



# Shalom

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**INVITE A FRIEND  
TO CHURCH ON  
SUNDAE SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 7!**  
September 7 is  
Sundae Sunday  
at FCUCC! We  
welcome every-  
one back from  
summer vaca-

tions and summer travels by serving  
sundaes, immediately following wor-  
ship—with several delicious toppings,  
of course! Our choir will be singing,  
the ice cream will be flowing and we  
hope the pews will be full! Here is  
where YOU come in. Everyone is en-  
couraged to bring someone with you to  
church on the 7<sup>th</sup>! Think of it as a chal-  
lenge—how many ways can you think  
of to tell a friend, co-worker, family  
member or neighbor about our church?  
How many ways can you think of to  
subtly or not so subtly invite someone  
to church with you? Give it a try and  
let's share the good news and the fun  
of our fabulous church with others in  
our community!

**HANDS UP, DON'T SHOOT:  
REFLECTIONS ON FERGUSON  
BY PASTOR JANET PARKER**

It happened again: an unarmed black  
teen was shot and killed by an armed  
white man. This time it involved Po-  
lice Officer Darren Wilson and 18-year  
-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO  
on August 9. The shooting has sparked  
weeks of protests, a shockingly milita-  
rized police response, and a Depart-  
ment of Justice investigation. Our na-  
tion has been riveted, and, to some de-  
gree, riven by this event. As in previ-  
ous shootings of this nature, a racial-  
ized divide seems to be emerging be-  
tween (many) white and (many) black  
people's responses. The complexion  
of the majority of protestors in Fergu-  
son is decidedly darker than that of the  
rallies in support of the police officer.

But that does not tell the whole story.  
Recently, a good (white) friend wrote  
me in distress, expressing anguish and  
a feeling of helplessness over the situa-  
tion in Ferguson. She observed that  
it's often easier for Christians to help  
people in other countries than to deal

with our home-grown problems, especially when it comes to racism. I thank God that not all those whose hearts have been broken by Ferguson are people of color. And yet....We cannot deny that most African Americans experience this episode in a much more painfully intimate way than most white folks. They know it could be their son, their father, their brother, their husband, or they, themselves, at the other end of that gun barrel, or pulled over on the side of the road for DWB (driving while black.)

True, the facts of this case remain to be established, but if this case has shown us nothing else, it's pushed our faces into this fact: this country has a problem—a race problem. To argue otherwise is to live in fantasyland. No, America, racism did not end in the 1960s or even with the election of President Obama. It's time to leave fantasyland and come to terms with the reality of *our* land, a land still laboring under the historical yoke of America's original sin: racism (read slavery, genocide of Native Americans, Jim Crow, and now, the “new Jim Crow”—mass incarceration of blacks in our prison-industrial complex).

Christians have a particular calling to respond proactively to situations like Ferguson for two reasons: on the one hand, Christian theologies have sadly underwritten much of the history of racism against blacks and Native Americans in this country, and elsewhere. Slavery and the dispossession of Native Americans in the US, and Apartheid

abroad, were all supported by Christian theologies of God-ordained white supremacy, as blasphemous as that is. But there is a positive reason for Christians to step into the breach and work for change: Our God demands it, our Christ models it, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to do the hard work of dismantling racism. Where to start? I recently re-posted on Facebook an article with “12 things white people can do now” by Janee Woods. Google it so you can read it too.

I leave you with this meager litany of things that give me hope as I reflect on what has unfolded in Ferguson:

- \*Captain Ron Johnson from the MO State Police—the way in which he was able to connect with the black community in Ferguson, and the powerful symbolism of a strong, emotionally-engaged black police officer in that position of authority;

- \*The way in which the organizers organized themselves to keep the peace and to weed out the outside agitators that were causing the bulk of the violence;

- \*The fact that the highest political authorities in our country to respond to this event are two black men—President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder—showing that progress is possible!

- \*White faces and voices in Ferguson and elsewhere that are speaking out about this incident and demanding accountability for racialized police violence and abuse wherever it happens.

- \*Finally, the sense that a new form of political investment and engagement by

the black community is emerging in Ferguson to rectify the terrible racial inequities in their police force, school board and city council, and the hope that similar movements will emerge elsewhere. When they do, white allies *must* stand by their side and support their efforts.

