



The Corvallis United Methodist

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Easter Sunday
April 1 @ 9:30 am
Brass
Adult Choir
Handbell Choir

THIS EASTER—RISING UP
Rev. Barbara Nixon

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

As I write, the season of Lent is well underway. We have offered the imposition of ashes to those who appreciate the deep experience of fully acknowledging our mortality. Rev. Leslie Chartier helped us reflect on the wilderness – making time for personal reflection. We’ve tucked the church’s most joyful word away in a box until Easter morning. We have begun asking ourselves and each other meaningful questions. We have a Lenten study about Jesus underway and I am teaching the Enneagram (a tool for self-reflection) on March 3rd. Some folks have established daily spiritual practices during these forty days. Lent is a pretty serious season, focused on introspection and mortality. I highly recommend turning ourselves over to it.

But did you know that all the Sundays in Lent are considered to be tiny “Easters?” Christians are urged to take a break on Sundays from deep introspection and have a Sabbath. This year during Lent, our Sundays have many moments of joy and celebration. We welcomed four new members into the congregation on February 25th. We celebrate communion on March 4th. We take some special moments for laughter and play during worship on March 11th (Rev. Sharon Tuck is preaching – I will be there as well) and we go see some of our youth in West Side Story that afternoon. To top it off, we are baptizing four children on the 18th. What a joy!

I love how our awareness of life’s limits and fragility can actually make times of delight all the more powerful and poignant. It would be marvelous if we could walk in this truth all the time – deeply appreciating the beauty life offers while being mindful that life is brief. I know when I pay attention in this way, I make different, more intentional choices about how to use my time and where to place my attention. Lenten practice is good LIFE practice.

I remind you that on March 25th (Palm/Passion Sunday) we journey through Holy week to the cross and drape the sanctuary in black, covering all symbols and signs of hope. Remember that you are invited to share supper in the Martha Room on Holy Thursday (5:30 p.m.) and immerse yourself on Good Friday evening in music that evokes the cross (7:00 p.m.). I hope you will make a point of participating that week. It is what makes the joy of Easter (April 1) ring true and carry deep meaning.

I am glad to be with you through it all!

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phone: 208.991.8464



Pick Your Passion



Game Night

Friday, March 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, March 21, 12:15-12:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. Works by J.S. Bach on his birthday performed by Craig Hanson. Free but donations to support the series are appreciated.

4-F Fellowship Group

Friday, March 9, 6:30 pm, Martha room

Join 4F for an evening of virtual travel with Julian and Sharon Tuck. The Tucks will lead a group conversation on why travel is such a popular pastime. They look forward to hearing about your insights and successful travel experiences as well as sharing their own. Please bring a memento representing your travel, if you'd like. Persons with last names beginning with M-Z are asked to bring a finger food (international, if you wish). Please RSVP to Larry and Rose Kenneke, 541.753.9715 or roseken@peak.org. All are welcome.



Saturday, April 7, 2018
10:00am - 11:30am

BIRDS OF PREY PRESENTATION

Please join us at Chintimini Wildlife Center for an interactive presentation on Oregon's amazing Birds of Prey! Come tour our education center and meet some of our Raptor Ambassadors up close!

311 NW Lewisburg Ave. Corvallis, OR 97330
www.chintiminiwildlife.org



Please join our
Environmental
Care Team.

Ron Leonard
will be the
FUMC contact.

Please sign-up in your
Sunday Opportunities
or email
fumc@corvallisfumc.org

\$10 fee
Checks payable to FUMC
with "Chintimini"
in the memo line

THANK YOU!!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

From Sue Borden...

Thank you to my wonderful church family for all the prayers, equipment, cards, encouragement and, yes, even food, that came my way during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. I appreciated being able to borrow a walker for the first several weeks. That's a wonderful service for the church to provide. I know my recovery was enhanced by your loving support.

From Sally McBride...

Dear Friends, This note is a late Valentine and heartfelt thank you for your signatures on the "Thinking of You" card in response to my illness last September. The best medicine for me was re-joining our church, being part of the "Lusty" singing, and knowing I'm back home again.

From Maggie Rea...

Thank you to all who have sent prayers, good wishes, cards and have provided rides for me as I recovered from my recent hip replacement surgery. I cherish my "church family."

New to FUMC?

Are you new to First United Methodist Church? Pastor Barbara would like to treat you to lunch!

Sunday, March 25 at noon, we'll meet at Panera and chat with other newer folk over lunch (Barbara's treat). Please let her know if you plan to be there. We eat, chat and answer questions for about an hour. (revbabs2000@gmail.com)



*Why can't spring daylight saving start at
4:00 on Friday afternoon?*

In Our
**Thoughts
&
Prayers**



Luella Henderson, after a fall produced a broken wrist and a few other aches and pains.

Bob Yeats, home and feeling better after a few days in the hospital.

