



Shalom

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**YOUR WELCOMING COMMITTEE
AND AN INVITATION TO THE GETTING AC-
QUAINTED BRUNCH FOR
NEWCOMERS**

"Good morning." "Nice to see you." Welcome to First Congregational church." These are just a few of the welcoming statements you may hear from one of these dedicated greeters as you enter the Sanctuary for worship on any given Sunday morning at First Congregational UCC Church. We are proud to be a part of this church's "Extravagant Welcome" The welcome is not only meant for our first time visitors but for all who enter to worship with us.

Friendship Pad

We encourage everyone to sign the brown Friendship Pad in their pew and to join us for the Fellowship hour after worship. It helps us track our church attendance trends and also to keep our records updated. We also hope that people will look at

the names of the people around them and greet them after the service! It's especially helpful when new people sign the Friendship Pad. The contact information they provide on the pad is recorded and a loaf of friendship bread is hand delivered to their given address by a member of the committee.

Getting Acquainted Brunch

With Pastors Janet and Emily and a representative from the Deacons, we host several getting acquainted luncheons during the church calendar year for any newcomers who have shown interest in uniting with our church. If you are new to our church, you are invited to attend the October 19 Getting Acquainted Brunch that's served at 12 noon in the Talkington Annex. We also work along with the Pastors and Deacons to provide a reception in the fellowship hall after worship on the Sunday that new members are received into the congregation.

These are just a few of the things that we as a committee are involved in that help to project the message that First Congregational UCC Church is an all inclusive, open and affirming congregation where everyone can participate and share.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers of comfort and healing to **Paul, Kerry, Sam, and Molly Balmer** as they grieve the loss of **Robin Balmer** who died by suicide at the age of 28 on September 4, 2014. A memorial service celebrating Robin's life will be held on September 28 at 2 p.m. at the World Forestry Center in Portland – all are welcome to attend.

Prayers of healing and comfort to the Balmer family, and prayers of courage to all who wrestle with depression and thoughts of suicide – may we work together as a community to break the silence on mental illness...

Prayers of healing and recovery to **Dr. Marcia Hauff** as she heals from a broken wrist, and prayers of patience for our congregation as we miss her beautiful organ playing! ... prayers of healing and patience to **Melvin Stewart** as he continues recovery at home for a recent knee operation and infection in his knee ...

Prayers of celebration for the life of **Steve Rhine's 100 year old grandmother** as she is in the process of passing on from this life... prayers of healing and fast recovery to **Deb Patterson** who recently had kidney surgery...prayers of healing and support to **Jeanne Humphreys** who is now recovering at home from anemia and a mild stroke Prayers for the family of **Daniel**, an 8 year old friend of Evan Beaver, who fell 25 feet this past weekend and was pronounced brain dead. Prayers for his family as they grieve and make big decisions about life support, and prayers for Evan and the Beaver family as they grieve Daniel and support his family.

Prayers of health and patience for **Don Coe** who has been attending FCUCC with Dana McBrien, and who is currently

in the hospital and looking for new treatments for cancer he is fighting. Prayers for his health, and also for the creativity of the doctors caring for him that they might find a new way to treat him.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 5 AT 4 P.M. ON THE LAWN

The first Sunday in October is known as the Feast of St. Francis, and many churches hold blessing of the animals' services on this date every year. We will hold one that is open to our whole community, so tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers: their animals are invited too! Pastor Janet Parker and Brother Richard LeFevre (a novice in the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans) will offer the blessings and there may even be a few special treats on hand for your furry friends. **ALL PETS ARE WELCOME.** Pastor Janet is hoping the llamas will show up! Come and join the fun and remember it's serious too—all creatures are blessed members of God's Creation.

LET'S CELEBRATE:

20 YEARS OF OPEN AND AFFIRMING!

Did you know that 2014 marks the 20th anniversary of our congregation becoming Open and Affirming? FCUCC voted to become ONA in 1994, so it's time to party! Plan to be present for a special worship service on Sunday, October 12 honoring and celebrating our Open and Affirming commitment and values. Stay for cake and more celebration following the service in Talkington Hall, compliments of our wonderful Community Committee. What difference does it make to you that First Congregational UCC is Open and Affirming? Let Janet and Emily know so that your voice can

also be represented in our 20th anniversary celebration. See you there!

