



# Congregational News

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## Happy Easter

from the church staff

Ryan  
Joan  
Steve  
Ann

Susan  
Myles  
John  
Caroline

### Good Friday

8:00 p.m. -- The Sanctuary Choir will perform the Passion section from G. F. Handel's *Messiah*. Soloists are: Jan Maitland, Matthew Lovell, and Adam Grieve.

### Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. -- Our less-formal celebration of the Resurrection, with scripture and stories, youth worship leaders and Communion in the round. The flower cross will be decorated. The Bell Choir will play and the Sanctuary Choir will sing "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel.

9:30 a.m. -- Between the two services, Easter Breakfast will be served in Gatton Hall.

11:00 a.m. -- Celebration service with Jay Chen, trumpet; Myles Criss, organ. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel. The Bell Choir will play. Ryan Lambert's sermon title is "The Danger of Hanging On."



## UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY AT OSU

United Campus Ministry at Westminster House invites you to join our conversation with our University Learning Community reading group. Our book for this Spring Term is Parker Palmer's latest book, *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life*. The further subtitle points to the critical importance of Palmer's writing for our present time: "Welcoming the Soul and Weaving Community in a Wounded World." We have some books available here at WestM and can order more if we know you will need one (\$15.61 is our cost). Phone us at 753-2242 to let us know if you need a book.

Please do join our conversation as we share in Palmer's gift of wisdom. We will begin *Wednesday, March 30* from noon to 1:00 p.m. Feel free to bring a brown bag as well as to extend an invitation to others.

**Timothy Stover**, Campus Minister  
United Campus Ministry  
at Westminster House,  
101 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Corvallis, OR

### ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY

Corvallis' ecumenical Good Friday service will be held this year at the Church of the Good Samaritan. The noon service is open to the community.



## MISSION TRIP NEWS: STOCK SALE COMING

Thank you to everyone who ate at Baja Fresh last week in support of the Mission Trip.

Shortly after Easter we will be rolling out at a new fundraiser called a **stock sale**. For a \$25 donation you will receive a stock certificate and multiple dividends. Dividends will include personalized postcards from the trip as well as an invitation to the after-trip celebration. At the celebration the youth will share stories from the trip and pictures.

Soon you will have an opportunity to buy stock in a venture that has unlimited growth potential. More details to come!

## PANEL DISCUSSION BY ALL FOR ALL

On *Tuesday, March 29* from 1:30-3:30, **OSU's Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL)** will be having a panel on "Gay Issues" during their afternoon session. **Ryan Lambert** will moderate the panel that will include **Lois Courtney, Walter Frankel**, Attorney **Jeanne Smith** and a couple of **OSU students**.

Each person will speak on this topic based on their experience and expertise. We have been invited to listen to this panel and be introduced to ALL as they begin their spring classes. Please let Ryan know if you plan to attend so that we can pass on numbers to ALL.

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OFFERS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Women's Fellowship is ready to travel (vicariously) to South Africa with **Christine Cantey**! Our next luncheon meeting will be on *Wednesday, April 6*, starting at 11:45 a.m. Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and Christine's program. She will share photos of her visit to such places as Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Kruger National Park. Sign up in Gatton Hall on *March 27* and *April 3*.

Also, mark your calendars for our **first Women's Fellowship evening meeting** of the year on *Thursday, April 21* at 6:45 pm. Our program will be the Mexican dancers from the Hispanic 4H club. Dessert will be served.

## **WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR SEEKING JUSTICE IN HEALTH CARE**

On *Saturday, April 9*, a workshop discussing "Affordable Health Care for All" will be held at Central Lutheran Church at 1820 NE 21<sup>st</sup> in Portland. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. but pre-registration is necessary by *April 1*, since space is limited. The \$40 fee includes a book and lunch. The Rev. Linda Walling, Faith Project Director for the Universal Health Care Action Network, will be the workshop leader. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Oregon Church Women United are among the sponsors of this event. Blue registration forms are available on the Women's Fellowship

bulletin board or from **Nancy Klingeman**.

## **APRIL 3 SERVICE HAS SPECIAL PROGRAM, GUESTS**

On the Sunday following Easter, we have two special performances planned. Jubilate! Women's Chorus, under the direction of **Betty Bush**, will sing several pieces as part of the worship service. Then, in the sermon spot will be a presentation of "What About Saturday?" This play, by **Beth Riley's** Lenten class, explores various conversations that might have taken place the day between Good Friday and Easter. It's "short, sweet, funny and poignant."

## **PROGRESSIVE VALUES AND HOW TO ARTICULATE THEM**

*Don't Think of an Elephant!: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate* is a book by George Lakoff, a linguistics professor at Berkeley. He explains how to articulate the values that progressives hold dear, and helps us to understand how conservatives think and use language to promote their own narrow morality. The book is filled with examples of metaphors that are used in our culture, from the nurturing parent model (gender-neutral and progressive) to the strict father model (father as moral authority and conservative). There are guidelines for reframing the religious, cultural and political debate. If you would like a copy of this excellent book (\$6.50), please contact **Nancy Orcutt** (752-4608).

## SUNDAY IN SELMA RENEWS CONCERN FOR VOTING RIGHTS

*March 6* marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Bloody Sunday,” the day that civil rights marchers were beaten and tear-gassed by sheriff’s deputies as they attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. The march was to call attention to the denial of voting rights for African-American citizens. The public did pay attention, and President Lyndon B. Johnson pushed for – and in August – signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

This month **Betty** and I were privileged to join over 1200 marchers to retrace the steps of those earlier marchers, crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge at the edge of Selma. Many things have changed in the South! For us, for example, state troopers and city police and sheriff’s deputies were facilitating our march, not blocking it. And at the site of the pre-march rally we were welcomed by the African-American mayor of Selma.