We each have our own bit part to play in ensuring that “hands up, don’t shoot” is not the first response black individuals, and especially black males, need to have when they encounter law enforcement. Ferguson is a wake-up call: are we listening?

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for continued recovery from a recent heart attack for **Ed Henderlite**, from hernia surgery for **Ted Sweger**, and for improved health for **Marian Nettleton**. **Marian** also requests prayers for her to be strengthened in her faith and in the love of God. Please pray also for Pastor Janet's father, **Tom Parker**, recovering from knee replacement surgery at a skilled nursing facility in Houston, TX. Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the release of **Joyce Darby** from Providence Benedictine Medical Center to her *new home* at Southern Hills Assisted Living on Skyline Road S. We pray for Joyce as she adjusts to her new living situation. Prayers of delight and joy are offered for the couples celebrating weddings within the past few weeks: **Sue Koger and Kris Rieck**, and **Nancy Stempek and Susie D’Anna**! May their marriages always be richly blessed!

#### **A WEDDING THANK YOU**

Dear Friends, We were so happy to see you at our wedding. We felt encircled by your love. We are pleased and grateful to be part of this church community. Your activism and continual support helped make our legal marriage possible.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.  
*Nancy Stempek & Susie D’Anna*

#### **A CAMPER’S THANK YOU**

Members and friends of FCUCC, I recently went to Camp Adams and the Western Regional Youth Event thanks to a scholarship from the church’s Youth Fund. All of your support of youth fundraisers (such as the car wash and workdays) helped make this possible. Both of these events were very meaningful to me and life changing. I can’t wait to go again in future years. Thank you so much for your support of the youth programs, without which this would not have been possible. With love, *Faith Haining*  
p.s. Kudos also to Pastor Emily who wrote letters to each First UCC camper every day that they were at Camp Adams! Thank you for your efforts for our kids!

#### **LEAP INTO ADULT EDUCATION THIS FALL!**

All are invited to take part in an exciting array of adult education offerings that are already lined up for this fall (with more to follow).

Join us for many of these offerings in our newly equipped, dedicated adult education classroom space on the second floor (the old Godly Play room—

end of the hallway facing Marion Street). Here is the schedule as it stands now:

**Sunday morning offerings: 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**September 14: “Getting Out of Our Own Way: Rising to the Climate Challenge”**

Teacher: Sue Koger, Professor of Psychology at Willamette University  
Description: Many people understandably feel at least daunted if not terrified by the realities of climate science. Yet those same individuals may also recognize that each of us is being called to do our part, even if it isn't clear exactly what that looks like. Because we can't take appropriate action when we're paralyzed by uncertainty and fear, this session will help participants begin to find ways through conflicting thoughts and feelings in order to tap into their individual power.

**September 21: “Love, Live, Serve”**

Teacher: Brother Richard Lefevre  
Description: Deacon Brother Richard, professed Novice with the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans, invites you to take an inside look into the lives of Saints Francis & Clare. Witness how these two humble souls formed a movement of peacekeepers and contemplatives numbering in the thousands, and how they connect to the UCC today. Learn about the remarkable ecumenical lay order that has arisen in recent years dedicated to bringing the Franciscan movement and spirit to more people.

**September 28-October 26: “Prayers Around the World”**

Teacher: Judith Taussig, co-leader of contemplative prayer at FCUCC

Description: Starting September 28th, Judith Taussig will be presenting a four-week course on prayer (with October 19 off). The class will focus on the "how, when, where, and what" we communicate with the Divine. We will focus on the Christian tradition and also look at parallels in other major world religions. The class will be interactive and hopefully inspire us to deepen our own prayer practice.

**Other Offerings:**

**Sunday, September 14, following worship**

**Title: “Listening to Earth, Opening to God—a Ghost Ranch reprise”**

Teacher: Janet Parker

Description: You've heard about it, now come and learn more about the ten-year series at Ghost Ranch called, “Earth-Honoring Faith” which Pastor Janet is teaching in and organizing with her former doctoral advisor, Dr. Larry Rasmussen. In particular, come and find out what this summer's session was all about—how women's wisdom in particular is critical to the project of building a livable world for the long haul.

