center.

In Our
**Thoughts
&
Prayers**



Mary Powelson, back to volunteering in the office after a couple days in the hospital.

Ruth Shirley, recovering after being quite sick.

Karen Knutson, recovering at Mennonite Village after a fall at home.

Maggie Rea, following her hip replacement surgery.

Remember: *Paul Jeffrey*, Writer & Media Specialist for Response Magazine.

What is the Enneagram?

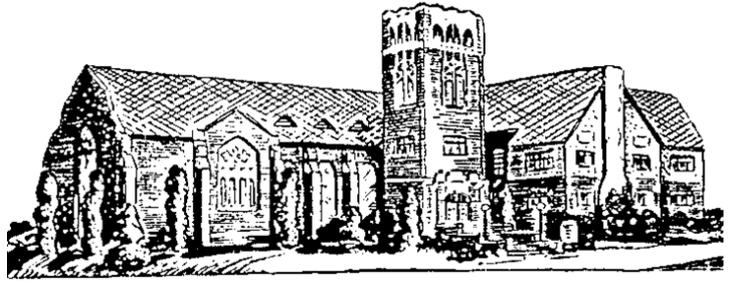
The enneagram is actually a very ancient, monastic tool first used to help people of faith discern their most basic, core value as an aid in understanding how they engage and view the world. Since the 1960's it has come to be seen as a very sound tool in aiding, not just spiritual work, but self-understanding and how we engage each other.

Pastor Barbara has been teaching the enneagram since 2000 as well as using it as a tool with couples. She has also worked with Bishops, Cabinets and staff at the Conference level and led numerous workshops. People are often surprised at how clarifying and useful this work can be.
Sign up now.

It's both fun & fascinating!

Enneagram Workshop
Saturday, March 3
9-noon/Library Lounge

Pick Your Passion



Game Night

Friday, February 2 and 16 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, February 21, 12:15-12:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. Guest organist will be Dr. Paul Klemme. Free but donations to support the series are appreciated.

4-F Fellowship Group

Activity for February is dinner and a play **Friday, February 16**. Start with dinner at Izzy's at **5:30 pm** then the *Steel Magnolias* play at Majestic Theater, **7:30 pm**. Attendees are to get tickets themselves. Admission is \$10/ticket. A specific number of tickets have been placed on hold for "FUMC 4F group." Pick up these tickets no later than February 7, Wednesday, p.m. at the box office. For more specific information see 1/11/18 email notice to 4-Fers or contact Fay and Mary Shultz (970.301.3868, mary.shultz@gmail.com) or JJ and Shirley Jones (541.745.3802, jjsjones66@gmail.com).

Tuesday Night Lenten Class Offering: Our Jewish Roots

Why study the Jewish religion?

- ◆ **Because** Jesus was a Jew. He lived a thoroughly Jewish life, following the traditions of his people. He studied the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) as well as the prophets.
- ◆ **Because** much of his teaching and his very method of teaching are Jewish. Biblical scholars have concluded that 80-85 percent of what we believe comes from the Jewish faith.
- ◆ **Because** learning about our Jewish roots helps us gain a deeper understanding of our own faith.

The class will look at Jesus' life and teachings through questions like:

Who? What? When? Where? How? Why?

So, come bring your own questions, find answers, and discover even more questions, as together we explore a fascinating century that continues to inform our own time.

The class will be led by Karen Bloom, retired Presbyterian pastor, who has been fascinated by these questions since seminary and has been actively pursuing answers to them for the past seven years.

Reminder: This class will be instead of Pastor's Barbara Explorations in Faith on Tuesday nights from February 20-March 20. During this time you can still attend the Explorations in Faith class on Wednesday mornings at 11:00.

Financial Matters

Special Offering

*United Methodist
Student Day
February 18*

2017 General Fund Actual Income: \$567,592.93
 2017 General Fund Budget Income: \$540,900.00 (This was the forecast income for 2017.)
 2017 General Fund Actual Expenditure: \$558,045.94
 2017 General Fund Budget Expenditures: \$558,040.02 (This was the forecast expenditures for 2017.)
Surplus for 2017: **\$9,546.99** (The forecast was a deficit for 2017.)

Thanks to the very generous supporters of this church, we managed to realize a surplus of \$9,546.99 by the end of the year. Much of this additional income came in on the last Sunday of the year – December 31.

Now looking forward to 2018. The Council has adopted a deficit budget for 2018, the anticipated deficit is (\$7,069). I will be changing the layout slightly to show the Year-To-Date numbers, and my forecast of the Surplus/Deficit as of the month-end. The reader should be aware that this column is a month behind, but I am available to answer any questions should they arise. My hours are noted elsewhere, but at risk of repetition, I am generally here Mondays to Thursdays from 9:00 am to around 3:00 pm. The office is closed from 12:00 to 1:00. I am available by arrangement from about 7:00 am, should questions arise.

