

Skylines

News and information
for your faith journey

First United
Methodist Church
February 23, 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

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

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 February 24 we will meet to consider options for our Lenten and Spring studies. We welcome others to join in the discussion of options.



We Continue to Respond to the Haiti Emergency

A huge thank you to everyone who has responded to the Haiti emergency with monetary donations. The total we have received to date is \$9791.36 plus all the health kits we sent. Please continue to donate as you can. The need will be there for months and years! You can stay updated on the Conference website at www.pnwumc.org. If you want to donate online go to our website at www.firstumchurch.org, or drop a check off at the office or on Sunday during worship.

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

March 2 ~ Mystery Meal ~ Mystery Team

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Dear Friends,

Two young adults from our congregation offered a beautiful drama as James and John the sons of Zebedee. It was my privilege to witness that drama three times on Sunday. I was touched by how they captured the image of two brothers being brothers. From their impatience with one another to their sense of competition to the enthusiasm for following Jesus we were able to look into the souls of these two men. Thank you, Adam and Daniel, for your wonderful addition to our worship!

Over the coming weeks we will meet others of Jesus' followers and hear their stories. As we do that, I want you to be aware of the person behind the scene who has worked for months to make this come to life. It all started with a conversation back in the early fall. We had been talking about the drama she was writing for the Christmas Eve service at the Largent's barn. When we were finished with that conversation, I told her that I was thinking about doing a series of sermons about Jesus' disciples for the season of Lent. Did she think that she could write a series of monologues with the disciples' speaking about their lives with Jesus? As she does, she took that idea and was off and running – creatively and physically. She wrote the beautiful scripts, recruited the actors, and has rehearsed with them for weeks.

I give thanks always in my prayers for this wonderful woman and her passion for enhancing our worship through drama. I am looking forward to hearing the voices of the disciples brought to life during Lent and Easter and to where her creativity will carry us next Christmas – I know that she is already working on ideas for that.

Thank you, Gloria Piper-Roberson, for again bringing to life the stories of the faith. Thank you also to the actors for this season – Adam Dawson (James), Daniel Talbot (John), Chuck Largent (Matthew), Tracy Carlson (Mary Magdalene), Bob Stoehr (Judas), and Daric Ronngren (Peter). Thank you for offering your voices as we journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem.

Faithfully, Pastor Julie

World Religion's Class DVD Available for Check-Out

The DVD used in Peter Leslie's recent class on World Religions is available in the church office for anyone who might like to view it. The office staff will be glad to locate it and check it out to you. The full title of the DVD is *Christianity and World Religions – Wrestling With Questions People Ask*.



The Mobile Word

We plan to create magnetic signs and/or window decals for automobiles to promote First United Methodist Church ministries! Would you be willing to put one of these on your auto? If so, please contact our Communications Director at jennifer@firstumchurch.org or contact the office 663-1607. Thanks!

Hazard, KY Mission Trip Presentation Now Online

We now have a great article and a huge slide show available for viewing on our website of the Hazard, KY Mission Trip taken last October. www.firstumchurch.org/missions.html.

North to Alaska

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.



Please remember to recycle this Skylines newsletter - Thanks!

Mary Ruth Circle Welcomes Ron Yates' Presentation on the European "Passion Play"

Ron Yates attended The Passion Play when he and Lois were visiting in Europe a few years ago. It is only presented once every ten years. He has seen the play three times!

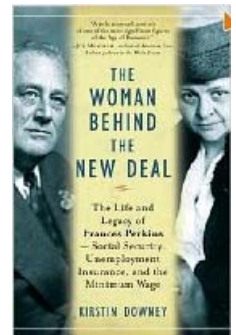
Come to Mary Ruth Circle on Wednesday, March 3 where he will talk and present pictures taken at that time. Some of us have seen the Passion Play in other parts of the world, but the one he saw is supposed to be the best presentation of all. We will meet at 1:00pm. Ron will also give the devotions. Hostesses will be Fay Smith and Alma Sellar. Guests are always welcome!

FUMC Book Club March Selection

Woman Behind the New Deal by Kristen Downey is this month's book club selection. This biography of Frances Perkins tells the story of the first female cabinet secretary and her fight to improve the lives of America's working class while juggling her own complex family responsibilities.

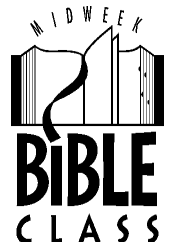
Frances was named Secretary of Labor in 1933 and her ideas became the cornerstones of the most important social welfare and compensation in the nation's history.

This book is written with a wit that echoes Frances Perkins's own, and explores why Frances slipped into political oblivion. Hope to see you March 18 at 7:00pm for a lively discussion.