**Friday, September 19, 7-8:30 p.m., Adult Education Room. Title: “The Non-Violent Radical: Seeing and Living the Wisdom of Jesus”**

Teacher: Charles McCollough

Description: Dr. Charles McCollough, formally on the national staff of the United Church of Christ, will present a program based on his latest book, *The*

*Non-violent Radical: Seeing and Living the Wisdom of Jesus.* The program includes a multi-media presentation of McCollough's sculptures illustrating Jesus' wisdom sayings in the socio/economic/political context of the Roman Empire. McCollough is a sculptor as well as a theologian and writer. He was artist-in-residence at five seminaries and a former policy advocate for the UCC in Washington, DC. He and his wife Carol are doing a book tour in Oregon and Washington State.

***Pastor Janet's book study offering on Larry Rasmussen's Earth-Honoring Faith has been temporarily postponed and will not begin on September 4. Stay tuned for new details as they become available.***

#### **COMFY CHAIRS NEEDED**



For our new Adult Education Class Room, we would like to have some comfy chairs that are in good repair (no projects, please) and coffee table. Call Annemieke in the office if you have one of these to donate.

**SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LEARNING HOUR RESUMES** On Sunday, September 7, *Sundae Sunday*, our Children's Learning Hour will resume. We are staffed with excellent Godly Play and Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals teachers, and doorkeepers. We're looking forward to seeing your children in our programs this fall! Questions? Be in touch with Pastor Emily or Cheryl

Beaver, Chair of the Christian Education Committee.

#### **ON A MUSICAL NOTE**

Want to help make a joyful noise? Now is a great time to start: the weekly Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for more singers. No auditions needed. Rehearsals are 7:15-8:45, every Thursday. Contact Ray Elliott at [ray@uccsalem.org](mailto:ray@uccsalem.org)

#### **THANKS TO SUMMER MUSICIANS AND WELCOME BACK CHOIR!**

It's that time of year! We've had a wonderful summer of special music, and we want to thank all those who offered their musical talents this summer—we were blessed with such a wonderful variety of talented musicians this summer. So please take a moment when you see any of these folks and let them know HOW MUCH you enjoyed their musical gifts this summer: the members of First Congo Combo, Mark Wallace, Steve Yant & co., Ellen Puglisi Babe, Elisa Babe, the youth who played for the youth-led WRYE service, the Gail Gage Jazz Band, Toby Rhine, and Brother Richard LeFevre . (Our apologies if we missed any of the special musicians that played or sang for us this summer). And we would be terribly remiss if we did not thank that special someone who is here for us week in and week out, sharing her enormous gifts not only by accompanying our hymns and choral music, and offering magnificent preludes and postludes, but also lifting our hearts in worship through

beautiful piano and organ solos—our own Marcia Hauff!

Despite our smorgasbord of musical talent in this congregation, we are all eagerly awaiting the return of the choir and our fabulous choir director, Ray Elliott, for the program year! This coming Sunday we will be treated to the sounds of our men's choir, and then on September 7, Sundae Sunday, our entire choir will be back in action. As they lead us in the hymn singing and bless us with gorgeous anthems especially chosen by Ray to fit the theme of the week, we'll know our congregation is back at full strength and fall has begun. Take a moment to thank all of our musicians, including Ray, Marcia and the choir, and let them know how much you appreciate them!

### **CLIMATE CHANGE RALLY OPTIONS ABOUND ON SEPTEMBER 21**

Concerned about climate change and peace and want to make your voice heard, but don't want to go to New York on September 21? The Peace and Justice committee is urging everyone possible to participate in *one* of these several options for activism on the climate and peace in Salem and Portland. We will bless those who plan to participate in one of these events in worship before you head out to make your voice heard.

September 21, which is International Peace Day, was chosen by [350.org](http://350.org) as the date for the largest climate action ever in New York because there will be a United Nations Climate Summit just after that and many heads of state will

be on hand.

For those who can't or choose not to go to New York for practical or philosophical reasons, there are a number of climate marches and rallies planned across the country, plus 115 actions planned through Campaign Nonviolence which are connecting the dots between climate change, peace and economic justice.