With the new tax law in place, several members of the congregation have asked if they could have their donations made out of their retirement accounts. Some accounts allow only a few disbursements per year. Given that regulations are still being promulgated, I would strongly urge church members to seek advice from their tax advisors. However, once you have determined how the funds are to be released to the church, and which Special Offerings you wish to fund, please put your wishes in writing and I will work make it happen

John Reed, Business Manager

United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who’ve been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give, you support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

Your contribution transforms lives through education.

As an FYI here are the rest of the special offerings for the year. Keep in mind there is always a possibility of changes.

- March UMCOR Sunday
- April Native American Ministries
- May Peace with Justice
- June Daytime Drop-in Center
- July Grace Center for Adult Day Srvs
- August Linn-Benton Food Share
- September Hope & Wholeness Counseling Ctr
- October World Communion Sunday
- November Campus Ministry (WestM)
- December Alternative Christmas



*All you need is love. But a little chocolate
now and then doesn't hurt.*

New Address

As most of you know, Valerie and Larry White have moved to Bend. Their new address is:

2495 NW Shields Dr.
Bend, OR 97703

New Members

We will be welcoming new members into the congregation on **Sunday, February 25** during worship. If you are interested in learning more about formal membership at First United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Barbara: 208.991.8464 or revbabs2000@gmail.com.

*Memorial Service and
Reception for
Gordon "Gordy" Thompson
Saturday, February 10, 2:00 pm*



ALL CHURCH/WORSHIP/YOUTH/CLASS/EVENT/MEETING	
FEBRUARY	
01-Feb	Church Tour
10-Feb	Messy Church
11-Feb	Youth Mission Trip Brunch
13-Feb	Shrove Tuesday Supper
14-Feb	Ash Wednesday
17-Feb	Conversations Across Apparent Divides
20-Feb	Lenton Study-Who, What, Where, When, How - Karen Bloom
25-Feb	New Members
MARCH	
03-Mar	Enneagram Workshop
10-Mar	Messy Church
11-Mar	West Side Story - Corvallis High School
25-Mar	Palm Sunday
29-Mar	Maundy Thursday
30-Mar	Good Friday
APRIL	
01-Apr	Easter
08-Apr	Church Tour
14-Apr	Messy Church
	Youth Plant Sale
22-Apr	Room at the Inn Tea
25-Apr	Interfaith Voice Speed Dating
MAY	
06-May	Spring Choir Masterwork
11-May	Youth Plant Sale Assembly
May 11-12	Youth Overnight
12-May	Youth Plant Sale Pick-Up
12-May	Messy Church
20-May	Pentecost
22-May	John Deer - They Will Inherit the Earth
JUNE	
10-Jun	Graduation Sunday
TUESDAY YOUTH REC NIGHTS Begin June 19 or 26	
June 14-16	Annual Conference
JULY	
TUESDAY YOUTH REC NIGHTS	
July 10-15	Youth Mission Trip Tentative Dates
AUGUST	
TUESDAY YOUTH REC NIGHTS	
SEPTEMBER	
11-Sep	Tuesday Programming Begins
OCTOBER	
27-Oct	All-Church FunRaiser - Live Clue

Nonagenarians

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

➤ *Glenna Carter turning 92 on February 25.*

From Church Staff

Sending and receiving texts has become one of the most common ways of communicating quickly. We would ask that you treat texting us as you would treat a phone call – in other words, don't text late in the evening or at night or early in the morning, unless it is an emergency. All of us check email frequently for any communication that is not time sensitive. Thanks!

Rev. Barbara

And now to that end, you'll find staff hours listed below. Please respect their work hours and limit phone calls and texts to only those hour (again, unless it is an emergency).

Barbara Nixon	Pastor	Monday through Thursday mornings, often in the afternoon and some evenings (feel free to drop by and say "hi" but know that hours are peppered with appointments/meetings). Best to call if you need some designated time. Off on Fridays.
Kim Burnap	Office Manager	Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm except during lunch (12:00-1:00 pm). Also available by prior arrangement starting at about 7:00 am (before office opens).
John Reed	Business Manager	Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—3:30 pm except during lunch (12:00-1:00 pm). Also available by prior arrangement starting at about 7:00 am (before office opens).
Beverly Park	Congregational Life	Monday: 8:30 am—12:45 pm Tuesday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm, 6:30-8:30 pm Thursday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm Friday mornings but not always on-site and building is closed until 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:15-11:30 am
Jim Davidson	Music Director	Information not available
Craig Hanson	Organist/Pianist	Varies but normally: Tuesday: 3:30-7:30 pm Wednesday: 10:00 am—4:30 pm Thursday: 11:00 am—8:30 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am—5:00 pm Sunday: 8:30-11:00 am, 3:00-5:00 pm
Scott Love	Youth Director	Information not available
Mark Mangus	Facilities Manager/ Custodian	12:00-10:00 pm Tuesday-Friday. Keep in mind building is closed until 5:00 pm on Fridays so prior arrangement needed from 12:00-5:00 pm Fridays.
Jay Grenard	Custodian	Saturday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm Sunday: 11:00 am—7:00 pm (building is locked about 1:00 pm unless there are afternoon events or prior arrangement is made) Monday: 4:00 pm—10:00 pm (or until last group leaves)

