

Skylines

News and information
for your faith journey

First United
Methodist Church
February 16, 2010

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are building a community that seeks to know and love God, and serve others.

Wednesday Night Lenten Classes Feb. 24 - Mar. 24

To enhance your experience of the Lenten season of preparation for Easter two adult classes are being offered on Wednesday evenings, in addition to the ongoing class led by Bob Brizee, "For the Living of These Days." Both of these classes begin Wed., Feb. 24.

EARTH STEWARDS CLASS

Feb. 24 - 'Discover the need for living in a more environmentally friendly manner and how it benefits us on a personal, local, and global level' will be the topic.

March 3 - More blooms, less water: You can use less water and still have a beautiful garden. Learn how Xeriscape gardening can reduce your watering time and increase your landscaping enjoyment. Instructor: Susan Gillin, water conservation coordinator for Chelan County PUD.

JESUS' DISCIPLES CLASS

A second class led by Pastor Julie will serve as a time to go deeper into our experience of Jesus' disciples which will be the focus of worship. Do we encounter ourselves when we look into the hearts and minds of the disciples? In many deep and profound ways we do. Join this class and learn more about the disciples and their relationship with Jesus.

FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS

On Wednesday, February 17, our class will attend the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. On February 24 we will meet to consider options for our Lenten and Spring studies. We welcome others to join in the discussion of options.



- Wenatchee Apollo Club - Congratulations on Your Centennial Celebration! 1910 - 2010

When you see Tim Meyer, our Choral Director,
congratulate him, since he is the Apollo Club Director!

Wednesday Evening Offers Food and Fellowship

Wednesdays, at 6:00pm, our church family and friends gather for healthy homemade food, good conversation and a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with each other. A \$3.00 donation helps to cover the cost of food and help those unable to donate. See you all there!

Feb. 24 ~ Pasta ~ Tracy, Paige & Friends

What's Inside

Pastor's Pen	2
More UMCOR Health Kits Sent	2
The Mobile Word	2
Summer Mission Trip Goes North	3
Angels in Our Midst	3
Meet the Bad Girls of the Bible	3
FUMC Book Club	3
Children's Ministry	4
VBS Dates - Mark Your Calendar	4
Journey to the Cross for Children	4
Children & Youth Sunday School Schedules	5
Bits & Pieces / Prayer Concerns	6
Bible Studies and Class Listings	7
Your Event Calendar	7
Weekly Devotional	8

Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday, February 17, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During this season we will travel with Jesus toward the cross and eventually Easter and the empty tomb.

This year on our journey we are being joined by some voices that were there – who walked with Jesus down those dusty roads. Through a wonderful series of monologues written for us by Gloria Roberson, we will hear the voices of Jesus' disciples. We will explore their lives and their faith. We will find that in many ways we are like them in our walk with Jesus. I believe that, in them, we will see ourselves in new and fresh ways that we might approach the cross and empty tomb with fresh insight.

In order that you might be better prepared for the experience, here is a list of the voices we will hear and the scripture lessons that will guide us:

February 21:	James and John	Mark 10:35-35
February 28:	Matthew	Matthew 9:9-13
March 7:	Mary Magdalene	Mark 15:40-41
March 14:	Judas	John 13:26b-30
March 21:	Peter	Mark 1:29-34

Then on Palm Sunday and Easter they will all join us that we might view those days and events through their eyes.

Also please allow me to offer a couple of miscellaneous comments:

•Did you know that traditionally the forty days of Lent do not include the Sundays? That gave folks a break each week from their Lenten disciplines.

•I want to remind you – both men and women – to please refrain from wearing fragrances to worship. We have several people in the congregation that are very sensitive to perfumes, colognes, and aftershave products. The presence of those aromas in the sanctuary causes them to have severe breathing difficulties. Thank you.