### **Portland Climate Rally and March:**

A grassroots coalition of climate and environmental groups will sponsor an action at 1 p.m. in Portland, place still to be determined; more details forthcoming soon. Salem's [350.org](http://350.org) chapter is urging people to take the train to the event, but stay tuned for plans for an FCUCC contingent to carpool to Portland together after church to participate with other faith communities taking part.

### **Salem-area events:**

Rally at the Capitol, organized by Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty in order to call attention to the connection between peace and abolishing the death penalty. OADP has graciously agreed to open its rally to climate change, human rights, peace and other causes working for a paradigm shift from domination to cooperation. The rally will begin at noon.

**Rally at the Eco-Ball in Riverfront Park:** At 2 p.m. there will be a rally at the Eco-Ball encouraging the City Council to take climate change more seriously. This rally will focus specifically on climate change.

**Salem Area Peace Festival**, at Lancaster Mall: The Salem Area Peace Network (<http://salem-area-peace-network.org/>) is offering a Salem Area Peace Festival. Tables for different peace and service-related organizations in Salem will be present throughout the mall. An opening ceremony will take place at 1 at the stage between Sears and Burlington Coat Factory. The festival concludes at 6 p.m.

~Peace and Justice Committee

### **SIMPLY IN SEASON**

The theme for the August Simply in Season meeting was Health. The Simply in Season group explored the concept of “Globesity: Too much, too little” -- the link between malnutrition and poverty; the problem of eating too much of the wrong foods and eating too little of the right foods. We discussed the effects of corn syrup in our foods and the health benefits of locally grown eggs and meat.

Did you know.....

In the year 2000, for the first time in history, the number of overweight people matched the number of undernourished people at about a billion each. Worldwide, overeating is the fastest growing form of malnutrition and the problem can exist side by side with not eating enough. We considered the fact that churches often pray for those around the world who don't have enough food but rarely for those who have too much. We discussed the over exposure to cheap, non-nutritious food and how it has affected us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We considered the question about what

churches could be doing to encourage healthy eating among members and in the larger community. We closed with a prayer for the shopper in this “expedition of privilege” with so many choices. *Dell Ford, Group Leader*

### **BAZAAR UPDATE, AUGUST 2014**

First off, a huge thank you to Phyllis Smith and Jean O'Grady, who devoted a full Saturday to making and canning batches of “Ryntha's Bread and Butter Pickles”. Ladies, your dedication is very impressive! And all those people who look forward to buying these very special pickles each year can now start calculating how many jars they want to purchase, come November.

Second, mark the date of **Saturday, September 6**, on your calendars if you wish to participate in making Rex's Vegetable-Tomato Soup Base, and be at the church in the downstairs kitchen at 9:00 a.m. Rex Lampert will guide the process, as usual.

That will be the last ‘food’ day – at least at this time – until we bake loaves of bread, on Saturday, November 1. Remember, if anyone wishes to order and/or pick up and take home their frozen Gravenstein apple pies, sign the sheet on the clipboard in the church office, and then speak to someone from Women's Fellowship about getting the pies for you to take home. They aren't packed in their boxes with baking directions just yet, but that can speedily be done if necessary, on an individual basis.~ *Nancy Dilger*,

## **ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN SALEM**

The first meeting of a downtown coalition about ending Homelessness in Salem was held at St. Mark Lutheran church Aug. 18. Six members of our Homelessness Task Force attended. Other attendees included representatives from St. Mark and from First Christian, and two policemen who regularly patrol downtown. There were also representatives from four groups that currently help homeless people: Arches, Northwest Human Services, Union Gospel Mission, and Meals Under the Bridge. We felt that the meeting was helpful and informative. We found that people from St. Mark and from First Christian have the same concerns we do about our homeless neighbors. We started by sharing information about projects that are now underway. Then we set future goals. After some discussion, the group decided to focus on the short-term goal of organizing for a winter warming center. Their main long-term goal was felt a one-stop central resource center. The next meeting will be Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Mark We urge you to join us, either at the next coalition meeting or at our own church's next task force meeting. *Nancy Stempek*

## **DISCUSSION ON UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AT THE BORDER**

Facilitator Susan Tripp, Tuesday, September 2 at 6 p.m. Talkington Hall.