Remember: *Evelyn & Teri Erbele*, Missionaries in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Easter Egg Candy

Donations of stickers and small individually wrapped candy welcome for stuffing plastic eggs for Easter egg hunt. Egg hunt follows Easter service (4/1). Bring items to church office by **Tuesday, March 27**. (We have plenty of plastic Easter eggs.)

Spring Break

Due to spring break, there will be **NO** Tuesday supper and **NO** children/youth programs **March 27**. Also **NO** Explorations in Faith on **March 28**. However, look for Holy Week events instead.



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

➤ *Not only are there no March nonagenarians but there are no April ones either!*

Order a New Church Logo Shirt

T-Shirts (unisex, women's, and youth), Long Sleeve T-Shirts (unisex), Polo Shirts (unisex), and Crewneck Sweatshirts (unisex) will be available on a pre-paid order basis. Each garment will feature our 9-color logo on the back and "Faith in Action" on the upper left front. Prices range from \$15 to \$30 per garment and a variety of shirt colors for each style. Finished garments will be available for pick-up starting on Sunday, May 7. **Orders taken March 11, 18, and 25** at the Welcome counter. Size samples of the garment styles will be available to try on. We will place another order several months later, but get in on this first order for the best prices. Prices for the second run will be considerably higher due to lower print quantities. Questions? Catch me at the order counter, at Tuesday Suppers, or give me a call.

Mary Ann Sward/541.760.1307

Financial Matters

I noted in the January newsletter that the church has adopted a deficit budget for 2018. As we have seen over the last few years, the first month or two have shown deficits. 2018 is starting out the same way. We recognized a deficit of <\$14,180.36>. It is too early to make any new prediction about the year at this time.

John Reed, Business Manager

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:

New Life In Jesus —Luke 22:1-20, 29-54; 23:1-25, 44-56; 24:1-12

Meal:

Lamb burgers in pita bread

When:

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

Where:

FUMC 1165 NW Monroe
Community Center

Special Offering

UMCOR Sunday

March 18

Your generous gift supports UMCOR's operating activities so all designated gifts will go to the program of the giver's choice. Your contribution ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis. Reaching people in more than 80 countries, including the United States, UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Building an Inclusive Church

A Workshop on the Basics of the Reconciling Process

March 24, 2018
Saturday, 9AM – 5PM

First UMC - Salem
600 State Street
Salem, OR 97301

*Free Registration
Lunch/Snacks provided
Donations are welcome*



In the spirit of radical hospitality and biblical obedience, we invite you to participate in this workshop to learn the basics of building an inclusive community and meet the leaders of the Reconciling movement in your District. Here are topics we will cover:

- *LGBTQ 101 (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)*
- *Intersectional Justice*
- *Being an Ally*
- *Steps in Building an Inclusive Church/Community*
- *Graceful Engagement (Engaging Conflict Well)*
- *The Ministry of a Reconciling Process Coach / Next Steps Planning*

Our workshop facilitator is the **Rev. Dr. Israel I. Alvaran**, an openly gay UMC clergy from the Philippines Conference and Western Regional Organizer of Reconciling Ministries Network – an organization committed to the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. Visit their website at www.rmnetwork.org.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

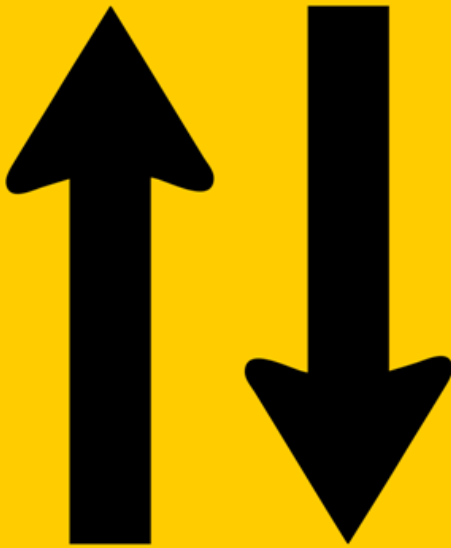
Easter Egg Hunt

BRING THE KIDS!



Easter Morning after worship
Please bring your own basket or bag
12 eggs each

TOWN HALL MEETING March 4th, 2018



**There will be an all-church Town Hall Meeting
after church on Sunday, March 4th
upstairs in Wesley Hall.**

Grab your coffee and meet us upstairs at 10:45 am.

The purpose of the March 4th meeting is
part of our commitment to a two-way communication loop.

For part of the meeting we are going to be sharing some
important updates from the Church Council.

We will then spend time in small group sessions so that we can
hear input from you as we make plans for the coming year.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Faith In Action Teams

Environmental Care

**Did you know that educating girls in developing countries
can lead to reversing climate change?**

The climate action book *Drawdown*, edited by Paul Hawken is a compendium of many ways to reverse climate change, ranked according to the amount of greenhouse gases they avoid or remove from the atmosphere. Idea #6 *Drawdown*'s list of effectiveness is to educate girls around the world. Educating girls has a dramatic effect on the number of children they have when they become adults. Women with more years of schooling have fewer and healthier children, and they manage their own reproductive health.

