

Weekly What's Happening

- February 19, 2012

Endowment Grants

Great News! We have \$4000 available for grants again this year. The grant applications are available in the church office and will be available on the church website: www.cumcpdx.org. The application deadline has not been set but plan on mid to late March 2012.

Thanks to our intrepid blood donors! You were few but much appreciated. Maybe next time a few more will join you in providing this easy to do life saving gift.

InnerFire Cooperative Youth Ministries

Sunday, Feb 19, 2012

No youth group, keeping praying!

Wednesday, Feb 22, 2012

No "Outer Fire" this week. Ash Wednesday worship is at 7 pm, the Pancake Dinner is at 5-7 pm

Sunday, Feb 26, 2012

5 pm Youth Group

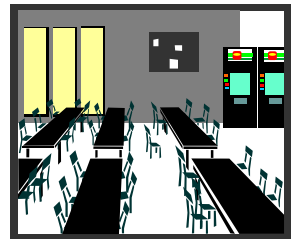
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What Are You Doing the Third Wednesday of the Month?

Do you enjoy good company and fulfilling work?

Join the kitchen crew for Loaves & Fishes at the Elsie Stuhr Center on the Third Wednesday of each month (or some months). We are looking for three to six folks to join Hazel Starkey, Bill Repair and Alice Parsons to work in the kitchen and dining room the same days other of our folks deliver meals-on-wheels. The more the merrier! Tasks include setting tables in the dining room, providing the hot and cold parts of the delivered meals to each driver, serving meals to the folks in the dining room and of course the clean-up that needs to happen. Arrive about 9:30 am and leave by 1 pm. If you are interested please contact Ramona at 503.690.9480. PS-you get to eat lunch!



CUMC Preschool

is accepting registration for our 2012-2013 school year!

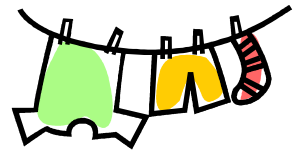
Our fantastic preschool has been a part of this community for over 45 years. We have morning classes for 3s, 4s, and Pre-kindergartners. Registration applications and preschool brochures will also be available in the church office and hallway. Call our preschool at (503) 646-2265 for more information or if you would like a tour of our school. Please help us spread the word, and tell anyone that you know with young children about our great preschool!



Clothing collection for Western Farm Workers Association

We gathered **160#** in Feb. It brought our total for **2012 to 275#**. Can we gather more than the 3000# we gathered last year? (Only 2725# to go)
Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Next collection date is, Mar 11th.



**The Lord's Cupboard – Next pick up is Mar 11th or before if the barrel is full.
Bring your in-kind donation or check anytime (or donate online thru our website – www.cumcpdx.org)**

See the hanging rack on the Food Barrel for the current list of preferred food and non-food items. And thank you for your support of this mission to feed the hungry in our communities!



You have donated almost a ton of food in 2011 year, it is a great help in meeting local need.

NATIONAL REBUILDING TOGETHER 2012

↘ Save the date: Saturday, April 28! ↙

Sign up with Bill Repair – 503.690.9480



Annual Men's (this is not age restricted) Snow Camping Adventure

Save the date – **March 17-18, 2012**

Where: **Mt Hood**

Accommodations: **Mazama Lodge**

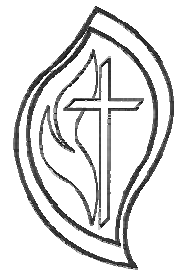
Cost: one night lodging, dinner, & breakfast - **\$45**

A few spaces still available at Mazama Lodge!

Reserve your space now with the church office. Email – office@cumcpdx.org or call 503.646.1598. Please leave a message. Only 20 spaces have been reserved at Mazama Lodge. Other accommodations may be available, check with John Jones. More information available on flyer.



