

What's Happening - **November 15, 2015**



We won! –well, at least for a weekend!

Trustees say **Thanks to all who helped!**

We will do this again in the Spring.

Memorial Service for Dolores Hatfield
will be here in the Chapel on Saturday, November 21 at 11am.

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Book Club

Join us on Monday, Nov 30 at 1:30pm at Josie's!

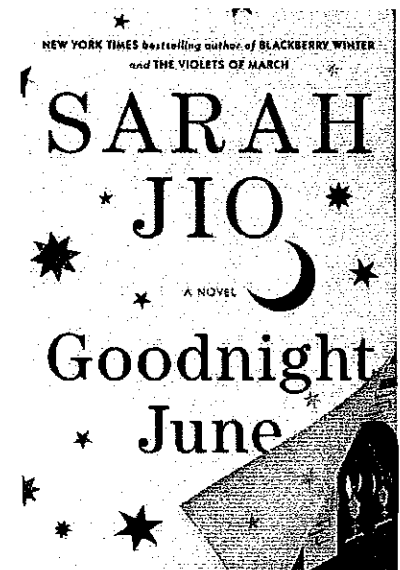
All Women (as always) are invited to:

General Meeting on Saturday, December 12 at 10 am.

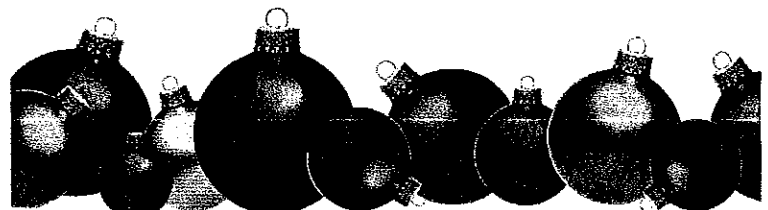
We will be packing cookies for our homebound folks.

We will have a crèche show & tell –bring a crèche to share & a brief description of why you brought this particular one-where it is from, its importance to you, etc.

Coffee & snacks too!

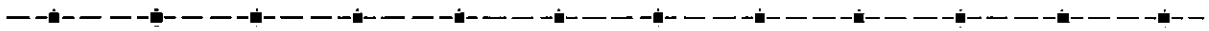


Christmas Decorating
is coming soon!



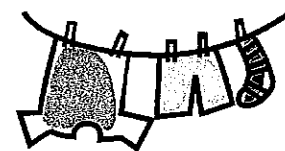
It's Saturday, November 28th!

In the morning. Things for everyone to do.

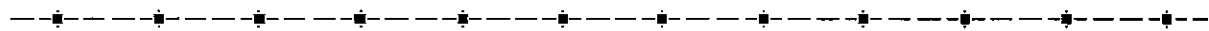


Clothing collection for Western Farm Workers Association

We gathered **163# in Oct/Nov**. Total this year is **2676#**. Let's see if we can reach *2 tons of clothes in 2015!* What a great way to reuse and build connection!!! Thanks to all who helped with the sorting & folding of clothes and most of all donated.



Our next collection date is **Dec 13th**. Remember we only want clothing that is wearable (you would wear it if it fit). We **ONLY** want clothing.



The Lord's Cupboard – Next pick up Dec 13th or *before if the barrel is full.* Bring your in-kind donation or check anytime (or donate online thru our website – www.cumcpdx.org). We thank you for all of it and will continue to forward the list of weekly "greatest" needs though any donation of unopened and store bought product is welcome.



Our needs do not diminish but seem to grow when we look at the shelves at the end of a weekend of serving in The Lord's Cupboard. This week our greatest needs are for:

- Canned Vegetables: Beets; Carrots; Diced Tomatoes; Spinach; Whole Kernel Corn
- Canned Fruits: Fruit Cocktail; Pineapple
- Condensed Soups: Chicken Noodle; Bean with Bacon; Vegetable Beef
- Creamed Condensed Soups: Cream of Celery; Cream of Mushroom; Cream of Chicken
- Packages of Dried Beans: Red; Garbanzo Canned Beans: Black; Pinto Baked Beans and/or Pork and Beans
- Mayonnaise
- Canned Meats: Spam; Ham

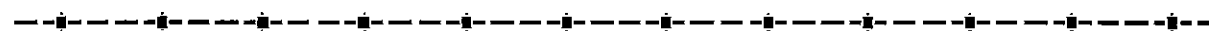
That's quite a long list which we will try our best to fill with your in kind and financial donations. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

. We have great volunteers who serve and we are always happy to have more volunteers to serve. Any questions? Feel free to call Linda Smith at 503-860-6696 or the AUMC church office 503-649-9133 and leave a message.

You keep us supplied and we keep our customers fed. We thank you.

The Lord's Cupboard

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Can you adopt a family this Christmas?