Faithfully, Pastor Julie

197 Kits Sent to UMCOR!!!

Thanks to the mid-high youth the last of the kits have been assembled and shipped to UMCOR for distribution to Haiti. In addition to the kits, we sent \$310 worth of miscellaneous supplies. The value of all the shipments from First Church was over \$2600. Thanks everyone!

The Mobile Word

We plan to create magnetic signs and/or bumper stickers for automobiles to promote First United Methodist Church ministries! Would you be willing to put one of these on your auto for a month or two? If so, please contact our Communications Director at jennifer@firstumchurch.org. Thanks!



Hiking Magic

Ancient Lakes Hike in Quincy was fabulous! We welcomed new participants and enjoyed awesome vistas!



Our Summer Mission Trip

Nikiski United Methodist Church and Birchwood United Methodist Church Camp in Chugiak, Alaska, are in need of more than you can imagine. These are our neighbors and brothers and sisters in the Methodist church; and from July 2 to July 10, you will get the extraordinary opportunity to help! You can come by yourself or bring your whole family. You can pick your project or go with the flow.

This summer, our church will be taking a mission team to Nikiski and Chugiak, Alaska. Two project destinations in one trip. We will offer our service to the Nikiski UMC, where the parsonage has a great deal of updating to do with the plumbing and electrical. They also have some demolition and rebuilding of a concrete patio for the church building itself. Their outdoor play area for the local children is in need of much repair.

We will then get an opportunity to work at the Birchwood UMC Camp in Chugiak, where there are many options for service, the new construction of a Lodge Pole building, major yard work, trail maintenance, and camping ministry for children.

Here are a few facts that we hope will answer the first layer of your questions

Date: July 2-10

Cost: Just under \$1,000.00 per person, this includes transportation from Seattle to Anchorage, food, lodging, supplies and conference insurance.

Age: All adults, 10th grade and older or whole families.



If you have any questions please feel free to call Don Charlton at 884-1209 or Tracy Carlson at 663-1607. An organizational meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Angels in our midst



We hope you enjoy reading about those people among us who are real life angels

Growing up I always thought angels wore white flowing gowns and floated about life on wings. I thought I'd meet them in heaven resting on a fluffy white cloud just waiting for me to arrive. Well then, you can imagine what it must have been like, for me, to meet an angel in real life! They wear jeans and flannel shirts and regular shoes just like me. As a matter of fact, we have three guys, I mean angels, who are part of our church family. John Jabbusch and Ralph Redding are here every Wednesday, washing up after dinner. No questions asked, no need to call and remind, and no complaints. Then we have Chuck Willie, who is always wherever we need him, singing, painting, cleaning, moving and throwing away. With a smile on his face! I enjoy being involved in any chore, as long as Chuck is helping! Blessings to our angels dressed in jeans! Tracy Carlson, Connectional Ministry

Check out the Valentine

Our congregation received the largest valentine I've ever seen! It hangs in the Parlor behind the counter and is from the ESL class, thanking us all for supporting their program! We think you'll like it!

FUMC Book Club Feb. 18

The book club meets on the third Thursday of most months in the Parlor at 7:00pm. The next gathering is February 18. This is an open club and all are invited.

For February, we are reading *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. The author has said that the "backbone" of her novel parallels the biblical story of Jacob. This is an atmospheric, gritty, and compelling novel of star-crossed lovers, set in the circus world circa 1932. It is beautifully written and brings to life the era of a traveling circus and small town America.

Join us as we explore this old fashioned and endearing story.



Meet the Bad Girls of the Bible

The 1:00pm Friday afternoon Lifegroup that has just finished reading One Month to Live has decided to continue with Charlene Edwards' leading us in a study on Bad Girls of the Bible. Our meetings usually last about 1½ hours, anyone interested may join us. All you need is your Bible! We look forward to seeing you this Friday at 1:00pm!





Save-The-Date
VBS 2010 ~ Camp EDGE:
Experience + Discover
God Everywhere
June 22-25 ~ 9am-12pm

Don't Sink Into Your Bible - Dive In!