UMW schedule for February

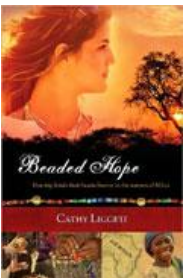


Feb 23, Thursday – Thursday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 am

Feb 25, Saturday – 10 am General Meeting - Birthing Kit assembly, Salad lunch to follow. birthing kit assembly – we need your participation and donations of receiving blankets and 1-2 oz bars of soap

2 receiving blankets 30"x 30" or 32"x 32" size
no thermal or fleece blankets please

Feb 27, Monday – Book Club, 1:30 pm This month we are reading *The Fence My Father Built*, by Linda S. Clare



In March we will read *Beaded Hope* by Cathy Liggett

2 Skyline Cemetery plots for sale.

The plots are in the Nativity section of Skyline Cemetery – 195C, plots 1 & 2. They are for sale for \$5500 for both-**this is a negotiable price**, market value is \$4500 each. If you are interested please call Bill Scales at 503.645.3182.

On February 19, 2012, the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of “**Follow Me**”. In this session, the class will be reviewing what they have learned and preparing for their commissioning as Stephen Ministers. The commissioning service will take place on Sunday, March 4, 2012.

During all the training the class has experienced over the past several months, trainees have been completing “The Caregiver’s Compass”. You can see what the compass looks like on the bulletin board in the Hub during the month of February. The Caregiver’s Compass summarizes the learnings in each of five qualities the trainees are developing:

- Compassion
- Faith
- Skills
- Trustworthiness
- Remaining Christ-centered



Today’s session will be an in-depth review of these qualities. We will discuss what they mean to each class member in the context of their participation in this ministry.

Stephen Ministry is adding an important dimension to the ministry here at Christ United Methodist Church. We thank God for this opportunity given to us for growth and service to a world in deep need of healing.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, please speak to Terry Styner, 503-649-5247, or Kathryn Moseler, 503-640-4713.

Community Gardens for Congregations Workshop --Feed the Hungry, Care for Creation, Build Community

March 3rd

9 am to 12 noon

Tualatin UMC 20200 SW Martinazzi Ave, Tualatin, OR

Join other congregations and come learn what it takes to create a community garden that will bring new life to your congregation, build connections with your community, reduce hunger and care for God's creation.

Speakers include Leslie Pohl-Kosbau of Shared Gardens and former director of Portland Community Gardens and local natural resource agencies. Hear folks from existing community gardens share the successes, challenges, partnering with other organizations and ensuring sustainability over the long-term.

There is a suggested \$5-15 donation for the workshop Please sent an e-mail to awarren@emoregon.org to register or call 503-221-1054 x214.

As you may or may not realize General Conference of the United Methodist Church (a gathering of clergy & an equal number of lay members that occurs every 4 years to review and amend the structure, rules of operation, etc of the church) will take place this April in Florida. As part of our preparation for this event and to support the delegation from our Oregon-Idaho Conference, Rev. Shimer has organized a program of prayer. The first thing Rev Shimer has asked us to do is pray for the individuals who will be representing us. Please see the list below and include these individuals in your prayers now and through April.



Westside United Methodist Church

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February 9, 2012

Hello to all you Servants of Christ!

Westside UMC is overseeing a conference-wide prayer covering for our delegation to General Conference (*April 21-25, 2012, Tampa, Florida*) and for the proceedings of this event.

This week, we invite you to just begin to pray for our delegation. Here are their names:

- Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett
- Rev. Clay Andrew
- Rev. April Hall Cutting
- Bonnie McOmer
- Rev. Scott Harkness
- Mark Bateman
- Jan Nelson
- Rev. Donna Pritchard
- David Armstrong
- Vincent Myers
- Rev. John Go
- Norm Dyer

Remember, representing us at General Conference is a huge burden on our behalf that they have taken on in addition to their regular lives and ministries. Pray for them to have perseverance in the reading of pages upon pages of legislation, discernment for how to support or not support each, direction from the Holy Spirit, peace and joy in the undertaking. Pray for them to be able to go about their work in the service of Christ.

Thanks for praying and leading your congregations in prayer. Our delegation thanks you!