## **GUIDED TOUR OF THE SALEM UNION GOSPEL MISSION**

This tour has been rescheduled for Friday, September 5 at 2:30 p.m. Have

you ever been curious as to how the Union Gospel Mission meets the needs of our local homeless brethren? Here is your chance to get an in depth look at the numerous support and resources provided by this wonderful outreach ministry. Arrive at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, September 5 in front of the main entrance at 345 Commercial Street NE in Salem. You will be led on a thorough tour of the facility by the director himself. See you there!

## **SALEM INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

SIHN is 100% committed to the mission of congregations, practicing hospitality, to stand together against homelessness and see lives changed; including our own. This program is thriving as we come together as a faith community. Our congregation's next opportunity to provide a safe and hospitable place for 4 families is Sept. 14-20. With people gone on summer vacations we still have a lot of openings; from providing food to serving to the food, spending the evening with the families or an overnight stay and serving them breakfast in the morning before they leave for the day center. Your smile and warm compassionate giving will bless their day. And the gift of giving yourself in this way will enrich and bless your life.

Also please continue to pray for this ministry and those of our congregation who are involved as well as our guests as they navigate through this rough spot in their lives.

## **SAVE THE DATE! PRAYER RETREAT AT MT. ANGEL SHALOM PRAYER CENTER**

Last Spring, youth had the opportunity to attend a retreat at the Mt. Angel Shalom Prayer Center as part of their Confirmation journey. I thought it might be an interesting opportunity for adults, so we've arranged for a similar afternoon on Saturday, October 4. The retreat, 11:30 – 5 p.m., will feature praying with the Sisters, lunch, and several workshops on different forms of prayer. Cost will be a \$10-\$15 per adult (scholarships available). More details will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars and join us. *Margaret May*

## **PEACE LECTURE TO PRESENT**

### **DAVID HARTSOUGH**

The Salem Peace Lecture Committee is pleased to announce that this year's annual Peace Lecture speaker will be David Hartsough, co-founder of the Nonviolent Peaceforce, author, and inspiring lifelong nonviolent activist.

Hartsough will deliver the 25th Annual Peace Lecture on October 15, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall on the Willamette University campus in Salem. His topic will be "Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Nonviolent Activist."

Since meeting Martin Luther King in 1956 and working with the Civil Rights Movement in the south, Hartsough has over and over again found his way to exciting nonviolent direct actions all over the world. His biography reads like a nonviolent Forrest Gump story. He has blocked Navy ships and munitions trains, accompanied activists threatened by death

squads in Central America, been arrested protesting nuclear weapons testing and many other outrages, been threatened and injured by violent opponents and crossed forbidden borders to make peace. Hartsough's story demonstrates the power and effectiveness of organized nonviolent action. Moreover, it shows how nonviolent struggle is being waged all over the world by ordinary people committed to ending the spiral of violence and war. For more information, please contact Peter Bergel, [pbergel@igc.org](mailto:pbergel@igc.org), 503-371-8002.

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH**

Sat, Sept. 27, 2014 at 10 a.m.

Intergenerational Event! All men, women and youth are invited to this exciting Women's Fellowship Brunch. Featured speakers will be FCUCC members Maria Cruse, political science professor at Chemeketa and her children, Brady, Daniel & Kate. They'll share pictures and stories of their 6 week summer mission trip to Guatemala. Maria and her children volunteered in the city dumps of Central America, leading Vacation Bible Schools, making bunk beds, moving mattresses, participating in prayer walks, and providing food for local families. Join us for this interesting brunch.