Our children's class, previously known as the "3rd Grade Bible Class," will be branching out to all Kinder-5th grade children who attend our 10:30 Growing Hour class! Our philosophy is that children of all ages can benefit from knowing how to use, read and find their way through the Bible.

Therefore, beginning February 21 - March 21, we invite all Kinder- 5th children to join us as we learn how to use our Bibles through fun activities, games and lessons taught by Selina Danko. We especially hope all of our 3rd graders will join us, as we will be presenting each 3rd grade participant with a Bible during worship on April 11, as per tradition! If your child is a 4th or 5th grader who did not receive his or her Bible in year's past, we encourage them to participate so they may also receive their Bible.

Please call the office today or sign up on the scroll to enroll your child in this incredible opportunity to dive (rather than sink) into their Bible!



Sunday School Kids "Journey to the Cross"

Jesus, during the last week of his life on earth, journeyed to the cross in order to show God's powerful love for us. During our 9:00 Sunday School unit, *Journey to the Cross*, children will learn that...

- Jesus is the Son of God
- Jesus came as a king of peace, not a king of war
- In spite of danger, Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem to teach God's message of love and forgiveness
- Jesus prayed for strength to complete a difficult job
- God, through Jesus, offers forgiveness and new life to all people
- God helps us make faithful choices

**"Hosanna
to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord! Hosanna in
the highest heaven!"**

Matthew 21:9

"Truly this man was God's Son!"

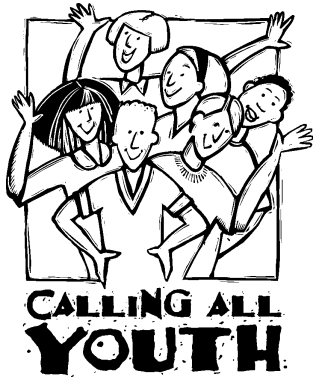
Matthew 27:54

Wacky Wednesday Kids'

Class 7:00-8:00pm

Artisan Market

Preschool thru 5th Grade



Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth Group Wednesday Night

Join us for Dinner @ 6:00 in JWH
Then Youth Group 6:45 - 8:00pm

Sunday School Schedule for February 21 ~ 9:00 Service

Age / Grade	Station / Class	Room	Location
Ages 3, 4 and Pre-K	Jesus is Alive	Noah's Ark	Main
Kinder - 5th Grade	Journey to the Cross - Science	Artisan Market	Upstairs
6th - 8th Grade	Jr. High Sunday School	Youth Room	Downstairs
9th - 12th Grade	Sr. High Sunday School	Living Room	Downstairs

Growing Hour Schedule for February 21 ~ 10:30 Service

Grade	Class	Room	Location
Kinder - 5th Grade	Dive Into Your Bible	Discoveries	Upstairs

See a Hockey Game - Support Our Youth!

FUMC's youth council is sponsoring a **Wenatchee Wild Hockey Night** as a fundraiser - **Sat., Feb. 20**. Tickets are just \$15 for each game (regularly priced at \$18/ticket so it's a great deal for you) and not only do you get a discount on the tickets, but **\$3 of each ticket supports FUMC's youth!**

Ticket vouchers may be purchased during the Wednesday night meal Feb. 17; or from the church office. **You must purchase the vouchers from us here at church in order for us to receive the donation.**



church activities & events

Recycling Tip —

Do not recycle paper or cardboard items with any food or liquid residues. Do not recycle pizza boxes, napkins or anything with permanent food residues. (Even one such item can contaminate a load of recyclables...sending it to the dump instead.) When in doubt, leave that one piece out!



And here is a link to a fascinating article about what faith-based groups can easily do to help our environment: http://www.gazette.net/stories/110707/bethnew55415_32370.shtml.

Jump into Your Swim Suit with a New Shape from PRISM!