Invitation to read *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women, and How All Men Can Help*

Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:45 p.m. on October 7, 21, and 28 (last date subject to change)

Wherever we turn lately, it seems we are confronted with disturbing news about male violence against women. While our congregation reeled from the report about a sexual assault in our own building last April, news about the prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses filled the media. Many of you have heard about the upheaval taking place in the NFL due to revelations of domestic violence by Ray Rice and other football stars. What's going on?

It's time to recognize that sexual and domestic violence are not the personal problems of a few but a pervasive social problem that afflicts every sector of our society. The sexual assault in our own community has been a wake-up call, and a proactive response is needed. Pastor Janet Parker has organized a book study opportunity for women and men to read the book, *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help* by Jackson Katz. Whether you are a man wanting to learn how to be a better ally to women, so that your mothers, partners, wives, sisters, and daughters can one day live in a safer world; or whether you are a woman wanting to better understand the men in your lives, why some men behave as they do, and how to raise responsible sons, this book will help.

How it will work: Men and women will discuss the book in same-gender groups and then come together for some shared

conversation at the end of each evening. A brief centering exercise will ground us at the beginning of each session. The same-gender groups will allow for more open and unfettered sharing by men and women; the joint discussion time will enable us to begin a real conversation with one another across gender lines about why this is a men's issue as well as a women's issue. Greg Kirby (Jane Kirby's son), will be joining us to facilitate the men's discussions. Greg is a recent graduate in gender studies from the University of Oregon with experience teaching and leading discussion groups in the areas of gender relations, gender identity and sexuality. We welcome his leadership! Books are available used for less than \$10 on Amazon. Please RSVP to office@uccsalem.org or sign up on the office by October 5.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND EMPOWERMENT FOR FCUCC

On October 29th at 6 PM in the sanctuary, all are invited to take part in a worship service of healing and empowerment designed as a proactive response to the sexual assault incident on our campus last spring. The service will also serve as a ritual response to the social epidemic of violence against women now more painfully apparent than ever in our culture.

This service is not intended to follow in the way of the false prophets who cry "peace, peace, when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14). But it is a reminder that in spite of our inability to find complete closure in the wake of this incident, "there is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole." This service will be designed and led by Pastors Janet Parker and Emily Goodnow and Rev. Lori Ensign. Male voices and leaders will join.

Together, we will confess and lament the sin of sexual and gender-based violence in our society and the harm it causes, call upon God for Sophia/Spirit's healing energy to move within us as individuals and within our congregation, and lift up our voices to call for a world free of sexual and gender-based violence. Together, we will reclaim our sacred space and our sacred power to fight this pernicious form of violence in our homes, schools, churches, and society at large.

THE TRUSTEES CORNER

The Building:

In August we had the carpets cleaned in the Adult Education and Godly Play rooms on the third floor.

Steve Rhine installed a video camera in the McDougle porch. This was recently donated to the church and will allow us to have a record of who comes and goes in the event of a security concern. We are continuing to collect donations for a security system that will provide monitored coverage of the church during evening hours when no one is present. We have collected \$1960.00 toward the \$2500.00 needed to get that system installed. Those willing to pledge toward this system may contact Rick O'Grady rdecourcy@aol.com 503-585-4769.

New AEDs (defibrillators) have been installed on all three floors and several people were trained on their use. These were donated and installed by a member of the congregation.

Our Finances:

As you may remember our budget is very tight this year. The summer is typically a slow time for pledge collection and this year has been no exception, until August when we recovered some lost

ground. Our budget through August shows that we have collected about 96% of expected general pledges, which is not too bad coming out of the summer season. September is a critical budget month as we have due quarterly payments on health insurance and retirement for our pastors in October. This month would be a great time to catch up on pledges.

Grounds Clean Up Day

The cleaning up of the grounds is on Oct.11 at 9:00 a.m. We will be weeding, trimming and spreading bark dust. Anyone wanting to join the party will be welcomed. Coffee and donuts will be provided to balance calories burned.



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PENNY DRIVE!

