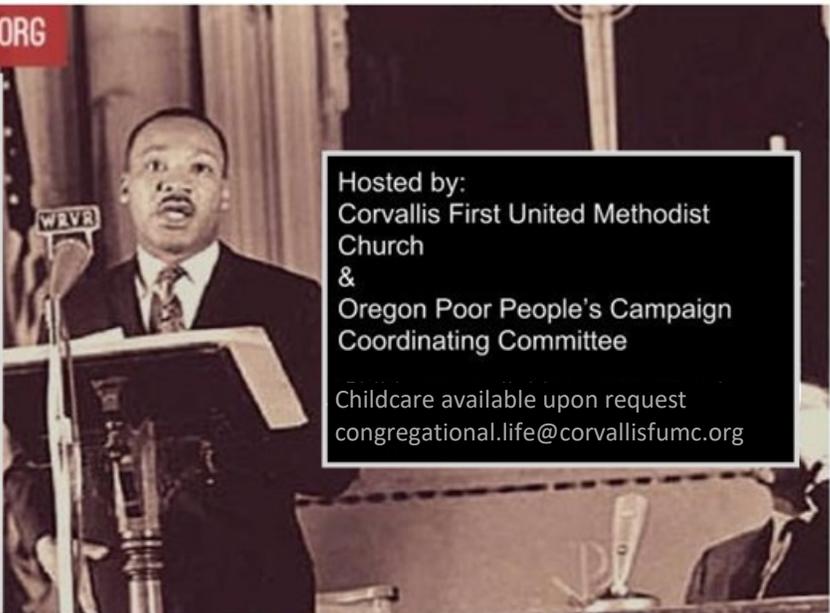




The Corvallis United Methodist

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POORPEOPLES CAMPAIGN.ORG

Will you answer the call?
You're invited to learn more about the Poor People's Campaign, A National Call for a Moral Revival!

7:00p - 9:00p
Monday, April 2nd
Corvallis First United Methodist
1165 NW Monroe
Corvallis, OR 97330

RSVP via Evite:
<http://evite.me/YMdcMmnFe2>

Hosted by:
Corvallis First United Methodist Church
&
Oregon Poor People's Campaign Coordinating Committee

Childcare available upon request
congregational.life@corvallisfumc.org

WE AS A NATION MUST
UNDERGO A RADICAL

#RevolutionOfValues

WE MUST RAPIDLY BEGIN THE SHIFT

The Campaign has emerged from more than a decade of work by grassroots community and religious leaders, organizations and movements. It is rooted in the leadership of poor people and challenges our nation's distorted morality.

Join us for an orientation to learn about this rekindling of the historic national movement begun in 1968 by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Come as a representative of a group or simply as an individual who says enough! Join us to find your place in the Campaign.

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 April begins, Easter is here! Our Lenten season of questioning never really ends, but our attention shifts a bit from an inward journey to one that engages and explores the world around us as followers of the risen Jesus Christ. If you recall, I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, there wasn't a way to include so many of the wonderful questions people shared during Lent that they would like to ask Jesus. I offer some of them here (in no particular order) for your consideration and reflection as the Easter season now unfolds.

Jesus, why weren't you more specific in your teachings? So many things seem to have been misinterpreted.

What do you think of all that has been done in your name?

What was your relationship to Mary Magdalene?

Were you really forsaken by God?

Seriously, did you really NEVER sin?

How did you manage to grasp God's dream for us and have the courage to follow that dream for everyone and everything? We can't seem to do it.

Isn't spirit the only true reality? (asked by a Christian Scientist)

With all the people across the world who believe in love as the most righteous action, why haven't we been able to collectively stop wars and work for the good of all? What else do we need to do to tip the scale?

What should your 21st century followers be most proactive about?

What did you REALLY say since we seem to have various versions of your teachings?

With hindsight, would you have done anything differently? If you could do something over again, would you change anything?

Do you think it is weird that we talk about eating your body and drinking your blood when we have communion? I am asking this as a serious question.

