

# Skylines

News and information  
for your faith journey

First United  
Methodist Church  
March 9, 2010

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

## One Great Hour of Sharing ~ March 14, 2010

### Cheers for Pencils

In Zimbabwe, where one of the worst economic crises in history has taken place, resources were scarce and expensive, particularly for those in more remote areas. This left many of the most vulnerable communities without access to basic necessities such as food or clean water, much less the “luxury” of such items as paper or a ruler. Often seen as a privilege, access to education and educational materials are highly valued and much appreciated by all, providing a foundation of hope for the future.

So, when more than 400 children in rural Zimbabwe received school kits from UMCOR to help them prepare for the reopening of their schools there were shouts of joy. These humble satchels containing notebooks, scissors, an eraser, ruler, crayons, pencils and pencil sharpener are tangible gifts of love for children living in an area of the world where life is difficult at best.

The items in the school kits packed and sent by United Methodists are humble by US standards, yet priceless to the children who receive them.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you give to help make such distributions possible. Your gifts lay the foundation for all of UMCOR’s work. They allow UMCOR to act on your behalf and bring much-needed relief and joy to vulnerable children and adults alike.

UMCOR receives no apportionment or World Service funds of any kind. Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR’s “costs of doing business.” That helps us keep our promise that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project not on home office costs.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they’re most needed. UMCOR’s specialized ministries responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees all assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

Please give prayerfully and generously to this important work.



Move your  
clocks **AHEAD**  
one hour this  
Saturday night  
before retiring.

### 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!

**March 10~Pulled Pork Sandwiches~Jr. High Grp.**  
**March 17 ~ Taco Bar - Sr. High Grp.**

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Dear Friends,

I received the following note from one of our young adults, Olivia Bengé. She is a student at Pacific Lutheran University and in addition to being active in our church has also served at the Annual Conference level. She is a young woman with a faith and wisdom beyond her years. It is very exciting to think that a young person from our congregation will be involved in global conversation about the future of the United Methodist Church.

*On September 12, only a week after arriving at Pacific Lutheran University, Patrick Scriven sent me an email that said, "hey if you want to go to the global young adult conference in Berlin, Germany contact Ryan Russel." From that email my attention was caught. I have never been out of the continent and because I have been involved in CCOYM the past two years, I thought it would be great to experience the Methodist Church on a global scale. I emailed Ryan and got a reply that said, go check out the website to get more info and put your name on this form for a general application.*

*On Wednesday, October 7, I got an email from Ryan after not hearing from him for a month that said, "here is the major application with all the essay questions, and by the way, it's due in two days at 7:00pm!" I was so disappointed! I had a test on Friday and was super busy as it was the second month of college. Right then I prayed. I asked God to provide me with the time to complete the application if he wanted me to go. On Friday, three hours before the time it was due, he gave me an hour. I sat down and wrote from my heart, and then had my roommate do a quick spell check and clarification.*

*There were many other applications, but a month later on October 29, I received an email stating that I was one of two non-voting delegates chosen! God had provided and I was ecstatic.*

*As a college student I cannot afford to go to Europe on my own. The general church is paying for some of it, but I am in need of \$750.00 more. I hope that the church will support me financially what it can and in prayer. I will be leaving at the end of July and staying in Berlin for seven days. While I am there I will be discussing the direction and legislation of the United Methodist Church and growing in my faith at the global convocation. Thank you for the support you have given me my entire life. I pray that God will guide you in your giving.*

If any of you are willing to help with her expenses, it would be a much appreciated and well-used gift. You may donate the money through the church and simply label it "Olivia."

Faithfully, Pastor Julie

## Holy Week Services

### March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Our adventure with Jesus' disciples continues as we see the events of the last week of Jesus' life through their eyes. At 9:00am we will gather in the Parlor and all join in a processional into the sanctuary.

### March 29 – April 2 – Community Holy Week services

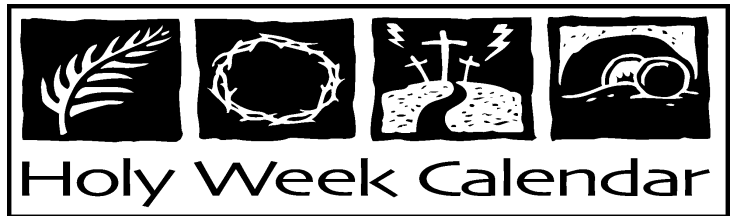
Each day at 12:05 the community service will be held at St Luke's Episcopal Church. Several folks from our congregation will be taking part including Pastor Julie preaching on Thursday. Please watch for more details.