Thank you for supporting the penny drive! I want to help the building fund because this church is one of my favorite

places and I want it to be strong for a long time! Thank you! *Ellie Haining*

THE YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR OLD BACKPACKS!

The Youth Group is taking on a mission project for September/October to collect used backpacks, fill them with supplies that might be helpful to a homeless person and hand them out when we enter into the rainy season. We are on the lookout for used, but still able to be zipped, backpacks. The idea is inspired by a post on the website upworthy.com that one of our youth group parents saw and suggested to us. If you would like to help us with this project, or if you have other mission ideas for the youth group, please contact Pastor Emily or Michelle Laseter.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 1 @ 12:15 p.m.
We are kicking off the fall season with our first *luncheon* on Wed., Oct. 1, 12:15 p.m. Amy Vandegrift, Development Director Willamette Heritage Center, will be our speaker. We'll learn about our local history as she presents "We Are Who We Are Today, Because of Who We Were Back Then".

All women and men are invited to attend this interesting and informative luncheon. *Women's Fellowship*

IMAGINE ANOTHER WORLD WHERE LITERACY IS NO LONGER A CONCERN!

The **Neighbors in Need offering**, to be received on October 5, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The 2014 theme for NIN is "Imagining another world where literacy is no longer a concern." The offering will go in part to support the "Reading Changes Lives" justice initiative of the UCC. Two-thirds of the

entire offering will go to support the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries, which support a wide range of justice-related advocacy work around the US every year. The other third will go to support the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today, there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and 1 urban, multi-tribal congregation in Minneapolis. CAIM supports these churches and their pastors. Please make out checks to FCUCC and put "NIN" in the memo line. We thank you for your generosity!

PERFUME ALLERGIES

Perfumes can be a sweet touch for some folks, but in others they can trigger an allergic reaction. Please consider this when dressing for church.

You smell sweet just as you are!

ACOLYTES...PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE..

We want to celebrate, thank you, and recognize your service! If you haven't been an acolyte, we want you to explore the possibility of being an acolyte! Join us on October 19th for finger foods and ice cream in the Parlor, after the service. Parents are welcome.

MINORS AT THE BORDER

Susan Tripp hosted a meeting on September 2 to discuss the unaccompanied minors at the border – 12 members and friends of FCUCC attended. Currently there are *in excess of 60,000* unaccompanied minors down by the border waiting for decisions to be made about their fate and the numbers continue to rise. Our group worked together to figure out where FCUCC might fit into the puzzle of compassionate and just support of these children. Ideas brought to the table were: providing assistance for food, clothing, or legal fees to the children at the border currently; individual or group

letters to congressmen or editors of local newspapers; joining forces with local churches and/or reaching out to other UCC congregations; and providing short term foster care for one or more of the children. Although our group's goals and action plan are still emerging, assignments were accepted to contact local organizations and faith communities to become familiar with their current involvement and their capability of assisting with this growing dilemma. Anyone with an interest in supporting these innocent children is invited to attend the next meeting scheduled for 6 pm on Tuesday September 30th at the church. Please come and share your ideas as greater numbers can bring about greater feats of humanity.

HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

The backpack collection for children at the St. Francis Shelter was a huge success. An adult education session on the effects of poverty is scheduled for November 9, 16, and 23 at 9:15am. Task Force members will attend a second meeting of members of downtown churches and service providers exploring ways to collaborate to serve our neighborhood homeless. Several task force members toured the Union Gospel Mission to learn of this agency's extensive services for homeless, predominantly men but also with some services for women at the downtown location, and were impressed to learn the depth of services provided to those in need in Salem. We also learned that those interested in volunteering at the Mission are required to sign a statement of faith as defined by the Mission. We look forward to bringing you more information about homelessness in Salem, and more opportunities to engage in direct service, in networking with our neighbors to end homelessness,

and in urging our leaders to make decisions and take actions that better serve our homeless brothers and sisters.

THANK YOU FROM ST. FRANCIS SHELTER

“Woo hoo! We are over the moon about our new back packs and school supplies for the children who call St. Francis “home.” All 22 of the school aged kids who live at St. Francis had new packs for the school year. it was clear they were very pleased and proud as they headed off to school. We are so grateful for your help making our kids feel like all the other kids in school. It's a gift to them when they can feel “normal”—especially when not much else in their lives feels that way! Blessings to each of you for sharing your kind and generous hearts with our families. *Kim* St. Francis Shelter.