Do you decide when people die? If so, I need some answers about people I have loved.

In a world full of alternatives, what else could have happened on Holy Thursday and Good Friday? Was your death the ONLY possibility?

Jesus, are you God? The Trinity thing is so confusing.

The people who think your death saves them from hell – are they right or wrong?

What do you think of Paul? Did he understand your life, death and resurrection “correctly?”

Was your choice of disciples deliberate or random?

Are you coming back again or was the resurrection the way in which you “came back?”

These questions are interesting to think about. They are a reminder that questioning is good for us, even when we don't find answers. They indicate that we are curious, thoughtful people who don't claim to have it all figured out.

May our questions always be offered with love, rise out of curiosity and, ultimately, motivate us in the service of love.

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Pick Your Passion



Game Night

Friday, April 6 and 20 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, April 18, 12:15-12:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. Works by Johann Christoph Kellner performed by Craig Hanson. Free but donations to support the series are appreciated.

4-F Fellowship Group

Friday, April 20, 5:30 pm, Martha room

The 4-F meeting in April is a men's potluck and talk on New Zealand with slides by Bob Main. All are welcome.

**Interfaith Voices Shuffle...
Wednesday, April 25, 7-9pm.**

**Interfaith Voices Live! -
hosted by our church**

This year, we're calling this event Interfaith Voices Shuffle! With more regular writers, (now that the column is featured in both the Corvallis and Albany newspapers), we need to change things up to include some of these new voices. Everyone who comes will have brief times with seven writers plus time for refreshments with any and all. This should be a fun, informative and lively two hours. Invite your friends!!!

Plant Sale

Youth Mission Trip Sale

Choose from the following specialty bowls:

- ❖ Flower Planter
- ❖ Lettuce Planter
- ❖ Italian Planter
- ❖ Herb Planter
- ❖ Hanging Cherry Tomatoes—*new this year*
- ❖ Hanging Strawberries—*new this year*



Locally sourced plants from Peoria Farms and Straub Landscape.

Sales begin **April 15**. Pick-up date May 12 —just in time for Mother's Day!

\$20 each. Plants to mature by early July. **BUT WAIT-THERE'S MORE. EACH POT OF EDIBLES COMES WITH THREE RECIPE CARDS FROM CHEF SCOTTIE.**

Maximize Growth, Minimize Waste

A great choice for decks, patios, windows, and balconies, containers are fiber molded, meaning they are made of recycled material, biodegradable, and usually decompose in about a year's time. This significantly minimizes waste production and also allows them to be planted directly into the soil. Their durable, yet breathable design lets air and moisture through to the soil and plant root.



Special Offering

*Native American
Ministries
April 15*

Our giving allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus.

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

Dr. Richard Twiss, a member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, asked: "Will we be allowed to develop new ways of doing church that honor God's purposes for the creative expression of our cultures? Will new ministry partnerships and coalitions form? Will you help be a part of this wonderful process of reconciliation, restoration and release?"

Say yes.



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

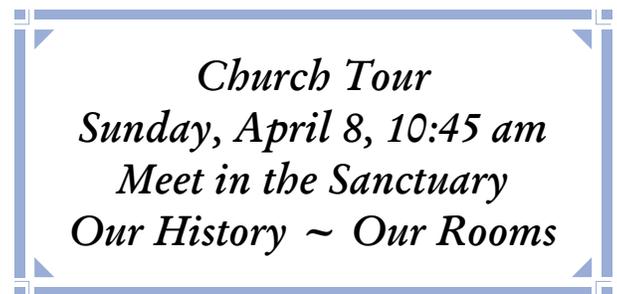


First United Methodist Church of Corvallis
1165 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97330
Phone 541.752.2491 Fax 541.752.1825

Homeless Shelters

We are a few days away from the homeless shelters closing. Shawn Collins, director of the Homeless Opportunity Action Council, is requesting that we begin collecting tents, tarps, and sleeping bags to help support some of our homeless community. First Christian can receive donations of materials or monetary donations. Thank you in advance.