### April 1 – Maundy Thursday

At 6:00pm we will gather in Joe Wood Hall for dinner. Then at 7:00 we will move to the sanctuary for worship including communion. (There will not be a dinner on Wed. evening.)

### April 4 – Easter

We begin at Rotary Park at 6:30am with our sunrise service. Then at 9:00 and 10:30 we will worship in the sanctuary. Again Jesus' disciples will join us and give us their view of that first Easter morning. Those two services will also include the sanctuary choir, the bell choir and other special musicians. To conclude those services, worshipers will be invited to join the choir in singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."



## Lost & Found

We have a rabbit-skin fur collar with beads attached that was left at the Girls' Tea last fall. Please come to the church office to claim.

# Summer Alaska Mission Trip

When it comes to Mission work it is extremely important to be flexible. To realize that it is not about your needs it is about those that need your help. It is not about your expectations it's about expecting to help whatever, whenever and however. Our Alaska Mission trip has taken a different route. We are going to Wasilla and Palmer AK. Where we will be helping a Missional UM Church become physically stronger so that they can put their energy into their community. How will we help? We can paint, dig, repair, plant, build and fix. We can love on the children through VBS. We can laugh and learn together. We can all bask in the glow of a job well done. It is our desire to lighten their load so that they can continue to light their corner of the world. In doing so, we follow in the steps of Christ to Alaska as servants to those in need.

These are our neighbors and our brothers and sisters in the Methodist church, and you will get the extraordinary opportunity to help! You can come by yourself or bring your whole family.

**Mark your calendar for March 23 at 7:00 pm** for a meeting chock full of facts

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

**Date:** We will decide on a date at the meeting

**Cost:** Just under 1,000.00, this includes transportation from Seattle to Anchorage, food, lodging, supplies and 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.

## A Hiking We Shall Go!

Come explore **Icicle Ridge on Saturday, March 13. We will meet at the church parking lot and leave at 9:00am sharp.**

This is definitely a local favorite as it is the closest trail to Leavenworth and is a lesser hiked trail compared to those farther up the Icicle. We will explore the lower trail as it makes a great day hike. This hike is 3 miles round trip with an 1800 elevation gain in the first 1 1/2 mi. Once on top, the Tumwater Canyon and Hwy 2 can be seen far below. We will plan on taking about 3 hours to complete the hike. Bring your own water bottle and dress according to the weather, but keep in mind it is easier to take off a layer than to covet someone else's coat, gloves and hat.



**After we are done** we are all invited to the Pattison home in Monitor for an outdoor weenie roast. The church will provide the hot dogs and

buns with the condiments; **you may bring your favorite side dish to share.** The Hiking Team Says "Hike Away."

## Attention: Graduating High School Seniors

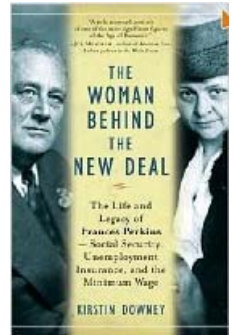
Any high school senior who is a member, or whose parent or guardian is a member of First United Methodist Church, and who has been accepted by an accredited college, university or vocational school is eligible to apply for the First United Methodist Church Scholarship and /or the Mary Martin Scholarship.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

## 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.



## Discipleship Making District Academy, 2010

Yakima: Wesley UMChurch, 14 N. 48th Ave, Yakima WA

**Saturday, April 24, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 3:30**

**p.m.**

Bishop Grant Hagiya will spend the morning with us talking about Discipleship Making. There will be workshops in the afternoon. More information to follow.

**BE SURE TO PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!**

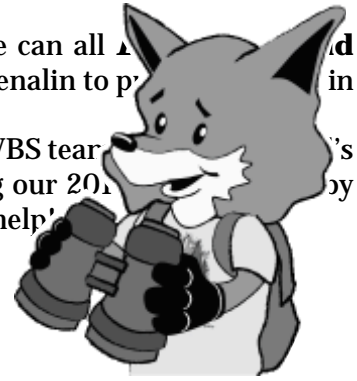
## Camp E.D.G.E. ~

### Vacation Bible School June 22 – 25

Join us in an amazing week of living on the "EDGE" as we help children learn that we can all **Discover God Everywhere!** At **Camp E.D.G.E.**, campers will be filled with the adrenalin to push through in their faith journey- to step out on the EDGE in their relationship with God.