Westside UMC

Pastor Brian Shimer

Lynette Podkranic

Carol Marsh

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." ~Philippians 1: 3-6

February 16, 2012

Hello to all you Servants of Christ!

Please continue to pray for our General Conference delegates as we wrote you last week. Here is

In addition, so that you can find resources for your own congregation's prayer ministry during these weeks prior to General Conference, we encourage you to go to this site:

<http://bit.ly/ydmc3d>

If you would like to hear a message by Rev. Tom Albin, the Dean of the Upper Room, given at a Tampa, FL event on January 19th, you may go to <http://bit.ly/prayer-GC2012>. Tom's message begins around minute 39 in the 83 minute worship time.

There is a Facebook page the Florida Spiritual Formation Team has created named **2012 UMC General Conference Prayer Ministry**, and a Twitter account @GC2012Pray. Sign up to follow the Tweets.

A prayer event is scheduled at the Alton Collins Retreat Center that will take place March 23rd. The tentative plan is to have one Friday morning, Friday afternoon, and Friday evening at Collins. Then again we would like to offer prayer workshops Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, and possibly Monday Morning. If you are interested in hosting one of these times on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, please contact Brian Shimer as soon as possible at 503-522-1426 or bshimer@westsideumc.org. Prayer mantles will be made at each of these events, which will be given to delegates at General Conference. In addition, Tom Albin will lead in teaching how to organize a prayer vigil and in prayer over the mantles created during the sessions. It is a time to pray with hands, with bodies, and with voices. The goal is to create 2000 of these mantles, one for every delegate to General conference.

Registration information will be available soon on the Alton Collins' website to sign-up for these events. It would be wonderful to have 12 to 36 people at each of these prayer workshop events. Are you able to bring some people from your place of worship?

Prior to General Conference there will be a prayer walk in Tampa, and during the event there will be a prayer room for prayer to be happening on campus during the entirety of General Conference. The 50-day prayer journey will begin Friday March 16th, about which we will send you information next week. Join this movement, won't you?

This week add specific prayers for Laura Jaquith Bartlett and Jan Nelson who are leading our delegation. Pray for their leadership, peace and joy as they lead.

Thanks for praying.

Our delegation thanks you!

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"I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together."

~Psalm 34: 1-3



If you are missing your 2011 Fourth Quarter/Annual Giving Statements or envelopes for the rest of the current pledge year, thru June 2012, please check with Elaine in the office, office@cumcpdx.org, 503.646.1598.

Giving report - Thanks for your generosity. Last week \$4744 was dedicated to Christ's service through electronic and offering plate giving (Includes indented general fund, loose plate and electronic giving).