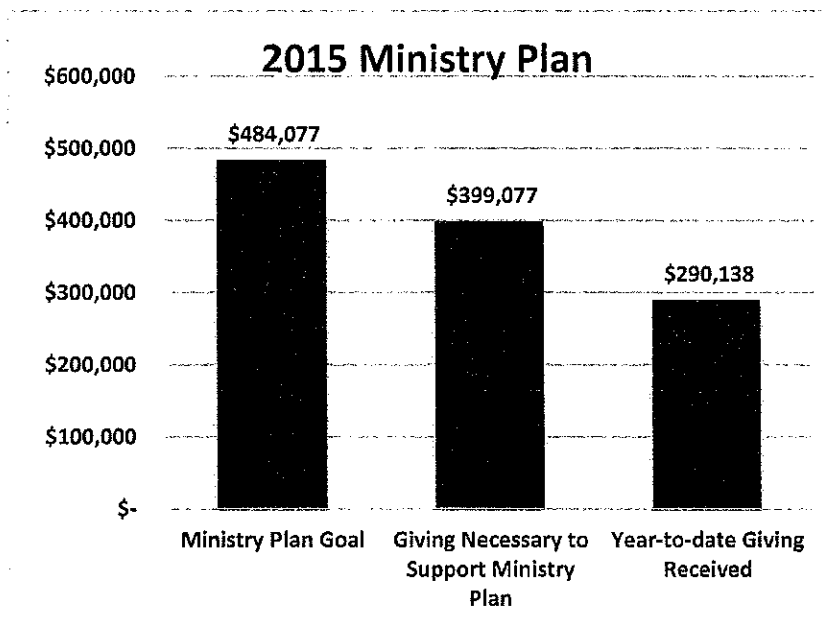
Please consider adopting a family for Christmas Sharing this year. It is a wonderful way for your family (or office or group of friends) to take an entire family in need and support them by buying their gifts. We buy and sort the food. Then, on December 19, you put the gifts in your car, come by the church to pick up the food, and personally deliver to the family (or we can deliver for you).

We can help you pick out a family that is the right size and ages. We know some of you wait until the tags are posted to do this, but often members of the family have already been taken. We can pick out a family before the tags are posted, ensuring you a great match.

Please talk with John or Pat Gruher (or email to jrgruher@yahoo.com) to learn more. Christmas is just around the corner and there are many families that need our help.



Our Budget for Mission and Ministry for 2015



Last Sunday, Nov 1, **\$5724** was dedicated to the work of the church. Thank you for this support as we go about the work of Christ in the world.

The approved budget plan goal for 2015 is \$484,077.

Our estimated income from rent and other income streams (such as scrip) is \$85,000. That leaves \$399,077 to come from giving or some other source. We currently have pledges of \$319,000. That is a gap of \$80,077.

Copies of the current budget for 2015 are available. Thank you for your continued support of the missions, projects, and programs of this

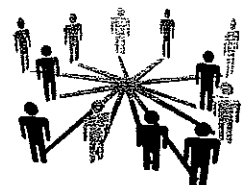
congregation. If you have questions or feedback about our budgeting effort, feel free to contact either of the following: Jim Schulz, Church Council chair or Dan Moseler, Stewardship, chair.

Coming events:

November 22, Sunday – sign up to volunteer for General Conference, May 10-20, 2016.

November 28, Saturday – Christmas decorating

November 29, Sunday – Advent wreath making at 9 am. All welcome. Supplies provided, donations accepted.





West! Local Host Information

General Conference 2016 is coming to Oregon-Idaho Conference and the Western Jurisdiction! The 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place from May 10-20 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon!

You are invited to come be part of welcoming our brothers and sisters from around the world! Volunteers will be coming from all across the Western Jurisdiction to live out extravagant hospitality to guests from around the world.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Greet arrivals at the airport
- Staff welcome tables in hotels
- Register delegates and guests
- Provide directions and assistance
- Translate for guests
- Staff a prayer room
- And more!

Volunteers will be needed starting May 5th through the 20th for 4 hour shifts. Come for just one session or stay a few days!

For more information about General Conference, volunteering, or to register to volunteer,

please go to: www.gc2016pdx.org

How to volunteer:

- Visit www.gc2016pdx.org and click on the "First Time Volunteer" link.
- Register online. Indicate the dates you are available and the areas you are interested in working.

It will take thousands of volunteer shifts to support the conference, so you can sign up for one or many shifts.

- Shortly after you submit your volunteer registration application you will receive an email with

instructions on how to access the volunteer website. Using your personal login to the volunteer

website you can update your schedule and choose worktimes and areas.