So, First United Methodist Church, I challenge you to step out on the EDGE with our VBS team and have your own life transformed in return! I challenge you to commit to serving our 2011 by signing up on the Scroll this Sunday or contacting me to learn more about how you can help!

~Alicia Dawson, Children's Director



## Help with Our Children's Easter Eggstravaganza!

Easter Sunday is truly a time to celebrate and rejoice that the Lord has risen! As a way to help children celebrate this miracle, it has been a tradition for our church to offer a fun-filled craft workshop for them to participate in during the 9:00 and 10:30 services Easter Sunday.

Last year, 120 children took part in this yearly celebration so we will hope to have at least that many return again this Easter! However, in order for us to offer a safe and meaningful Easter celebration to our children **we need over a dozen adult and youth volunteers to assist with our craft stations or simply supervise JWH where the celebration will be held.**

Please **sign up on the scroll this Sunday or contact Children's Director, Alicia Dawson**, if you can help during one or both services with this fun-filled celebration of Jesus' resurrection! Also, if you cannot help that day but are interested in putting together the materials for a craft station, please let me know, as that would be just as helpful!

### Sunday School Schedule for March 14 ~ 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 - Art	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 March 14 ~ 10:30 Service

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

**Wacky  
Wednesday  
Kids' Class**  
7:00-8:00pm  
Artisan Market  
Preschool thru  
5th Grade



## 2010 Camp Registration is now Open!

The Camping Catalog is on its way, so watch your mailboxes. It will include information on each of the camps this summer, as well as registration and health forms. If you are already planning your summer and would like a sneak peek at the Catalog, visit [www.pnwumc.org/camping](http://www.pnwumc.org/camping) to see it in PDF form. There you can also find the link to register online and a step-by-step How To! It's fast and easy, and you can even pay through our secure website. There are camps for campers of all ages (both the young and the young at heart), so be sure to check it out! If you have any questions, email our Registrar, Sarah, at [camping@pnwumc.org](mailto:camping@pnwumc.org) or call 206-870-6805.

**Please remember to recycle this Skylines newsletter - Thanks!**

Jr. High Retreat 2010 Recap

The fantastic five from Wenatchee FUMC attended the 2010 Jr High Retreat and we had a BLAST!! Brendan Morrison and Chandler Engel attended the event as participants and had an awesome time getting to know other youth from around the conference, playing basketball, and just hangin' out in the beautiful outdoors while learning how to transform the world!

Furthermore, High School Senior Daniel Talbot was a part of the Conference Council on Youth Ministry (CCOYM) team that planned and hosted this incredible event. Therefore, Daniel served as a small group leader for the 6th grade youth and was able to practice his leadership skills. It was amazing watching him learn and grow as a leader and you could tell what an incredible job he did by how much his small group loved him!

Youth Leader Adam Dawson and I accompanied the youth on the retreat and I'm pretty sure we left feeling even more spiritually renewed than the youth! Adam was able to participate in an adult small group that allowed the adult leaders to have their own conversations about how to be "Transformers not Conformers" and I had the incredible opportunity of serving as a small group leader for a group of 8th graders from Kennewick First UMC. Together, we had the most amazing conversations about religion and Christianity.

A few of the incredible questions that the youth from my small group asked were, "How do we know that Christianity is the right religion when there are so many religions out there?" and "How can we help teach our friends about God without brainwashing or bait-and-switching them to come to church?" and "Do we have to agree with everything in the Bible - especially since there are so many horrible stories? I mean, life and the cultures of today are much different than in Bible times." (Yes - these were all questions from 8th graders!!!)

It is absolutely refreshing and inspiring to witness these young minds wrap around such HUGE issues!! And it was even more amazing listening to them offer their ideas and input on how to answer these questions!

Amazing things are in store for our world when these youth venture into adulthood- I can hardly wait to witness all of the amazing things they will accomplish!

~Alicia Dawson, Jr. High Youth Director



Another exciting year for CONVO!