SOUND BOARD TRAINEES DESIRED!

The Music Committee is working to improve sound in the sanctuary. We are looking for people (including teens!!) who are interested in being trained on how to use the sound board. We are hoping for a team of 5-6 people who will take turns running the sound board for the Sunday services. The commitment would be one Sunday a month, with others available as substitutes. If you are interested, please contact anyone on the Music Committee: Rebecca Ralston, Ray Elliot, Pastor Janet, Mark Wallace, or Ralph Jackson. Thank you!

GAME NIGHT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FALL

Sept. 27- Hosts Steve and Toby Rhine, steverhine@yahoo.com

Oct. 25- Hosts Jeroen and Annemieke Laport, annemiekelaort@yahoo.com

Nov. 15- Hosts Nancy Hull and Chris Sproul, hullnancy2001@yahoo.com

All are invited to board game nights hosted in individual homes this fall. The first game session will start at 4:00. We will break for a *potluck dinner* at 6:00. A second game session will begin at 7:00. We will end at 9:00 p.m. You can come for as much or as little of the evening as you wish. Bring your favorite games. Please RSVP directly to the host, and let them know what time you plan on coming: 4:00, 6:00 or 7:00. -Rebecca Ralston

SIMPLY IN SEASON-from Dell Ford
The theme for the September Simply in Season meeting was Time. We started with scripture reading from Ecclesiastes: “*For everything there is a season.....a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.*” We realized how far we have come from awareness about the rhythms of agriculture, when various crops are sown and reaped. We considered the concepts of abundance and scarcity and how attitudes about these ideas have affected and formed our culture. We discussed the true meaning of eating locally -- eating with the rhythms of the season --that may mean doing without certain foods during some seasons. We discussed our sense of entitlement about being able to obtain any foods any time because our grocery stores carry items from all over the world and how this has caused us to lose our connection to what’s in season. We identified Oregon produce and the seasons in which they are ripe and ready to eat. We considered the idea of “slow food” (savoring the tastes of each season) in a “fast food culture.” We ended by talking about building community around food like being a part of a dinner club, co-op, community gardening project, or neighborhood soup night events.

BAZAAR UPDATE

I thank everyone who came and helped with the Vegetable-Tomato Soup Base canning on September 6th. Rex Lampert led our crew, which included Phyllis, Kathy, Jackie, Linda, Lyda, Betty, Nellie, and Nancy. Quilt-raffle-ticket-selling time will begin on Sunday, September, the 28th, and continue through the end of October, before and after church services. This year the quilt is donated by Kathy Crummer’s cousin and is a large machine-quilted Asian-themed-fabric quilt. There will be a table in the McDougle Narthex where one can purchase raffle tickets, and also sign up to purchase frozen apple pies. As of this writing, there are still plenty of pies available.

Craft days will continue through the month of October, on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursery. If you don’t have a project to work on, come anyway; we may set you to work. There is always coffee, and anyone is welcome to drop in, even if it’s just to socialize. Our final ‘food’ project before the bazaar will be on Saturday, Nov.1, when we bake many loaves of bread, both for sale at the bazaar itself, and for the lunches served on those two days. We will be making two kinds: multi-grain braided bread, recipe courtesy of Kathy Hafdahl, and a standard white loaf. It’s always fun, the building smells heavenly when we are baking, and anyone interesting in helping is welcome to join us— 9 a.m. Nov.1
If you have any questions regarding the bazaar, contact persons are Marge Covey [Boutique], Louise Putman [Fine Arts], Jeff Standy or Phyllis Smith [kitchen & food], or Nancy Dilger (general overall questions)

~ Nancy Dilger, Bazaar Coordinator

LBGTQ GET TOGETHER

You and your significant other are invited to a First Congregational LGBTQ potluck on October 4th at 6 p.m. at our home. We see each other in church, but want to have the opportunity for each of us to get to know everyone better. There is no agenda, just a relaxing evening at our home to catch up with old friends and make some new friends. Please bring a food item to share for the potluck. This is an informal gathering with the sole purpose for people to have time to connect on a deeper level. bevnjenny@comcast.net