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, Nov 15

9 am Adult Christian Education
& Sunday Hour of Service
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Counters
12-3 pm Youth Group

Monday, Nov 16

9 am Fireside Room
9 am CUMP
9:45 am UMM
11 am Better Bones & Balance

Tuesday, Nov 17

9 am Fireside Room
9 am CUMP
7 pm Boy Scout Troop 207

Wednesday, Nov 18

**Building open, office closed –staff
vacation**

9 am Fireside Room
9 am CUMP
10:30 am Men's Bible Study
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Nov 19

9 am Fireside Room
9 am CUMP
9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
10 am Christmas Sharing gift tag writing
11 am Better Bones & Balance
6:30 pm Handbell practice

Friday, Nov 20

9 am Fireside Room

Saturday, Nov 21

11 am Dolores Hatfield's Memorial Service

Sunday, Nov 22

9 am Adult Christian Education
& Sunday Hour of Service
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Counters
6-7:30 pm Youth Jam & Feast

Our mission is to create disciples of Jesus Christ who connect, grow and serve.

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Spirit Alive

Mission and Ministry in the Oregon-Idaho Conference

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Spirit Alive is a weekly blog that looks at different aspects of mission and ministry throughout the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference and beyond.

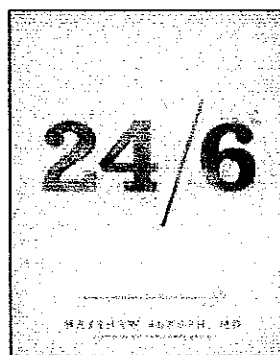
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Food for the Soul

This past year I read three wonderful books on Sabbath: *24/6* by Matthew Sleeth, *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel, and *The Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* by Walter Brueggemann. Each book helps the reader understand why the practice of Sabbath is so critical to living a faith-filled life, especially in today's world.

In his classic work, first published in 1951, Abraham Heschel reminds us that Sabbath is fundamentally about time: "To gain control of the world of space is certainly one of our tasks. The danger begins when in gaining power in the realm of space we forfeit all aspirations in the realm of time. There is a realm of time where the goal is not to have but to be, not to own but to give, not to control but to share, not to subdue but to be in accord. Life goes wrong when the control of space, the acquisition of things of space, becomes our sole concern." So Sabbath, Heschel says, is about celebrating time rather than space.

Matthew Sleeth brings this same point home by saying: "Today we live in one of the most prosperous eras of human history, yet many of us never get beyond survival mode. And unrelenting work can keep us from asking life's big questions: Who am I? Why am I here? What does all this mean? Jumping off the hamster wheel once a week allows us to think about who we are, why we exist, and why we were made."



Perhaps this is why Walter Brueggemann challenges us to see Sabbath as an act of resistance against a dominant, competitive, consumption-oriented culture that is more concerned with power and things than it is with community and spiritual life. As Brueggemann says: "Sabbath is not only resistance. It is alternative. It is an alternative to the demanding, chattering, pervasive presence of advertising and its great liturgical claim of professional sports that devours all of our 'rest time.' The alternative offer is the claim that we are situated on the receiving end of the gifts of God."

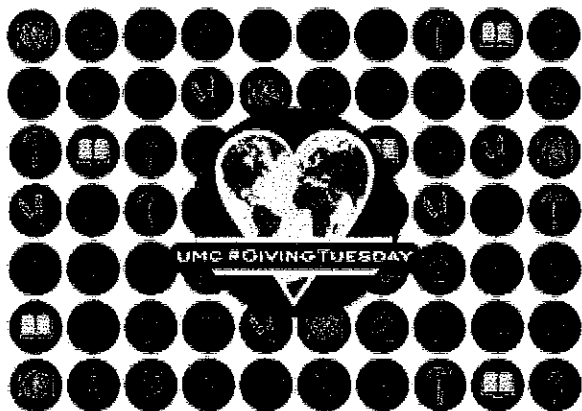
These three books are well worth reading on one's day of rest, when you can kick your feet up and absorb the words from these powerful, wise teachers.

Blessings on your journey,
Lowell

Spirit Alive is a weekly blog and email by Rev. Lowell Greathouse, Mission and Ministry Coordinator for the Oregon-Idaho Conference. It will seek out where the spirit is alive in our congregations and communities. These are signs and examples of life that can be expressed in inspiring books, vivid videos, and works of art. Spirit Alive is intended to point to these "signs" in ways that touch our hearts and nurture our faith journeys. Check out past editions, or subscribe to the email list.

Boldly Making Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ Vitalizing the UMC #GivingTuesday, Dec. 1

On Dec. 1, United Methodists will again come together to support the work of Advance projects



and missionaries on UMC #GivingTuesday. And once again, every gift made online through The Advance on Dec. 1, 2015 will be matched up to \$1 million.*

This year, consider creating your own team to support a project that is working in an area you care about, such as hunger and poverty, education, or social Justice. Search and give to a project in any of these 13 categories.

** Global Ministries will allocate matching funds dollar for dollar up to the first \$1 million in gifts to*

Advance projects received online on Dec. 1, 2015, between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. CT. A maximum of \$2,500 per individual gift to a project will be dispersed as matching funds. A project may receive a maximum of \$25,000 in matching funds.

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