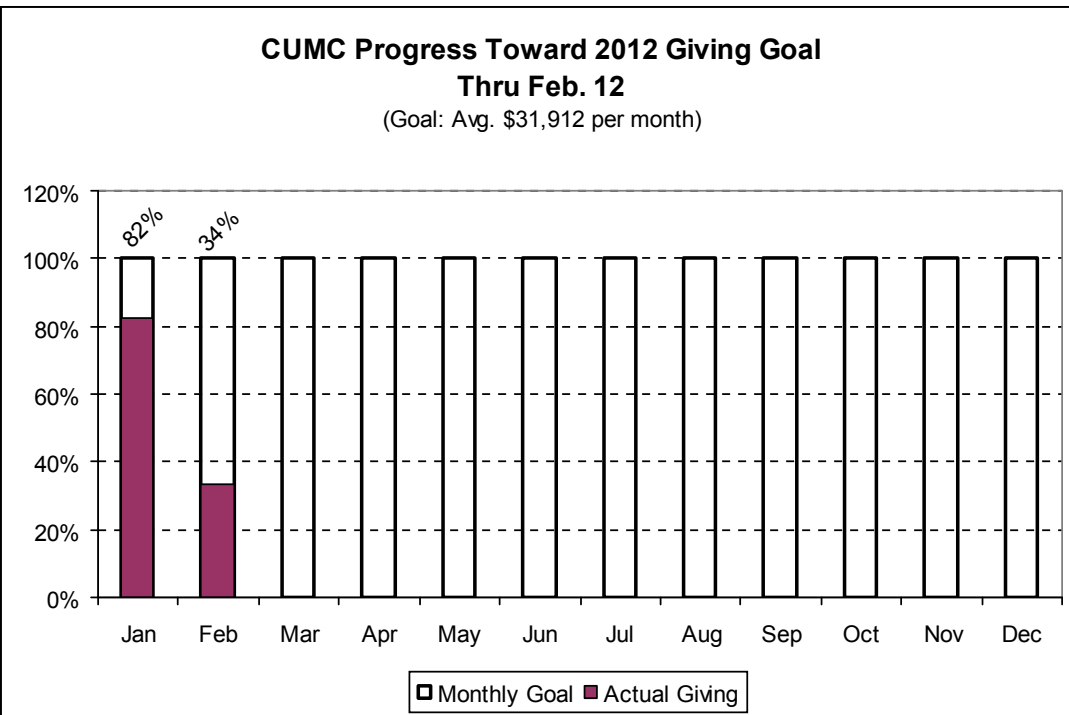
Feb 5 - \$7213.50 Feb 12 - \$4744

Please remember when you look at the giving charts that giving follows a pattern throughout the year and we traditionally do not receive 1/12 (8.3%) of our income each month nor are our expenses the same each month. Please use the chart as a guide.

The barcode at the left is a link to the Giving page on the church website.

For those of you who would like to read/have a copy of the actual against budget for Jan 2012, copies are available in the church office. Copies of the current budget for 2012 are also available.

Thank you for your continued support of the missions, projects, and programs of this congregation. Together we are doing wonderful things.



If you have questions or feedback about our budgeting effort, feel free to contact any of the following:

Bill Schatz, Church Council chair

Dan Moseler, Stewardship chair

Ross Simmons, Finance chair

Take Action to Eliminate Hunger

- Funding for Senior Meal Programs at Risk in Oregon Legislature The Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program provides nutritious food for low-income seniors by allowing them to shop at local farmers' markets using vouchers. Currently only 53% of eligible seniors receive vouchers. Your voice can help protect this program! Learn more and [send an email message to your Oregon Legislators by visiting this website](#) set up by the Oregon Food Bank.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, Feb 19

9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
2 pm Worship at Regency Park Retirement Center
4 pm Stephen Ministry training

Monday, Feb 20

Presidents Day Holiday – office closed

9:45 am UMM
11 am Bones & Balance
7 pm Trustees Team

Tuesday, Feb 21

9 am CUMP
7 pm Boy Scout Troop 207

Wednesday, Feb 22

Ash Wednesday

9 am CUMP
9:30 am Men's Bible Study
10 am Good Samaritan's
5 pm Pancake Dinner
7 pm Worship

Thursday, Feb 23

9 am CUMP
9:30 am FORUMM
9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
11 am Bones & Balance
7 pm Invitation to the New Testament

Friday, Feb 24

9 am CUMP
12 pm- midnight Piece & Quiet

Saturday, Feb 25

9 am Brass Quartet rehearsal
9 am UMW with Piece & Quiet
Little Dresses for Africa & Birthing Kits

Sunday, Feb 26

9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
12 noon Worship Design
2 pm Worship at Regency Park Retirement Center
4 pm Stephen Ministry training
5 pm Youth Group

Coming Events

March 17 Men's Snow "Camping" Event

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Our mission is to GUIDE and SUPPORT all people on their individual spiritual journeys, to NURTURE personal transformation through relationship with God and Jesus Christ, to TEACH through Scripture, tradition, experience and reason, and to PROMOTE a life of compassion and a world of peace and justice.