Faith In Action Teams

Make Peace

Learn and practice how to have compassionate, respectful, and productive conversations with those folks you



disagree with. These skills are useful within families, for interactions with neighbors or co-workers, and even discussions at church! If you were unable to attend the first offering of the Conversations Across Apparent Divides workshop last fall, this is your second chance! The workshop will be facilitated by Tim Stover and Elizabeth Nielsen and is sponsored by the Make Peace Faith in Action Team.

The workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 17, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Coffee and hot water for tea will be available. Please bring a sack lunch. Childcare will be provided. To register send an e-mail to nielsenrek@comcast.net or sign-up on the Sunday opportunity sheet.

Make Peace is one of our congregation's faith in action teams. We offer opportunities for individuals in our church and the community to make peace for and within themselves, in their relationships with others, and in our community and the world. We strive to address the root causes of violence and bring forth a less violent world.

You are invited to join the Make Peace Google group e-mail list to receive regular updates and announcements. Contact Elizabeth Nielsen at nielsenrek@comcast.net to join us and learn how you can participate in making peace.

Environmental Care

In the film *The Graduate*, the character Benjamin Braddock, played by Dustin Hoffman, is told, "There's a great future in plastics. Think about it."

Today, the phrase has become, "There's a great problem with plastics. Think about it."

Think things you use daily that are made of plastic: credit cards, raincoats, toys, plumbing, cell phones, cosmetics, food packaging, or bubble wrap? It's hard to imagine daily life in the United States without plastic. Less and less plastic can be recycled. What we can do to cut down our use of plastic: metal water bottles, own travel coffee mug, buy food items in bulk, take your own bags to the store (not just the grocery store), and reuse plastic bags.

Concern has been raised about very tiny beads of plastic. Microplastics are small, but they cause big problems for our environment and our health. These tiny pieces of plastic used in personal care products go down the drain but are too small to be filtered out by sewage treatment plants, so they end up in our lakes, rivers, and oceans. They absorb toxins in the water, are eaten by marine life, and can make their way up the food chain onto our dinner plates. There's a free app called Beat the Micro Bead that scans the bar code of various products and lets you know if the product contains microbeads.

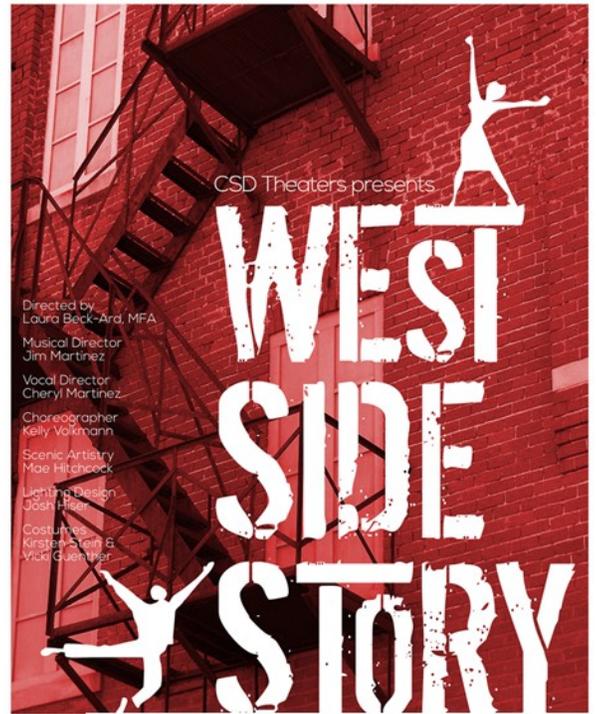
There are also environmental concerns about microfibers entering the oceanic food chain similar to other microplastics. A study has found that when synthetic jackets made of microfibers are washed, on average 1.7 grams (0.060 oz) of microfibers are released from the washing machine. These microfibers then travel to local wastewater treatment plants, where up to 40% of them enter into rivers, lakes, and oceans. So, another way to help the environment is to buy clothing made of natural fabrics like cotton, wool, and linen. Interested in learning more? Check out this link: <https://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-microfibers/>.