One thing that has not changed is the threat to voting rights. Key provisions of the law that the Selma marchers helped get passed are due to expire in 2007. Many civil rights groups are mobilizing now to push for the extension of these parts of the Voting Rights Act. There are petitions on the Just Peace table at the church. Please sign and circulate the petition to extend these important protections. Also check [www.rainbowpush.org](http://www.rainbowpush.org) for more information.

**Gary Massoni**

## CALL FOR HAND TOOLS

Our church is in need of common hand tools and a handy, secure, yet accessible, place to store them. Of particular use are screwdrivers, claw hammers, pliers, adjustable end wrenches, hack saws, small hand saws and small power tools. Having these tools on hand permits the staff or handy volunteers around the facilities to make small repairs and adjustments without having to bring the tools from home.

If you have extra tools or tool storage cabinets around home, please contact any **Trustee** or **Ann Hawkins**. We would be pleased to make them available for authorized use around the church.

**Board of Trustees**



Please join us  
at our  
Open House  
in celebration  
of the safe return of  
**Josh Groesz**  
from Iraq

Saturday, April 9  
2:00 until 5:00 +++

Jerry & Nancy Groesz  
964 NW Sequoia  
Corvallis, OR  
541-758-3638

Once again we would like to thank the generous congregation of the First Congregational Church as we received a check in the amount of \$446.12. These dollars help our program in providing curb-to-curb to seniors and persons with disabilities in Benton County.

We have recently expanded our evening/weekend service and provide transportation to Albany twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This information may be beneficial to your folks....

On behalf of Dial-A Bus we want to express our gratitude for this fine donation.

Linda E. Elder, Director

### HOLY SOX ARE WARMING UP!

The Holy Sox coed softball team will have their first practice this *Thursday, March 31*, at 6:00 p.m., at North Chintimini Park in Corvallis. All interested adults (seniors in high school and up) are welcome to join this fun group. Games will be on Sundays, *May 15* (afternoons and evenings) through mid-August.

The cost is \$35 per player. Sign-ups will begin the first week of April. Contact **Pete Nelson** (752-1278) or **Tammy Skubinna** (752-4214) for more information.



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Chunhuei Chi 4/1, Jerrie Andreas 4/3, Ed Miller 4/5, Robin Miller 4/5, Toby Pearce-Smith 4/5, Dinma Rodriguez-Rios 4/7, Ineka Estabrook 4/9, Gavin Milligan 4/10, C. J. Svela 4/11, Bruce Pentland 4/11, Jay

Sperling 4/11, Marthanne Norgren 4/12, Carl Christianson 4/14, Grant Elbinger 4/17, Rhonda Mueller-Warrant 4/19, Michele LaBonte 4/20, Gregg Schweizer 4/21, Susan Wickes 4/21, Kaia Larson 4/21, Ashley Walker 4/22, Priscilla Zaworski 4/23, Ann Hawkins 4/24, Nancy William 4/24, Joan Pelto 4/25, Anna Starker 4/25, Luther MacLean 4/27, Pam Ruzek 4/28, Bond Starker 4/28, Russ Youmans 4/29, Norm Elwood 4/29

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Gregg and Jacqueline Smith 4/5

### Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with the Rev. **Susan Princehouse**, as she fights cancer, and with the congregation of the Hood River UCC which she serves;

... are with **Pete Klingeman's** brothers, **Paul** and **Harry**, who are also suffering from cancer;

... and with the **Eleveld** family following the death of **Bart's** father.

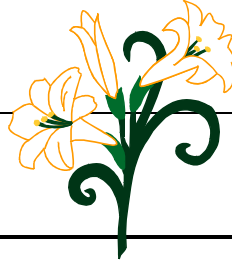
Your very generous donation to the Vina Moses Center is most appreciated. Support such as yours makes it possible for the Vina Moses Center to continue to help those who are in need in Benton County.

Thank you,  
Christine Duffney, Director



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*Good Friday, March 25*

- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. Service**
- 9:00 p.m. Easter vigil begins**

*Saturday, March 26*

- 10:00 a.m. Flower arranging

*Easter Sunday, March 27*

- 7:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:30 a.m. Worship**
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast**
- 11:00 a.m. Worship**

*Monday, March 28*

- 9:00 a.m. Staff
- 5:30 p.m. Basketball
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1
- 7:30 p.m. C E Board

*Tuesday, March 29*

- 11:45 a.m.** Lectionary class
- 7:15 p.m. Church Council

*Wednesday, March 30*

- 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
- NO Sanctuary Choir**

*Thursday, March 31*

- 6:00 p.m. Holy Sox first practice,  
N. Chintimini Park
  - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142
- Friday, April 1*
- 7:00 a.m. First Friday Forum,  
Burton's

**LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, April 17:**  
 Integrity of Creation Sunday

**EASTER SUNDAY SCRIPTURES**

- Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 31:1-6
- Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24
- Gospel: John 20:11-18
- History: Acts 10:34-43

**INTERESTED IN  
 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

A two-session **Inquirers' Class** for people interested in finding out more about the United Church of Christ and First Congregational, Corvallis, will be held *April 10* and *April 17*. Contact **Ryan** or the church office to participate.