The Christian based weight-loss program, PRISM, will begin a new session Monday, Feb. 22 -- Week 1 of 6 weeks. First time attendees: \$55.00 (ordering Phase 1 materials); \$45.00 (ordering materials for phase 2-6); \$25.00 for returning (no materials ordered). Register by sending a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 2285, Wenatchee, WA 98807 or dropping off at the office. Joyce O'Neal is your leader. 663-1373.

Bits & Pieces

HELP! HELP! *I need flowers to grace my altar!*

Please sign up to bring some. The sign-up sheet is just outside the office. You will notice there are lots of places to sign. If you want the flowers to honor a special person, just note that and it will appear in the Vine.

As your Sanctuary, I appreciate it when you furnish live flowers to bless the congregation. Be sure to deliver them on Friday when the church is open. Without you, we will sadly have to do with whatever artificial arrangement we can find. Thank you for remembering me.
Yours faithfully, the Sanctuary

Prayer Concerns Column Guidelines

So that you are aware of our Joys and Concerns column guidelines, we accept names of loved ones to be placed in this column for up to four (4) weeks. At that time, we remove them to make room for new names to be added. If your loved one continues to need our prayers, you may submit their name again. Also, please let us know when your loved one is in the hospital and when they go home. Call the church office 663-1607 or fill in the form online at: www.firstumchurch.org/Prayers.htm.

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: Prayers of sympathy go out to the family and friends of **Richard Hein**, who died Feb. 11; Prayers of sympathy go out to Reid Cowell, Wendy Cowell, all family and friends upon the death of their daughter, **Mackenzie Cowell**; Prayers of sympathy are offered to June Huber upon the death of her friend, **Jennifer Larkin Haskell**, Feb. 4; Prayers of sympathy are offered to Jim and Karen Russell upon the death of their niece, **Jill McMullen**, Feb. 9.

IN THE HOSPITAL: **Myrt DeRooy** (double pneumonia, Sherry Bowen-Coriell's mother); **Kim Weller** (cancer surgery, daughter of Robin Gates and Del Ketchie); **Lillian Auwerter** (lung issues, CWH); **Lynn Talbot** (heart surgery, Tony Talbot's uncle); **Patty Yates** (Admitted to Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland Wed., Jan. 13 for Autologous Stem Cell Transplant to treat her Multiple Myeloma - a blood cancer. Patty is the niece of Ron Yates).

CONTINUED PRAYERS: (*HFH=home from hospital) **Diane Anderson** (HFH, Dee Stromme's daughter); **Robert Chase** (acquiring a job and safe travels); **Luke Christopherson** (cont. cancer remission); **Jo Christopherson** (Herky Balcom's daughter); **Holly Clausen** (lead me where you need me); **Carol Colyn** (liver cancer, Sherry Bowen-Coriell's cousin); **Marilyn Crollard** (breast cancer, Marlys Parson's sister); **Ron Enger** (lung cancer); **Larry Focht** (open heart surgery, Brian Focht's father); **Brad Hitzel** (brain cancer, friend of Amy and Stewart Smith); **Willem Keyser** (Highline Convalescent Center); **Joyce Kight**; **Charnell Kolmes** (job change);

Many Thanks

Thanks for the calls, visits, cards and transportation while I was a guest in Green Gables. **Joe White**

Thanks for all the cards, well wishes and food after Tony's accident. **Tony and Jennifer Talbot**

~ Worship Attendance ~

February 14, 2010

Service	Adults	Children/Youth	Total
8:00am	35	0	35
9:00am	62	5	67
10:30am	<u>158</u>	15	173
<u>Youth Activities</u>		<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>
Totals	255	38	293

