



# Shalom

First Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
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[www.barbaraford.net](http://www.barbaraford.net)

Info? Contact Sue Koger:

[skoger@willamette.edu](mailto:skoger@willamette.edu).



### SPRING ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

**This Sunday, April 12** immediately following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share with your church friends and family at this Community Committee sponsored event.



### BARTHOLOMEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you are an active member of our church and are planning to attend an Oregon university, college, or professional school during the upcoming academic year, or if you are studying for the ministry in any location, you are eligible to apply for a Bartholomew Scholarship. Application forms are now available for the

2015-2016 academic year (at [www.uccsaalem.org](http://www.uccsaalem.org) and in the office). **Mail** your completed form accompanied by an official transcript of your last term or semester to the church office. Do not drop off. The deadline is May 18.

### **TALENT / NO TALENT SHOW REVIEW**

This is a long overdue note of appreciation for the many people who participated in Talent / No Talent (way back) on February 28. The evening was great fun with folks of all ages and abilities performing music, skits, stories, dances, and more. Many thanks to all the performers, the attendees, the people who brought food, and the folks behind the scenes including: Susan Bearden, Mesheal Heyman, Laurie Hoefer, Judith Tausig, Janet Kirch, Paul and Kerry Balmer, Rick, Maddie and Rebecca Bingham, and of course, the originator of the event, Rebecca Ralston. The evening ended with the "Pastors' Surprise", and what a fun surprise, indeed. This event raised \$1145 for Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network, Congregations Helping People, and the Marion Polk Food Share.

### **LBGTQ DINNER GROUP**

Join us for dinner on Saturday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at Los Dos Amigos (3140 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem). RSVP to Pat Ayers at 503-302-3043 or Nancy Winner at [njwinner4@gmail.com](mailto:njwinner4@gmail.com).

**WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!!** All Church Camp leadership is coming to-

gether!! With your help we can make it happen!! All Church Camp is a special, annual event at beautiful Camp Adams on Labor Day weekend, September 4-6 this year, Friday evening through Sunday lunch. For 10+ years, campers of all ages have gathered at Camp Adams, some for the day, others for one or two nights of fun, fellowship, food and Sunday worship in the Cascade foothills.

We need at least one more person to join the leadership team. Initial planning happens in the spring. Then the focus is on publicity and registration until mid-August, with a burst of activity in the week leading up to and including camp. Information from previous camps will make planning easy. Come join the team!! Questions or to volunteer, please call Maya Close 503-585-2348 or e-mail [mayajim\\_close1891@q.com](mailto:mayajim_close1891@q.com).

### **PACIFIC ISLANDERS SEEK HEALTH JUSTICE**

There is an important health care justice issue that our faith community needs to become aware of and urge our legislative Representatives to take action on. Thousands of Pacific Islanders who live in Oregon legally and who pay federal and state taxes and serve in our armed services, struggle with high rates of radiation-related disease such as cancer and endocrine disorders caused by the US Government's nuclear testing between 1946 and 1958, but do not qualify for either Medicaid or SSI benefits. People from the Marshall Islands were

affected by over 60 nuclear tests, without their knowledge. Such people have a unique legal status with the US Government. Unless they were born here, they do not qualify as US citizens. They are classified as "permanent nonimmigrants". Because of this unique legal status, they fall between the cracks and are unable to receive health care benefits received by most Oregonians.

There is a bill before the Oregon Legislature that would begin to address this injustice. HB 2522, introduced by Representative Brian Clem, would establish an office within the Oregon Health Authority designed to promote full access to health care for the Marshallese people residing in our state. A public hearing was held on the proposed legislation in February, but no further action has been taken. It's time for our legislature to take action on this bill and bring some measure of health justice to the Marshallese people. Please contact your legislative Representative.

*Bill Hayden, former Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee*

### **SUMMER DAY CAMP AT FCUCC: LOAVES & FISHES**

We're very excited to announce the theme for this summer's day camp -- loaves & fishes! More details to come, but we're looking forward to exploring extravagant welcome and radical love through the sharing of food and faith. This camp is for kids entering K-6 and will be June 15-19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you're a youth or adult interested in sharing an experience about communion, community, love, food, economic justice etc., please let Emma Brewer-Wallin ([ebrewerw@gmail.com](mailto:ebrewerw@gmail.com)) know. She'd love to help you figure out how to get involved in a way that feels comfortable for you (she'd also love to hear from you if you're interested in teaching/counseling).



### **UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, April 11** - Earth Day in Salem! 10a-1pm

Combined Youth Groups meet at Riverfront Park to join in Salem's Earth Day Celebration, put on by the City of Salem and Straub Environmental Center. We'll have a booth there to make recycled art projects and to help people make masks for the parade later in the day. Cameron Crucial & Nancy Hull are leading this one - see them for questions.

### **Saturday, April 19**

Senior High, 12-2 p.m., Big Questions  
Come have a conversation about some of the Big Stuff we wonder about, starting with fate and destiny. Who's in charge of our lives? What role does God play in it all? How do free will and faith fit together? And we'll go from there. Bring your questions—we'll go wherever the conversation

leads us. And, there will be snacks!  
Leaders are Cameron and Pastor Emily  
Mid High, 2-5 p.m., Our Whole Lives!  
Topics: Love-making, safer sex, STI's,  
responsible behavior, conception and  
pregnancy. Leaders are Steve Bearden  
& Pastor Emily.