CONVO is the biggest youth event of the year for our Annual Conference. It is scheduled for May 29 to 31. Hundreds of Senior High aged Youth (grades 8-12) will gather for three days of music, prayer, fun, learning, and growth. I am very excited to invite you to another year of CONVO!

The CONVO theme this year is "Anatomy of a Christian." Together, we will explore how Christians are called to be thinking believers who experience God passionately, and live out their faith radically.

For more information on how you can attend, visit pnwmy.org/convo or see Tracy Faulkner Carlson at 663-1607. Scholarships are available.

Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth Group Wednesday Night Join us for Dinner @ 6:00 in JWH Then Youth Group 6:45 - 8:00pm

# Bits & Pieces

## World Religions 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*.

## Many Thanks

My most sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery. A special thanks to Joan Talbot and Helen Howard for their continued support. I am so blessed to be part of a community of loving and caring people. God Bless you all....Kay Ryan

## 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](http://www.firstumchurch.org/Prayers.htm).*

**LOSS OF A LOVED ONE:** Prayers of sympathy are offered to Helen Howard upon the death of her son, **Louie Howard** of Boise, ID; Prayers of sympathy are offered to the family and friends of **Jessica Markie** who died Feb. 27.

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** **Thelma Erskin** (knee surgery March 15); **Lynn Talbot** (heart surgery, Tony Talbot's uncle).

**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** (\*HFH=home from hospital) **Diane Anderson** (HFH, Dee Stromme's daughter); **Lillian Auwerter** (HFH); **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); **Ron Enger** (lung cancer); **Brad Hitzel** (brain cancer, friend of Amy and Stewart Smith); **Joyce Kight**; **Charnell Kolmes** (job change); **Dorothy Landin** (HFH); **Leah McDaniel** (cancer diagnosis, 89 yrs old, Sherry Keiser's mother, prayers for Leah and family); **Von McVey** (heart issues); **Parmalee Moos** (back surgery, Colonial Vista); **Don Moos**; **Celeste Reid** (cancer, Harold Miller's friend); **Kay Ryan** (HFH); **Marilyn Samuelson** (can-

## ~ Worship Attendance ~

March 7, 2010

Service	Adults	Children/Youth	Total
8:00am	34	0	34
9:00am	71	20	91
10:30am	<u>161</u>	15	176
Youth Activities		<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>314</b>

## Mobile Meals 2nd Annual Benefit Concert

Friday, March 12 7:30pm

Wen. First United Methodist Church

Enjoy Wenatchee Apollo Club, Wenatchee Appleaires, Columbia Chorale, Common Bond5, 4 for One, EHS Chamber Choir, Leavenworth Village Voices.

Tickets: \$10 Advance, \$12 at Door - available at Eastmont Pharmacy, Pak It Rite, Winnie's Hallmark, Doane's Valley Pharmacy, A Book for All Seasons, People's Bank.

## Joys & Concerns

cer, Harold Miller's friend); **Verna Schwilke** (breast cancer, Susan Schwilke-Smith's sister-in-law); **Connie Scott** (respiratory illness); **Tony Talbot** (needs another skin graft, upcoming surgery); **Judi Telford** (cancer); **Hannah Tomlinson** (grades, health, finding job); **Barb Visser**; **Hawley Ware** (health issues); **Taden Wellborn** (HFH, Glen Carlson's grandson); **Kim Weller** (HFH, daughter of Robin Gates and Del Ketchie); **Janea White** (cancer); **Patty Yates** (niece of Ron Yates).

**WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYERS:** Prosser UMC and Pastor Bo Bryan.

**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** (US Marine Corp. active service, brother of Victor and Tony Unger).

These are the prayer requests as of March 10, 2009. Don't see yours here? Call 663-1607.

# Classes - Bible Studies

## Class Promotion Guidelines

**Instructors:** The Adult Formation Team works with Pastor Julie to have us provide a wide variety of adult learning opportunities. Please present your ideas for classes to that team. When your class has been cleared with that team, make sure it is on the main church calendar. Then, please have your information to us (via email) 3 weeks in advance for thorough promotion. Please give us detailed information about the class: start date, end date, times, instructor name/credentials, and minimum number of people you must have registered to go ahead with the class. Please note that classroom assignments will be made by the staff after the registration is complete.

**Students:** Because our instructors spend considerable time preparing for classes, we are asking that you register for any class you plan to take. The RSVP deadline date will be one week before the class begins.