Joys & Concerns

Kathy Litch (kidney cancer, Sherry Bowen-Coriell's friend); **Leah McDaniel** (cancer diagnosis, 89 yrs old, Sherry Keiser's mother, prayers for Leah and family); **Von McVey** (heart issues); **Jessica Markie** (cystic fibrosis, awaiting a lung transplant); **Parmalee Moos** (back surgery); **Don Moos**; **Mary K. Morgan** (HFH, Aaron's Adult Home); **Rob Osgood** (broken wrist/finger); **Celeste Reid** (cancer, Harold Miller's friend); **Bea Roof** (another stroke, Colonial Vista, Donna Bates' mother); **Kay Ryan** (surgery, Feb. 22); **Marilyn Samuelson** (cancer, Harold Miller's friend); **David Schott** (knee replacement recovery); **Gene Schwilke** (heart infection, Indianapolis, Susan Schwilke-Smith's son); **Verna Schwilke** (breast cancer, Susan Schwilke-Smith's sister-in-law); **Hannah Tomlinson** (grades, health, finding job); **Barb Visser**; **Holly Ware** (health issues); **Janea White** (cancer).

WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYERS: Oroville and Pastor Karen Davison.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: For children of all Faiths.

IN SERVICE: **Jamie Boscow** (Germany, grandson of Gerald and Roberta Jones); **Chad Calhoun** (Air Force, State-side, Marion and Joanne Calhoun's grandson); **Blake Campbell** (Navy, son of Bryan and Jody Campbell, grandson of Don and Rita Campbell); **Peter Dietsch** (Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton, son of Susie Schell-Dietsch); **Mike Gotthold** (son of Julie and Bill Gotthold); **Eric Halstrom** (Afghanistan); **Blaine Skelton** (Marine serving in Iraq, son-in-law of Kris Neely); **Ashley Smith** (Afghanistan); **Blaine Robinson Tucker** (stationed at Bangor, WA, son of Scott Tucker, grandson of Christy Robinson); **Marine William Valencia** (in Iraq, brother of Victor and Tony Unger).

These are the prayer requests as of Feb. 17, 2009. Don't see yours here? Call 663-1607.

Classes - Bible Studies

Perspectives Class - Sundays 9:00am - Upper Room

On Sunday the Perspectives Class will consider the topic: TRADITIONAL VALUES. We'll be asking questions such as What are they? Whose are they? How far back do we go to identify them? We can find polygamy and "an eye for an eye" in the Bible. Are these and other traditional values to be cherished forever, or have we always modified our values as new understandings of right and wrong present themselves for consideration? One local congregation has accepted the Manhattan Declaration as their understanding of traditional values and we'll be asking whether this fits our definition of traditional values. The Manhattan Declaration can be found at www.manhattandeclaration.org. Have an opinion? We'd like to add yours to the discussion.

On March 7, Perspectives will discuss **The Man Who Wasn't There**, a film by Joel and Ethan Coen. A DVD of the film is available for check-out in the church office for anyone who wants to view the film. Please return it in three days, so everyone who wants to see the film can do so before March 7. Thank you.

Process and Faith - Sundays 9:00am

This Sunday, February 21, our class will read Chapter 10: "Learning to Find Your Theological Voice" in Philip Clayton's *Transforming Christian Theology for Church and Society* and discuss The Seven Core Christian Questions. We welcome others to join us in the Meikle Room from 9:00 – 10:00am.

Disciple 1 Bible Study - Mondays 7:00pm

Taught by Kay Ryan on Monday nights 7:00–9:00 p.m. Disciple 1 is the first in the series of Disciple classes. Becoming Disciples through Bible Study is an overview of the Old and New Testaments. It will cover 80% of the Bible. Each meeting will be approximately 2 hours long with a video segment to start the discussion.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Meets at 9:30am

Our Tuesday morning Bible class will be studying a book by noted writer, James W. Moore, entitled JESUS' PARABLES ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Upper Room for fellowship and learning. New students are always welcomed to join our lively discussions.

For the Living of These Days - Wednesdays 7:00pm

On Wednesday, February 17, our class will attend the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. On February 24 we will meet to consider options for our Lenten and Spring studies. We welcome others to join in the discussion of options.