# Calendar

Wednesday, August 27	5:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Service
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Choir rehearsal
Thursday, August 28	6:00 p.m.	Music Committee meeting
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 29, 30, & 31	All Church Camp @ Camp Adams	
Sunday, August 31	8:30 a.m.	Contemplative Prayer Group
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Hymn Sing
	11:45 a.m.	Emergency Lunch Assembly Line
Tuesday, September 2	6:00 p.m.	Unaccompanied Minors at the Border meeting w/ Susan Tripp
Wednesday, September 3	10:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Board mtg.
	6:15 p.m.	Mission and Outreach mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice mtg.
Friday, September 5	2:30 p.m.	Guided tour of Union Gospel Mission
Saturday, September 6	9:00 a.m.	Tomato-vegetable soup base making for Bazaar with Rex Lampert
	12 noon	Youth go rafting
<b>Sunday, September 7</b>		<b>Sundae Sunday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Contemplative Prayer Group
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time & Sundaes!!!
Monday, September 8	12 noon	Adult Book Study resumes
Tuesday, September 9	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting
Wednesday, September 10	9:30 a.m.	Bazaar crafts in the Nursery
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Sunday, September 14	5:00 p.m.	Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network families arrive for a week's stay
Monday, September 15	6:30 p.m.	Woman Spirit
	6:30 p.m.	Community Committee meeting
Tuesday, September 16	5:30 p.m.	Deacons meeting
Wednesday, September 17	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education meeting

## ***First Congregational Nostalgia For Sale***

After many years of duty, we are retiring 8 rectangular, steel frame tables and replacing them with new ones that are lighter in weight. The tables still have many years of use in them (they are nearly indestructible) and would make great tables for quilting, crafts, DIY projects, large dinners, and garage sales, you name it.

Please take a look at them in Huntington and Talkington Halls.

\$150 buys all 8.

## **NEW HOUSEKEEPER HIRED. WELCOME, JEFF STANDY!**

The Personnel Committee is pleased to report to the congregation that we have completed the search for a Housekeeper. After several interviews of a variety of applicants, we have chosen Jeff Standy for the position. Jeff is a member of our congregation who has served in a variety of volunteer roles, most often in the kitchen where by some he is known as “Flash”—a person who is on the move. We remind the congregation that the position has been reduced in terms of hours. At the same time we are asking AAA, our janitorial service, to add three hours per week to their work. We hope everyone will keep in mind our new plan and let us know if you have some concerns about it. You should talk to any member of the Personnel Committee or to Pastor Janet.  
*Bernie Turner, Personnel Committee Chair*

## **Weekly Recurring Events**

### **Sundays**

8:30 a.m. **Contemplative Prayer Group**

9:15 a.m. **Adult Learning Hour**

10:30 a.m. **Worship Service & Children’s Learning Hour**

11:45 a.m. **Fellowship Time**

### **Mondays**

12 noon **Adult Book Study meets in Parlor** —starts September 8

The season starts with a new book: *A People’s History of Christianity* written by Diana Butler Bass. Don Lundberg facilitates.

### **Wednesdays**

5:30 p.m. **Contemplative Prayer Group**— **in the Adult Education Class Room**

*This group does not meet on fourth Wednesdays when we offer a Taizé Prayer Service.*

### **Thursdays**

7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir rehearsal** —**in the Sanctuary**

## **Monthly Recurring Events**

4th Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. **Taizé Prayer Service** in the Mayflower Chapel

Third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. **Woman Spirit**

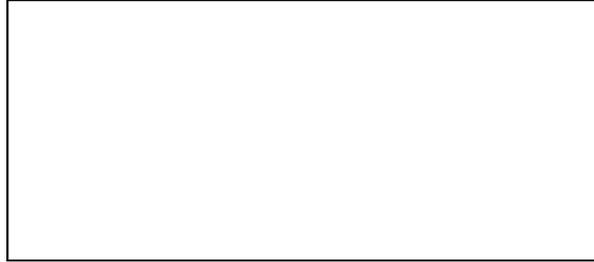
This group meets at Bev and Jenny’s home in West Salem. E-mail [bevnjen-ny@comcast.net](mailto:bevnjen-ny@comcast.net) for directions to their house and more info about the gathering.

The evening starts with a salad bar (bring your favorite salad topping) and continues with a book study. All women are welcome.



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**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**Faith—Fun or Frumpy?**

This year's Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014 (once again a full day retreat from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) and will be located at the 4H Center in West Salem. All church women (and your non-church female friends) are welcome. Cost is \$40, which includes a continental breakfast, delicious salad bar lunch, and dinner. Pastor Emily will be leading our spiritual time. We plan to dance, play games, and have high tea and crumpets (or Jenny's famous cookies). Call Jenny & Bev if you have any questions: 503-507-0229.