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!



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!

Wacky Wednesday Kids' Class

No kids' class Feb. 24, please bring children to Preschool classroom on main floor for childcare.

We'll see you next week
7:00-8:00pm Artisan Market
Preschool thru 5th Grade

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!"

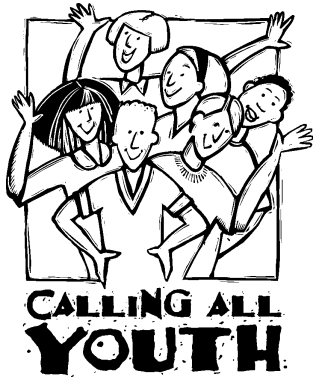
Matthew 21:9

"Truly this man was God's Son!"

Matthew 27:54



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



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 28 ~ 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 - Cooking	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 28 ~ 10:30 Service

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



Monday Morning Breakfast - First Monday of the Month

What a great way to start the month; preparing breakfast **for all youth and young adults** who want to enjoy healthy conversation, fun laughter and good food. Our first breakfast was attended by 10 youth and young adults and two chefs. Our next Monday Morning Breakfast is March 1 - no need to RSVP - simply show up hungry! 8:15-9:15am. Tracy Carlson and Alicia Dawson, Youth Leaders

Attention: Graduating High School Seniors

Any high school senior who is a member, or whose parent or guardian is a member of First United Methodist Church, and who has been accepted by an accredited college, university or vocational school is eligible to apply for the First United Methodist Church Scholarship and /or the Mary Martin Scholarship. Please stop by the church office to pick up your application. Application deadline is March 15, 2010.

Keep Our Wednesday Kid's Class Alive!

With more and more families becoming involved in our Wednesday evening ministries, offering a class for elementary children to participate in during that time is even more important than ever before!

For a little background, we first began offering a regular class for elementary kids on Wed. evenings at the beginning of this school year under the direction of two dedicated volunteers. However, one of these volunteers has recently had to give up this volunteer position and we are now in dire need of help in order for this ministry to continue.

Our church has made a commitment to always provide a safe environment for our children and volunteers alike by adopting a Safe Sanctuary policy that sets specific safety guidelines when working with children and youth. One of these guidelines requires that all children's classes and events be supervised by a minimum of two adult leaders. With that being the case, we are now faced with a situation where we urgently need more volunteers to make a commitment to assist with this ministry by regularly or occasionally serving as a teacher's assistant and/or teaching the class on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm or we will have to discontinue this class.

Therefore, I ask that you please pray for this ministry and consider offering an hour of your time to our Wednesday Night kids, whether it be on a weekly or monthly basis, so we can keep this important program alive. This class is a TON of fun and has a steady group of 5-8 kids who absolutely LOVE church. For further information about volunteering with this ministry, please contact Children's Director, Alicia Dawson. Thank you!

Bits & Pieces

The Columbia Chorale presents
**Mozart "Coronation Mass"
 and Faure Requiem**

Friday, March 5, 2010 7:30pm
Holy Apostles Catholic Church
1315 8th St., East Wenatchee

The Chorale's second concert of the season will feature a major choral work "double header" in the beautiful acoustic setting of the newly remodeled Holy Apostles Catholic Church. Mozart's Mass in C ("Coronation") will be followed by a special Lenten presentation of Gabriel Faure's Requiem. The Chorale will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and guest pianist Oksana Ezhokina. Guest soloists from the Wenatchee area include our very own Soprano, Stacia McRae.

~ Worship Attendance ~

February 21, 2010

Service	Adults	Children/Youth	Total
8:00am	29	0	29
9:00am	83	7	90
10:30am	149	17	166
<u>Ash Wed Serv.</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>95</u>
Totals	336	44	380

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 Donna Bates and family upon the death of her mother, **Bea Roof**, Feb. 20; 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**.

IN THE HOSPITAL: **Kay Ryan** (surgery, Feb. 22, CWH); **Taden Wellborn** (surgery to remove tumor in ear, Glen Carlson's grandson); **Lillian Auwerter** (lung issues, CWH); **Lynn Talbot** (heart surgery, Tony Talbot's uncle);

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 Christofferson** (Herky Balcom's daughter); **Carol Colyn** (liver cancer, Sherry Bowen-Coriell's cousin); **Marilyn Crollard** (breast cancer, Marlys Parson's sister); **Myrt DeRooy** (double pneumonia, Sherry Bowen-Coriell's mother); **Ron Enger** (lung cancer); **Brad Hitzel** (brain cancer, friend of Amy and Stewart Smith); **Joyce Kight**; **Charnell Kolmes** (job change); **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

Joys & Concerns

surgery); **Don Moos**; **Mary K. Morgan** (HFH, Aaron's Adult Home); **Rob Osgood** (broken wrist/finger); **Celeste Reid** (cancer, Harold Miller's friend); **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); **Caroline Smith** (gall stone attack, 8 mos. pregnant, Susan Schwilke-Smith's daughter-in-law); **Judi Telford** (cancer); **Hannah Tomlinson** (grades, health, finding job); **Barb Visser**; **Holly Ware** (health issues); **Kim Weller** (HFH, daughter of Robin Gates and Del Ketchie); **Janea White** (cancer); **Patty Yates** (niece of Ron Yates).

WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYERS: Pasco Riverview and Pastor Wendy Riddle.

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. 23, 2009. Don't see yours here? Call 663-1607.

Classes - Bible Studies

Perspectives Class - Sundays 9:00am - Upper Room

On Sunday at 9:00am in the Upper Room, the Perspectives Class will have guests sharing their "One Month to Live" experiences.

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

Sunday, February 28 our class members will be sharing our individual responses to the "Seven Core Christian Questions" in Chapter 10 of Philip Clayton's *Transforming Christian Theology for Church and Society*. We welcome others to join in our discussion 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

Wednesday, February 24 we will gather to choose the topics we wish to study and discuss for Lent and the Spring quarter. We welcome new persons who have not been a part of the class before to join us in looking at options and choosing one. We meet in the Upper Room, 7:00 – 8:30pm.

Wacky Wednesday Kids' Class 7:00pm

No kids' class Feb. 24, please bring children to preschool classroom on main floor for childcare. We look forward to seeing all of our Preschool - 5th graders in the Artisan Market next week following the Wednesday night dinner, 7:00-8:00pm, for crafts, games, and fun Bible lessons!

Recycling Tip 1 — Start Small

To make a difference, you don't have to start big. Remember, every effort counts.

A small start is better than not at all, and it can help give you confidence to take bigger steps down the road.

What it means to start small is to start with yourself. Look at the things that you own and use. Things around you that you have control over. These things could be in your home, in your workplace, in your car.

As you become comfortable recycling your own things, you can expand your sphere of influence to those around you, such as immediate family, and then your relatives and friends.



Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 28, 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

Monday, March 1, 2010

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

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

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

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Mary Ruth Circle (P)
- 6:00 Wed. Night Dinner (JWH)
- 6:45 Youth Groups
- 7:00 Kid's Class (Artisan Mkt)
- 7:00 Choir (S)
- 7:00 Disciples Class (Rm203)
- 7:00 Earth Stewards Class (205)
- 7:00 For the Living of These Days Class (U)

Thursday, March 4, 2010

- 8:30am Ladies Exercise (M)
- 10:00 Tot Spot (N)
- 1:30pm Mobile Meals (U)
- 5:00 Latino Ministry
- 5:30 Apollo Club Rehearsal (JWH)
- 5:30 Celebration Singers
- 6:00 ESL (UR, 202, 203, 204)

Friday, March 5, 2010

- 1:00pm Bad Girls of the Bible (U)

Saturday, March 6, 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);

The Runaway Horse

Read Luke 10:38-42

Thus said the Lord GOD . . . In returning

and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. -Isaiah 30:15 (NRSV)

Weekly Devotional

THE horse was running too fast. As I tried to rein him in, he stutter-stepped to the left and bounced on his front hooves. The quick movement elevated me from the saddle then slammed me back down. I yelled in pain, sure that something had been broken. Managing to pull myself from the saddle, I stood awkwardly in the rodeo arena for a few moments. Later that evening an X-ray revealed my injury — connecting tissue at the bottom of my pelvis had been severed. I would need three to six months of rest and rehabilitation.

For someone who likes to be busy, such a prescription was unwelcome news. In the coming days I found myself wrestling with feeling discouraged, angry, frustrated, and even worthless. But God’s mercy overwhelmed me one day as I sat wallowing in self-pity. Suddenly, I began to thank God for the endless blessings in my life. Tears came to my eyes as my list of blessings went on and on. I have much to be thankful for.

God was teaching me many things through my situation. I was learning to slow down and rest in Christ. God reminded me that my worth is based not on anything I may be able or unable to do but rather on Jesus’ sacrifice and God’s gracious love for me.

Drew Travis (California, USA)

Prayer: O God, may our busyness never crowd out time for you. When we feel frustrated, even worthless, turn our eyes to the cross of Jesus and his sacrifice for us. Amen.

Thought for the Day: By dying for us, Christ affirmed that each of us is infinitely valuable.

Prayer Focus: Those doing dangerous jobs

–Upper Room

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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

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