Rethinking Global Warming Solutions

Thursday, February 22, 1:30-3:30 pm at Academy for Lifelong Learning, First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Rd.

Speakers: Carla Wise of Citizens Climate Lobby and Phil Harding of OSU School of Chem/Bio/Envr Engineering on Carbon Fee and Dividend. These are the best two local experts on this subject. Bring your hesitations and difficult questions. You won't be disappointed.

Important note: As a non-member you can attend two sessions of the Academy free. Please let Karen Josephson (kjosephson67@gmail.com) know by February 15 if you are coming because she needs to report numbers of attendees. Upon entering tell them you are a guest.



FUMC Day At The Theater
 Sunday, March 11—2:00 pm
 Proceeds support our Youth Mission Trip

Feb. 22 - March 11 2018

CHS Performing Arts Center - 1400 NW Buchanan

\$5 opening night tickets

February 22 @ 7:00pm



CSDTheaters.com

Advance Pricing: \$12 Adult/Senior, \$10 Student, \$8 Youth
 Door/Night of Show Pricing: \$15 Adult/Senior, \$12 Student, \$10 Youth

WHAT IS MESSY CHURCH?

- It is for adults and children to enjoy together - every element is designed to be relevant and accessible to all ages.
- It uses hands-on 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 our time together by sharing a meal.

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Theme:

A new start: see how God gave the world a chance for a new start
 Genesis 6:1-9:17

Meal:

When:

Saturday, February 10, 2018 4:00-6:00 pm

Where:

FUMC 1165 NW Monroe
 Community Center

Caregiver Support Group (CSG)

The Caregiver Support Group (CSG) meets every other **Monday at 10:30 am** in the Martha Room of the First United Methodist Church, and welcomes anyone in a caregiver situation. The next two meetings are **January 29** and **February 12**. CSG is an informal discussion group that provides a caring, confidential setting where each member is encouraged to speak freely about her or his caregiving concerns. CSG is unaffiliated and open to all. To participate, simply attend the next session, or more information write facilitator Rich Daniels rdaniels@peak.org.

Youth Activities

Middle School and High School

Sunday mornings Building Leaders
Today, 10:30-11:30, room 218.
Tuesday nights, 5:00 pm homework club, room 119.
Tuesday nights, 6:30 pm Joyful Path, room 218. Bring a friend!



Date	Time	Event
Sunday, Feb. 4		Valentine's brunch sales
Saturday, February 10		Valentine's brunch prep
Sunday, February 11	10:30 am	Valentine's brunch
Sundays, April 22, 29; May 6		Plant sales
Friday, May 11		Plant assembly
Saturday, May 12	8:30-noon	Plant pick up
July 10-15, 2018		Mission trip, Special Olympics state games

Walking With Grace

Five Fridays during Lent, 10:00 am – Noon. Church of the Good Samaritan, NW 35th & NW Harrison Streets, Bishop Katharine Lounge.

We live our lives bathed in the unconditional *Grace of God*. This Divine Grace which fills us is almost more than we can grasp. It is a dynamic creative force that enlivens our lives and invites us to claim and mirror it to everyone and everything. We'll be exploring the nature of grace and how we may walk in this world with grace, responding gracefully to whatever and whoever shows up along our journeys.

- February 16, 2018: *Bathed in God's Grace*
- February 23, 2018: *Finding Grace in the Mirror*
- March 2, 2018: *Walking with Grace in the World*
- March 9, 2018: *Grace Showing Up*
- March 16, 2018: *Taking Grace With Us*

Led by Cammie Bella, a Spiritual Director, Licensed Lay Preacher, & Retreat Leader. Donations accepted to cover materials.

Please call the Good Samaritan church office to pre-register 541.757.6647.



Watch Party

**Fossil Free Fast:
The Climate Resistance**

Wed. Jan. 31st 6:30-8:30pm

**First United Methodist Church, Wesley Hall
1165 NW Monroe St., Corvallis**

Fossil Free U.S. calls for an immediate halt to all fossil fuel projects and a fast and just transition to 100% renewable energy for all.

Speakers (streamed from event in DC)

- Senator Bernie Sanders
- Bill McKibben, Co-Founder, 350.org
- Reverend Lennox Yearwood, President and CEO, Hip Hop Caucus
- Cherri Foytlin, Director, BOLD
- Adriana Voss-Andreae, Executive Director, 350PDX
- Jacqueline Patterson, Director of Environmental and Climate Justice Program, NAACP
- Varshini Prakash, Sunrise Movement
- Jessica Lorena Rangel, Eyes of a Dreamer

learn more at 350Corvallis.org





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A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Office Hours:

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

Barbara Nixon, Pastor
Rob Kirby, Campus Minister
Jan Walker, 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.