Wacky Wednesday Kids' Class 7:00pm

We look forward to seeing all of our Preschool - 5th graders in the Artisan Market following the Wednesday night dinner, 7:00-8:00pm, for crafts, games, and fun Bible lessons!

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 21, 2010

- 8:00am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 Celebration Service
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 9:00 Process & Faith (M)
- 9:00 Perspectives Class (U)
- 10:30 Classic Service
- 11:45 Drama Practice (S)

Monday, February 22, 2010

- 12:00pm PRISM (M)
- 6:30 Bell Choir (S)

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

- 8:30am Ladies Exercise (M)
- 9:30 Tues. Morn. Bible Study (U)
- 10:00 Tot Spot (N)
- 5:30pm Council on Ministries (P)
- 6:00 ESL (UR, 202,203,204)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (JWH)

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Wed. Night Dinner (JWH)
- 6:45 Youth Groups
- 7:00 Jesus' Disciples Class
- 7:00 Earth Stewards Class
- 7:00 For the Living of These Days Class (U)

Thursday, February 25, 2010

- 8:30am Ladies Exercise (M)
- 10:00 Tot Spot (N)
- 5:30pm Celebration Singers
- 6:00 ESL (UR, 202, 203, 204)

Friday, February 26, 2010

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, February 27, 2010

No Meetings Scheduled

Meeting Room Key: Chapel (C); Ubuntu Theater (UT); Living Room (LR); Joe Wood Hall (JWH); Meikle Room, (M); Youth Room (Y); Nursery (N); Parlor (P); Sanctuary (S); Pre-K Room (P-K); Upper Room (U); Julie's Office (JO);

Risky Discipleship

Weekly Devotional

Read Matthew 25:14-30

Throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. - Matthew 25:30 (NIV)

THIS parable has always seemed harsh to me. Yes, the servant could have gone to the bank and opened up a savings account that earned one percent interest, but at least he didn't lose anything. I am more concerned about the two brash servants who managed to get a 100-percent profit. What investment scheme provides that kind of return? Perhaps I'm stretching the analogy too far, but such discipleship sounds risky, if not illegal.

What's the point of this parable? Parables suggest new realities or new worlds. This teaching of Jesus invites us to imagine a world where those who risk everything gain a hundredfold. Imagine a world where servants and masters work together for mutual benefit. Imagine a world where settling for the status quo is a crime!

The one-talent servant resides in a world where all masters are harsh and self-serving. In such a world, fear and the desire for safety confine us to living with the status quo. But if the master we serve is the true God, another world is possible. If we serve Christ, then we are set loose to invest everything we have been given for the glory of God.

David W. Poe (Missouri, U.S.A.)

Prayer: Trustworthy God, help us risk doing something great for your glory. Amen.

Thought for the Day: Serving Christ with all we are is a risk that's not really a risk at all.

Prayer Focus: Those working for harsh bosses

-Upper Room

First United Methodist Church



941 Washington Street
P.O. Box 2285
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Senior Pastor

Julia Price
julia@firstumchurch.org

Phone 509-663-1607

Fax 509-662-4714

Website

www.FirstUMChurch.org
Where you'll find a wealth of information along with an online event calendar!

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-Noon, 1:00-5:00pm
Fridays 9:00-1:00pm

Regular Worship Services

8:00am Chapel Worship
9:00am Celebration Service
Children's Sunday School
Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School
Adult Classes
10:30am Classic Service
Children's Growing Hour
Adult Class

Staff Email Addresses

Church Office office@firstumchurch.org
Jackie Griffiths jackie@firstumchurch.org
Jennifer Evenhus jennifer@firstumchurch.org
Tracy Carlson tracy@firstumchurch.org
Alicia Dawson alicia@firstumchurch.org
Paige Thompson paige@firstumchurch.org
Tim Meyer tim@firstumchurch.org
Holly Clausen holly@firstumchurch.org
Newsletter Items newsletter@firstumchurch.org