## Lenten Class Listing - see insert

### Perspectives Class - Sundays 9:00am - Upper Room

As Christians, what do we think society's obligations are to seniors? To other segments of society? How do we decide? Join us Sun., March 14 at 9:00 am in the Upper Room.

### Process and Faith - Sundays 9:00am

Sunday, March 14 our class will continue our lively discussion of the Seven Core Christian Questions in Philip Clayton's Transforming Christian Theology. We welcome others to join in our discussion in the Meikle Room 9:00 - 10:00am.

### 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

We viewed a video of Philip Clayton and learned more about his background in preparation for studying his book, Transforming Christian Theology. This Wednesday, March 10 we will discuss the first five chapters in the book, pages 1 - 43. Others are warmly invited to join us in the Upper Room 7:00 - 8:30pm.

### 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!

### Meet the Bad Girls of the Bible - Fridays 1:00pm

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!

## Are You a Yard Sale Expert?

Use your experience to help out the FUMC youth! The Youth Council is planning a church yard sale for mid-April. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help us organize this event. Please contact Susan Murray, 679-5969 or sa\_murray@yahoo.com. (P.S. Start setting aside your items to donate - we'll let you know as soon as we're ready to take them!)

## Next Week's Calendar

### Sunday, March 14, 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
- 10:30 Children's Growing Hour
- 11:30 Drama Practice (S)

### Monday, March 15, 2010

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

### Tuesday, March 16, 2010

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

### Wednesday, March 17, 2010

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Wed. Night Dinner (JWH)
- 6:45 Youth Groups
- 7:00 Kids' Class (Artisan Mkt)
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00 Jesus' Disciples w/Julie
- 7:00 Earth Stewards Class - Affluenza-Worse than Flu?
- 7:00 For the Living of These Days Class (U)

### Thursday, March 18, 2010

- 8:30am Ladies Exercise (M)
- 10:00 Tot Spot (N)
- 1:30pm Mobile Meals (U)
- 5:30 Celebration Singers
- 6:00 ESL (UR, 202, 203, 204)
- 7:00 FUMC Book Club (P)

### Friday, March 19, 2010

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

### Saturday, March 20, 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);

## Mercy, Grace, Forgiveness

Read Ephesians 4:1-3

*If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful*

*and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

-1 John 1:9 (NIV)

# Weekly Devotional

MEGAN wasn't even aware that she had hurt me. She was becoming a good friend, and I decided to disregard the offense. The only problem was that I could not; I held on to the hurt. Before long, I was busy whenever she called, making excuses not to spend time with her. Weeks passed, and the anxiety that I felt soon seeped into every part of my life, including my prayer life. I was no longer looking forward to spending time with God; in fact, I was avoiding it.

My relationship with God mirrored my relationship with Megan. Even though Megan was unaware of what she had done, I held it against her and was unwilling to forgive. Knowing that God forgives me without reservation, how could I withhold my forgiveness from her?

My unconfessed sin had created a wedge that was affecting all of my relationships. When I brought my sin to the Lord and forgave my friend, I was released from its hold on my life. I'm thankful that God has shown me, by example and by love for me, how to extend grace and love through forgiveness.

**Deanna L. Baird** (Michigan, U.S.A.)

**Prayer:** God, forgive us for what we know we have done or said and for acts we are not aware of that have brought grief and pain to others. Amen.

**Thought for the Day:** When we withhold forgiveness, we risk our relationships with other people and with God.

**Prayer Focus:** To be sensitive to others' feelings

-Upper Room

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*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

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# Wednesday Night Lenten Classes

## EARTH STEWARDS CLASSES

### Energy Efficiency and New Renewables - Wed., March 10

Jim White, senior engineer at Chelan County PUD, is the next speaker in our Wednesday night eco series. Jim's focus is on energy efficiency and new renewables. Jim will talk about how we use energy now, where it will come from in the future, and what we can do to develop sustainable energy resources. Jim is an expert on renewable energy, having started the SNAP program at Chelan PUD. Join us Wednesday at 7:00pm for this third installment in our series of 4 workshops on environmental stewardship.