Matt Gordon
Senior Minister
First Christian Church



*Church Tour
Sunday, April 8, 10:45 am
Meet in the Sanctuary
Our History ~ Our Rooms*

Talking about faith without church words

Sign up in your Sunday Opportunities or email Rev. Barbara at revbabs2000@gmail.com

Sunday, April 15 noon-2:30

Kiwanis Pancake Party

April 7 ~ 7:00-11:30 am

Everyone welcome!

Signature pancakes \$5.00 and Oregon State University yummy juicy sausage

Fluffy omelets \$3.00

Children 5 and under free

Local entertainment and raffle tickets 5 for \$1.00

Partnering with CASA –voices for children

Contact Becki Goslow for tickets, 541.753.6410



Volunteers needed for church office—2 hour shift Tuesday mornings from 9-11 and substitutes for morning shift from 9-11 and afternoon shift from 1-3 Monday through Thursday. If interested call Luella Henderson, 541.929.2650 or the church office, 541.752.2491. It's a good way to get to know the staff and other members and to see how it all functions.

First UMC Portland

First United Methodist Church of Portland is celebrating the 25th anniversary of being a reconciling congregation on Sunday, April 15. If you'd like to send a congratulatory card for their display, send it to 1838 SW Jefferson, Portland, OR 97201.



There comes a time when you have to choose between turning the page and closing the book.

Methodist Basics Class

Ann Bateman's Methodist Basics class is scheduled for two **Sundays: April 15 and 22 at 10:45 am.**

Who will Carry the Word?

Part of Holocaust Memorial Week at OSU

Tuesday, April 10, 7:30-9:30 pm, Sanctuary

Charlotte Delbo (1913-1985) became a member of the resistance shortly after the fall of France. Captured in 1942, she was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau in January 1943. Of the 230 prisoners in her convoy, all of them women in the French Resistance, less than a quarter survived the war. After a year at Auschwitz and one of its sub-camps, Delbo was sent to Ravensbrück, by far the largest camp exclusively for women, as well as the most notorious (almost 100,000 prisoners died there). Delbo returned to France after liberation and recuperation, and dedicated her remaining career to writing memoirs and plays that were inspired by her experiences during the war.

Who will Carry the Word? is set in an unnamed Nazi death camp that Delbo based on Auschwitz-Birkenau. It follows a group of prisoners, all of them women, and chronicles the erosion in their numbers. The play is set out to be stark and simple: no sets; no makeup; very simple costume. In this, and in the plot, it mirrors what existence was truly like in the death camps.

Charlotte Headrick, a professor emeritus at OSU, was a major figure in Theatre Arts during her three decades of service to this university. A strong advocate of Holocaust education, she created a course on the Holocaust in Drama and directed more than a half-dozen plays that were produced in association with Holocaust Memorial Week. She has come out of retirement to direct *Who will Carry the Word?*, a play that she has long admired.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pat Wray, healing from a broken leg.

Kay Robinson, recovering at Corvallis Manor after a fall. Husband Alan will also be joining her until they are able to go back to Stoneybrook Assisted Living.

Doug Faulconer, home after a stroke sent him to the hospital for a few days.

Judi French, hospitalized, but now home, after a fall.

Pat Sorem, hospitalized with pneumonia.

Jorge Rodriguez Flores, National Plan for Hispanic Ministries, United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer.

Nonagenarians

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

► *One more month of no nonagenarians.*



Interfaith Potluck Dinner

Sunday, April 15, 2018 5:30-7:30 pm

Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St (corner of 23rd & Monroe), Corvallis OR.

Sponsored by Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship and Westminster House.

Please invite your congregations, friends, and neighbors! Vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences. Bring labels to indicate gluten or dairy-free if possible. We will provide tableware and drinks. If it's easy, bring your own plate/cup/silverware.

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: Hannah Field, 7vallets@cmug.com, 541.929.4301.