Educated girls also earn higher wages and experience higher upward mobility. They are more empowered at home, at work, and in society. Additionally, women are often managers of food, soil, trees, and water. As climate change continues, educated women can observe, understand, evaluate and take action to sustain themselves and their communities.

Girls around the world have met with many challenges when they try to get an education:

- ◆ economic barriers – not enough money for tuition or uniforms,
- ◆ traditional beliefs – boys should be educated first, or that marriage should occur at a young age,
- ◆ cultural beliefs – girls should be trained to tend the home/children,
- ◆ safety issues – if the school is farther from home.

Today, 62 million girls are denied the right to attend school. Changing that will help change their lives as well as the future of our each. To learn more about this issue please read *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristoff or visit www.Malala.org.

Karen Bloom



Childcare Providers Needed!

The First United Methodist Church Corvallis
is hiring childcare workers!

As a childcare provider, you will be working with children ages
6-months to K-5th grades

Part-time Position (2-8 hours a week)

Workdays are Sunday Mornings and Tuesday Evenings

About FUMC

Located at the corner of Monroe and 11th street near campus, 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. You do not have to be religious to apply for this position, we only ask that you are accepting of our ideals.

If interested, please contact Justine Feist
at justine.feist@gmail.com with your name, resume
and contact information to set up an interview.

Care Packages

It's getting to be that time of year. OSU students will soon be taking finals and getting ready for those spring break trips. To help them be at their best for finals, treats are needed for care packages. Please bring hot cocoa packets, wrapped or packaged candies (especially chocolate), post-it notes, and highlighter pens to the office by **Wednesday, March 14, noon.** [Popcorn NOT needed this time.]

Spring Ahead

On **March 11** we spring ahead one hour to daylight saving time.



Blood Drive



We have a blood drive coming up on **Monday, March 26.** Donor hours: **12:30-4:30 pm.** If you'd like to help at the canteen, be an escort, or bake cookies, call the office, 541.752.2491.

FINDING
VOICE 2

Talking about faith
without church words

Saturday, April 15
noon-2:30

Sunday, April 15, noon-2:30

Youth Activities

Middle School and High School

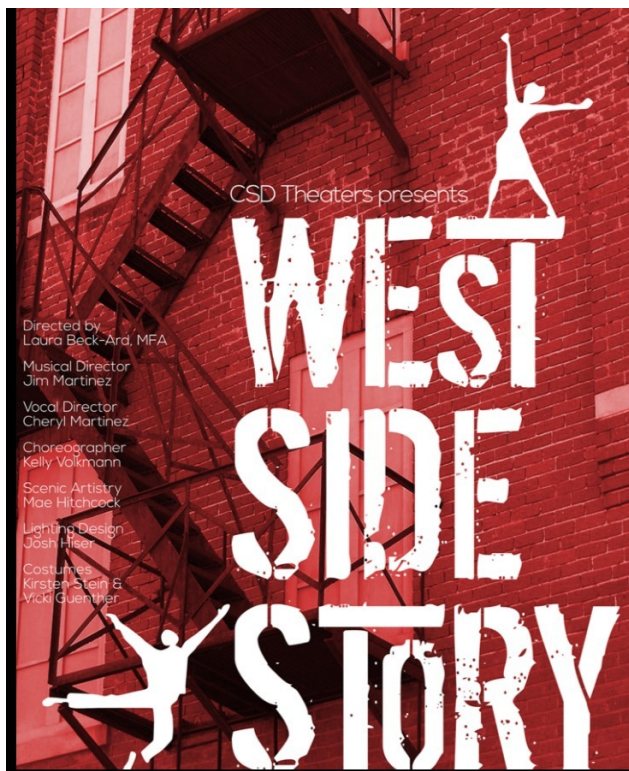
Sunday mornings Building Leaders
Today, 10:30-11:30, room 218.

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, March 4	6:30 pm	High School Night at the Ponders
Sunday, March 11	2:00 pm	Methodist Day at West Side Story (support Aaron, Hayes, & John)
March 26-30		Spring Break – no Tuesday activities
Sunday, April 8		CYC—Produce for the People
Sundays, April 22, 29; May 6		Plant sales
Sunday, April 29		Youth usher in worship
Friday, May 11		Plant assembly
Saturday, May 12	8:30-noon	Plant pick up
July 10-15, 2018		Mission trip, Special Olympics state games



Come Support
Hayes Blackman, Aaron Lewis
& John Foltz

FUMC Day At The Theater
Sunday, March 11—2:00 pm

Proceeds support our
Youth Mission Trip

Tickets on sale Sunday mornings
email congregation.life@corvallisfumc.org

Adults/Seniors—\$12 Students—\$10
Youth—\$8



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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

Bob Lewis, Lay Leader

Nursery Care is available.

Church building is accessible.

address label

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.