### Affluenza — It's worse than H1N1 !!! - Wed., March 17

What is Affluenza?? One definition: An epidemic of stress, overwork, waste and indebtedness caused by the dogged pursuit of the American Dream. Another: An unsustainable addiction to economic growth. But most importantly, it is the name of a PBS special that explores the high social and environmental costs of materialism and overconsumption. The program was created and produced by KCTS, a PBS station in Seattle, and is hosted by Scott Simon, a familiar name to all of you NPR fans — and to many the assurance of a quality program.

Your FUMC Earth Stewards are presenting this program on Wednesday, March 17 right after the Wednesday night supper. This is a fascinating program that often stimulates much thought and conversation. Is there a cure for Affluenza? Yes, and we can work on it together! For more information check out this website: [www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza](http://www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza). We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP by calling the church office, 663-1607.

## 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

We viewed a video of Philip Clayton and learned more about his background in preparation for studying his book, *Transforming Christian Theology*. This Wednesday, March 10 we will discuss the first five chapters in the book, pages 1 – 43. Others are warmly invited to join us in the Upper Room 7:00 – 8:30pm.

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## Keep it Green

Taking just a moment to put your newspaper, soda can and glass spaghetti jar in the recycling bin will save everyone years in environmental harm from production of new materials, overcrowded landfills and the depletion of our natural resources.



Odd as it seems there are many people who do not realize that plastic bottles our water comes in is made out of oil. This is the same oil that is used to make gasoline. It's the same oil that is in such high demand and is not an unlimited resource.



## Blessing: Jack Manno (an excerpt)

May earth's song reach us in our deepest and wildest places.

May it be heard as we move upon her, as we partake of her sustenance, as we nestle in her waters and grasses

May we hear the voices of the stones, the winds and waters, creatures and plants, above the human chatter, softly but not silently, so we can heed them when we must.

May all those who try to conquer earth's powers learn instead from compost and humus and take from them humility, knowing any force conquered is lost forever to the conqueror.



*This blessed interlude has been sponsored by your Earth Stewards team. Reduce — Re-use — Recycle*

## 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](mailto:jennifer@firstumchurch.org) or contact the office 663-1607. Thanks!

# First Church Loves Missions!

## Organic Chocolate Espresso Bean Bars are Back!

### March 14 = Fair Trade Sale Day!

You have another easy opportunity to reach out and help someone from another part of the world; and, it's happening on March 14 from before first service until after the last in our Church Parlor.

Your FUMC Missions team is sponsoring the sale of Equal Exchange fair trade products; including chocolates, coffees, teas and snacks. We have just one more of the colorful Market bags (from India) — and we're happy to announce the **return of the Organic Chocolate Espresso Bean bars, with 55% Cacao. They're vegan, and gluten free!** We want to see YOU at the table!



## India Water Purification Mission Trip Presentation Now Online

You can now read a great article and see a huge slide show now available on our website of the India Mission trip taken in January by Jim and Robin Gates and their grandson, Max. [www.firstumchurch.org/missions.html](http://www.firstumchurch.org/missions.html).



## A Local Women and Children's Shelter is in Need

A local Women's Shelter, Haven of Hope, is in need of our help. On Tuesday, March 16th at noon, you are invited to attend a meeting at the Haven of Hope, 202 S. Franklin Street, Wenatchee. They have been running at capacity for the last few months and have had to turn away many women and children due to lack of beds.

Come and join us in a brainstorming session on how to expand this ministry for homeless women and children. They need and value your input, so please plan to attend the meeting or contact the Director, Teria at 664-6866 with your ideas.

Also, they will be giving a tour of Haven for those of you who haven't had the opportunity to see the entire home and the most recent improvements.

**Blessings and kindest regards, Teria**



Move your clocks **AHEAD** one hour this **Saturday night** before retiring.

## Faith@Work

Brings to you and your whole family

## Hippity Hoppity Fun Run

This event is a fund raiser for the Wenatchee Art Consortium, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting quality visual art education in Wenatchee School District classrooms.

They need our helpful hands to make this a fun and successful event. Whether you want to run it, register runners, time it, feed them or simply cheer them on there is a place for you to make a difference.

**The event is Saturday, April 3  
7:00am to noon**

More information is available through Selina Danko 264-7705 or [selinadanko@hotmail.com](mailto:selinadanko@hotmail.com)  
As a active, exciting and energetic church family let's get outside and have fun together for our children. Keep an eye out for Faith@work opportunities coming to you and your family for local mission projects.

## 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](http://www.firstumchurch.org/missions.html).