Bev Pratt & Jenny Whitmire

WORLD COMMUNION POTLUCK

Sunday, October 5 is World Communion Sunday. To celebrate, we're having a potluck lunch after church. Please bring a dish that serves 8. If you have an ethnic favorite dish, we'd love it if you'd bring it to share. Bring a friend and bring a dish! Happy World Communion Sunday!
Community Committee

SALEM INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK UPDATE

Did you know that while in the network, the parents also take life skill classes (as well as working on getting housing and jobs)? Some of the topics are: being a good renter, conflict management, self-care, parenting, CPR & first aid, credit counseling. If you have any expertise in these areas and could help with the classes, call TJ (executive director of SIHN) We have had a great week with our guests; which have included 7 adults and 7 children. About 60 of the congregation helped in giving them a safe and hospitable place to stay while working hard to provide for their families.

We are hosting SIHN during the week of Christmas. In addition to our usual needs,

there will be caroling, Christmas tree decorating, Christmas partying, Christmas day dinner and more. It will be a great way to bring Light into what might be a very dark time for some families in our community. Thank you again for your commitment to this ministry.

Susan Bearden, M&O

SPECIAL OFFERING SIHN & LUNCHES

Our church hears a call to action in the gospel message that leads us to house the homeless and feed the hungry through our SIHN hosting ministry and our Emergency Lunch Ministry. These programs would not be possible without generous donations from people like you. On Sunday, Sept. 14, we made an appeal for a special offering to continue to fund these ministries. If you would like to make a donation, please put a check in the offering plate with "SIHN/ELP" in the memo line. Money donated will go towards purchasing dividers for their privacy and offering generous hospitality during their stays, and towards our emergency lunch program (which costs us around \$750 a month and through which we give out up to 150 lunches a week to hungry individuals). Your generosity is a gift to our church, to our community, and to the furthering of living the gospel in the world. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

FCUCC ECO FAITH GROUP

Thank you to those who attended the *Rising to the Climate Challenge Group* on Sunday, 9/14! I'm hoping this can be an ongoing discussion, perhaps including others who couldn't join us.

The following is a synopsis of the workshop and an INVITATION to participate in a group with other folks wanting to "Rise to the Climate Challenge" together,

including some exciting new practices developed by EcoFaith Recovery.

The Synopsis:

It's difficult to respond passionately to the issue of climate change because it seems far away in place and time; we respond best to threats that are happening here, now, to me or those I care most about. And when we *do* try to pay attention to the threat of climate change, we can become paralyzed by fear or overwhelm, and may choose to distract ourselves or numb out.

I offered a few practices based in Psychology and Buddhist traditions to help us get out of our own way as we try to live in integrity with our creation-caring values:

a) **formulate a positive vision** to work towards. What does a sustainable lifestyle look like, and how does it *improve* our quality of life?

At the same time we're mindfully taking steps towards realizing that vision, it's important to

b) **let go of outcomes.** We can't know if we'll be "successful" in solving climate change. But we shouldn't let that stop us from doing the right thing, because we *can* be successful in reducing our own adverse impacts, especially when we work collaboratively with others.

The Invitation: I am forming a group at FCUCC to serve as a forum for forging a "path beyond feeling frozen" as we seek "progress, not perfection" (borrowing language from a couple participants). Together, we can rise to meet the climate challenge. Please email me if you are interested in participating, and also indicate what 2-3 days/times of the week that would work best for you.

Sue Koger, skoger@willamette.edu

PRAYER RETREAT AT MT. ANGEL SHALOM PRAYER CENTER

Join us for the prayer retreat at the Mt. Angel Shalom Center on Sat., October 4! We'll arrive at 11:30 am, in time to join the monastic community for their mid-day prayers at 11:45 am. After lunch with the Sisters, the afternoon will feature several sessions including Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina); Praying with Icons; Guided Meditation, and a Labyrinth Walk. We'll conclude at 5 p.m. This reflective program will be lead by Sister Jeanine Tisot, RSM, and Sister Anne Sekul, RSM. Cost is \$15 per person, and includes lunch. Please RSVP to the church office, or sign up after church on September 28 in the McDougale Narthex. Plan to join us!