Bicycle and motorcycle parking are right in front on the 23rd St. sidewalk and curb. The little parking lot for Westminster House fills up fast but there should be plenty of free parking in the commuter lots across the street at OSU. See orange lots on http://transportation.oregonstate.edu/sites/fa.oregonstate.edu/files/parkingservices/central_route_2017-18_parking_map.pdf

After 5:00 pm, and on weekends, you may park without a parking permit in commuter parking lots. All other space types which require a permit, including resident, reserved, dedicated, and service spaces, are monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and require a permit for that space type at all times. Metered spaces require payment Monday-Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.



In the February newsletter I noted that we recognized a deficit for the first month of the year (January). This is very much in line with what we have seen for at least the last four years (2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017). A quick comparison to both 2014 and 2015 shows that in each of those years, the cumulative deficit as of the end of February exceeded the cumulative deficit as of 2/28/2018. (2016 and 2017 also showed deficits, but not as severe as the earlier two years).

There are three revenue lines that I watch carefully. They are Pledged Contributions, Non-Pledged Contributions, and Room Use Fees. My budget is 'hopeful' that Pledged Contributions would be \$36,750.00 per month. That would be the 'Ideal.' My budget is also hopeful that we would see \$3,750.00 per month in Non-Pledged contributions. Receipts against both of these line items are short of the budget. The line, Room Use, is currently exceeding the budget.

I also keep a close watch on monthly expenditures. As of the end of February, the average per month is just about exactly what the budget is forecasting.

Based on the above, even though we have a cumulative deficit of <\$22,837>, I am reminded of the phrase printed on the cover of 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' – 'Don't Panic.' I am still confident that we will see the income from Pledged Contributions and Non-Pledged Contributions pick up over the next few months.

John Reed, Business Manager

Recycling Update from Environmental Care Team

Getting ready for Earth Week means we need to think about all the things in our lives and how we deal with them to be kind to our Earth. That means Reducing the amount of things we buy, Reusing as many of the things we have as possible, and last of all Recycling those things that we can.

As some of you may know, China – who takes most of our recycled goods – is now accepting only .5% contamination in the recycling sent to them. Republic Services tells us that about 80% of what we put in our recycling carts is the right stuff; about 15% of what comes in is **not recyclable at all and never has been (clamshells, Styrofoam, coffee cups, bags of trash, rope)**; only about 4% of what's in the cart is being affected by China's new rules. This means we can make a huge impact by just focusing on the things that should never had been in our recycle carts in the first place. So now, some tips:

- ◆ Focus on keeping the things out of the cart that you know don't belong – no more wishful recycling! When in doubt, throw it out!
- ◆ Spread the word! We really need to reduce contamination!
- ◆ Last, things are in flux, so be patient; and until final lists do come out, just focus on that huge 15% that we can control.

Thank you so much for all that you're doing to help the Earth! If you have further questions about recycling changes, please contact RSnyder2@republicservices.com.

Human Rights Team

Movie: "Sick Around the World" to be shown **Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 pm** at the Darkside Theater. The movie compares healthcare systems of five other capitalist democracies. Film is narrated by T.R. Reid. No charge; donations welcome. Sponsored by Mid Valley Health Care Advocates.



Registration is now open
www.gocamping.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, April 8		CYC—Produce for the People
Sunday, April 15	Noon-3:00 pm	Class A volunteer training (for Special Olympics mission trip)
Sundays, April 22, 29; May 6		Plant sales
Sunday, April 29		Youth usher in worship
Friday, May 11	5:00-8:30 pm	Plant assembly
Saturday, May 12	8:30-noon	Plant pick up
Sunday, June 10		Graduation recognition Sunday
July 10-15, 2018		Mission trip, Special Olympics state games



It was so great to see the community turn out in support of CHS students! Please share our thanks with your group for your support on March 14th of all CHS students. It was very gratifying for the event coordinators to see so many community members present, and we at CHS are consistently grateful for the community support of our schools and 509J students.

Sincerely,
Colleen Works
Assistant Principal
Corvallis High School



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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.