Credit Union Offers Scholarships

The United Methodist Federal Credit Union Scholarship Fund was established to offer four \$500 scholarships to students attending any institution of higher education for professional, academic or vocational training and development. Learn more at www.umfcu.org/scholarship.html

Charter for Racial Justice Award Nominations

Each year the United Methodist Women seek nominees to receive the Charter for Racial Justice award. The Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the national organization of United Methodist Women (UMW) in 1978. In the 1980's, the UMW successfully recommended adoption of the Charter by the whole denomination. The General Conference of the United Methodist Church has re-adopted it ever since. The Charter continues the United Methodist Women's urgent call for study and action on the principles and goals of its vision. A copy of the Charter is also on the [UMW page of the conference website](#).

Does your church have an activity that in any way promotes racial equality? Perhaps you have an interfaith group meeting at your church or even a bible study that promotes racial awareness. The nomination form is available at www.umoi.org/umw. For more information please contact Dixie Jacky at president.umworld@gmail.com or (208)785-1093. The deadline for applying is April 1, 2012.

Free Evening of Music Explores "Worship & Song"

"Worship & Song," the newest songbook from Abingdon Press, will be highlighted at a free evening of music at the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center on Monday, February 27, at 7:15 p.m. This musical offering is the kick-off for the first program in the 2012 Liturgical Arts Renewal@Collins series. Led by Joe Stobaugh and Jackson Henry, the evening will include opportunities to sing many songs from the new collection, and to hear ideas about how to incorporate these new musical resources into creative worship. Jackson served on the editorial committee for "Worship & Song." He and Joe (who will be leading music at General Conference in Tampa later this spring) were part of the team that presented the national introduction to the songbook.

Stobaugh and Henry will be leading workshops at Collins all day February 28 (in fact, registered participants will receive a free copy of "Worship & Song"), but the Feb. 27 evening is offered as a gift to the community. There is no admission charge and no need to register. Just come to the Chapel at the retreat center at 7:15 p.m. There are still spots available for the workshops the next day, which will help worship leaders understand how to enable congregations to claim their voice of faith--regardless of the style of worship or musical genre. More information and a link for registration can be found on the [Collins website](#).

Scholarships

Scholarships for higher education -- undergraduate, graduate, and seminary -- are available for members of The United Methodist Church through a variety of channels.

The **General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church** offers both loans and scholarships. Loans are available up to \$5,000 at 5% interest and there are a variety of scholarships. You can find more information at www.gbhem.org. The **United Methodist Higher Education Foundation** also offers scholarships. Their website is www.umhef.org. The same minimum criterion exists for both agencies: you must have been a member of a local UMC for at least one year, and be enrolled full-time in an accredited institution of higher education. But beyond that there may be other criteria for specific scholarships. The deadline to have all scholarship application materials in for both programs is **March 1st** each year.

There are three general education scholarships available through **the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference**. Applicants for any of the three scholarships must intend to be a full-time student and must have been a member of a United Methodist church within the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference for at least one year. Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by the Conference Scholarship officer no later than Friday, **April 6, 2012** for the academic year 2012-13. More information and the application forms are available on the Conference website: www.umo.org. Select "Resources" along the top menu bar, and then select "Scholarships" in the left hand column menu.

That same webpage lists information on scholarships offered by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for persons attending seminary and by the Conference United Methodist Women for women planning church-related careers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Applicants who have questions can also contact me: 503-581-3969 or office@westerndistrictumc.org Grace and peace in Christ, Linda Grund-Clampit, Scholarship Coordinator

UMVIM reminder about UMCOR kits:

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM YOU

Would you like to be a vital part of the real Christmas by giving a gift of substance this season? We know your very best gift may be yourself on a UMVIM team this coming year. For instance, there are teams planning on going to Turkey, Costa Rica, Chile, and Africa in 2012, and Brenda St. Clair is planning on leading her second team to Haiti in 2013. Some UMVIM teams may be going to Salt Lake City to work at the West Depot of UMCOR sending kits across the world. We can help you find the right spot by contacting Donna Waltman, Metro UMVIM Coordinator, at dgwaltman@juno.com or phoning at 503-622-3226. She can provide details and costs.

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