PEACE LECTURE TO PRESENT DAVID HARTSOUGH

This year's annual Peace Lecture speaker is David Hartsough, co-founder of the Nonviolent Peaceforce, author, and inspiring lifelong nonviolent activist. Since meeting Martin Luther King 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 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. Hartsough will deliver the 25th Annual Peace Lecture on October 15, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall, Willamette University His topic will be "Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Nonviolent Activist."

Peter Bergel

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BIG QUESTIONS OVER LUNCH AT WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

“Big Questions ABOUT Lunch: Who Gets to Eat? What? With Whom? and What’s It All Mean?” by the Rev. Dr. Charles Wallace, Jr. chaplain and professor of religious studies emeritus

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Alumni Lounge, Putnam University Center. Bring your lunch or allow an extra 15-20 minutes to purchase it from the Cat Café. For more information, see www.willamette.edu/dept/chaplain/events/index.html.

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**

Tuesdays

3:30 p.m. **Meet up with Pastor Emily at the Ike Box until 5 p.m.**

Mondays

12 noon **Adult Book Study meets in Parlor**

The group is reading: *A People’s History of Christianity* written by Diana Butler Bass. Don Lundberg facilitates. Join us!

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. **Contemplative Prayer Group**— meets on the main floor

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

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

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

1st Saturdays at 8:05 a.m. **Men’s Breakfast** at McGrath’s Restaurant (downtown location)



CALENDAR

Saturday, September 27	10:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Brunch
	4:00 p.m.	Game night, see article
Sunday, September 28	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Robin Balmer in the Miller Room, World Forestry Center, Portland
Tuesday, September 30	6:00 p.m.	Minors at the Border meeting, Nursery
Wednesday, October 1	10:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Board Meeting
	12:15 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Luncheon
	6:15 p.m.	Mission and Outreach meeting, Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Team mtg. Conference Rm.
	7:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice meeting, Nursery
Saturday, October 4	8:05 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, downtown McGrath's
	11:30 a.m.	Prayer Retreat @ Mt. Angel
	6:00 p.m.	LBGTQ Potluck at Bev & Jenny's— adults only, please
Sunday, October 5		World Communion Sunday & Potluck
	4:00 p.m.	Blessing of the animals on the lawn
Tuesday, October 7	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee meeting
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Macho Paradox</i> Book Study
Wednesday, October 8	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting, Nursery
Saturday, October 11	9:00 a.m.	Fall clean up of the church grounds
Sunday, October 12		Celebration of our 20th anniversary as an Open and Affirming congregation in the UCC <i>Shalom</i> deadline
Tuesday, October 14	6:00 p.m.	League of Women Voters presentation
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, October 15	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed. Board meeting, Nursery
	7:30 p.m.	Peace Lecture, Hudson Hall W.U.
Saturday, October 18		Women's Retreat, 4-H in West Salem
Sunday, October 19	12 noon	Getting Acquainted Brunch, Talkington Hall Annex
	12 noon	Deacons' Acolyte Celebration, Parlor
Monday, October 20	6:30 p.m.	Community Committee meeting
Tuesday, October 21	5:30 p.m.	Deacons meeting, nursery
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Macho Paradox</i> Book Study
Wednesday, October 22	5:30 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Service
Saturday, October 25	4:00 p.m.	Game night, see article
Sunday, October 26		Harvest Fest, immediately following worship <i>Shalom</i> deadline
Tuesday, October 28	7:00 p.m.	<i>Macho Paradox</i> Book Study
Wednesday, October 29	6:00 p.m.	Healing Service
Friday, October 31		Halloween Youth Lock-In

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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 lo-

cated 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.



HARVEST FEST — OCTOBER 26

It's time to gather and give thanks for Autumn on Sunday, October 27th immediately following worship. We will have soup, sandwiches, and cider for lunch. There will be fun activities, stories and music for children and adults including a "cupcake walk". Prizes will be given for the "best costume", "scariest decorated cupcakes", and "best decorated or carved Jack-o-lantern". **Bring sandwiches, fruit and chips to share along with your cupcakes.**

Come join the fun!