Stay tuned for more Youth Group ac-  
tivities in April and May, and save the  
date: May 17, 2-5 p.m. for Senior High  
OWL.

**WND YOUNG ADULT GROUP** to start  
Wednesday, April 22 at 6pm! Are you  
around the age of 18-35? Do you like  
delicious food and good friends? Do  
you want a community of people to  
journey with, to have spiritual conver-  
sation with, to laugh with, maybe even  
to dance with? Cameron Cruscial and  
Pastor Emily are starting a young adult  
group at church, and all 18-35 (ish)  
folks are invited! We're going to try a  
Wednesday Night Dinner (WND) mod-  
el, of meeting once a month (ish) for  
food and fellowship and wherever the  
night takes us! First dinner is Wednes-  
day, April 22, 6 p.m. at Cameron's  
house on Liberty St. near the train  
tracks— RSVP to Cameron or Emily  
for the address. [cam-  
eronmc@riseup.net](mailto:cameronmc@riseup.net) or [emi-  
ly@uccsalem.org](mailto:emily@uccsalem.org). Have ideas for what  
you'd like to do, or how you'd like this  
group to go? We're all ears. Be in  
touch.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
ADULT LEARNING HOUR  
IN APRIL AND MAY**

**Tom and Amy Vandegrift** will be

presenting a program about the Peace  
Corps and their experiences during  
Adult Learning Hour on **April 12<sup>th</sup> at  
9:00 a.m.** (note the earlier start  
time). Amy and Tom served in the  
U.S. Peace Corps in Lesotho. As a  
married couple, they were a rarity be-  
cause only 5% of volunteers are mar-  
ried. They were both “old enough to  
know better” (in their 50s), but did it  
anyway. They look forward to sharing  
their story with you.

**Steve Patterson**, New Testament  
scholar, former member of our church,  
and George H. Atkinson Chair of Reli-  
gious and Ethical Studies at Willamette  
University, will join us on **April 19 and  
26 at 9:15 a.m.** to lead a brief Adult  
Learning Hour series on the topic of  
his new book. Titled “The Lost Way:  
How Two Forgotten Gospels Are Re-  
writing the Story of Christian Origins,”  
it includes the riveting story of the  
Gospel of Thomas, together with the  
lost gospel of Q, and how the two illu-  
minate a lost chapter in the story of  
Christian origins. See you there!

**CAMP ADAMS THIS SUMMER –  
IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!**

Camp Adams registration is open –  
will you make it this summer? See be-  
low for dates, and talk to Pastor Emily  
if you have questions. More info avail-  
able at [www.campadams.org](http://www.campadams.org) – let Emi-  
ly know if you sign up?

**April Music Program April 24-26**  
Bring your instrument and your voice  
and make music all weekend long with  
UCC people from all over! All ages  
and abilities welcome.

## **Family Camp**

June 28-July 4 or July 1-July 4  
families of all kinds and all ages

## **Genesis Seekers**

July 5-July 11  
completed 2nd or 3rd grade

## **Taller and Smaller Camp**

July 8-July 11  
for ages 5, 6, and 7 with an adult

## **Discoverers**

July 12-July 18  
completed 4th or 5th grade

## **Sojourners**

July 19-July 25  
completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grade

## **Exodus**

July 26-August 1  
completed 9th-12th grade

## **YOUTH WORK DAYS**

Do you have ambitious plans for your yard? Or have some major spring cleaning to do? Our youth are here to help! Hire our youth to give you a hand as part of their fundraising for the Chiloquin mission trip this July. Interested? Contact Emma Brewer-Wallin ([ebrewerw@gmail.com](mailto:ebrewerw@gmail.com) 503-989-9626) with info about the type of work you'd like done, how many youth you'd like (per our Safe Church policy, we must have at least two youth + one adult), how many hours you expect the project to take, and a couple of dates that would work for you. Cost is entirely up to you! Your donation will be divided among the youth who work to offset the family contribution.

## **OUR CHURCH ONLINE**

**Website:** Did you know that our church's directory is available on our

website? Once you have created a user account on our site and have been approved as a registered user, you will be able to access the latest church directory. We are posting other information that is only of interest to people of our church community on the member-only side of our website as well. We recommend that you create an account if you have not already done so. Just go to [www.uccsaalem.org](http://www.uccsaalem.org) and click "sign-up" on the right hand side of the screen.



**Facebook:** Did you know that our church has its own Facebook page and that we post news, and photos, and videos regularly? Don't miss out! If you are on Facebook, please "like" us. Currently, we are at 205 "likes." Let's see how fast we can make it to 250, or 300! The more people who like us on Facebook and *share* our FB posts, the more online traffic we'll get, the more people will find us!

## **BLESSING SACRED WATER— INTERFAITH SERVICE**

Bring water from a natural source to "Blessing Sacred Waters," a Oneness Coalition interfaith service of prayer and music from traditions including Native American, Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and Pagan. Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem. The water will be combined, blessed, and redistributed during the service. Featured presentation by

Jan Michael Looking Wolf. All are welcome. Child care provided. Hospitality time following service. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem is located on 5090 Center Street NE.



**FIRST-EVER SALEM EARTH DAY FAIR! April 11, 10-4, at Salem Riverfront Park** The Peace and Justice Committee invites you to support our youth and

our values by turning out in force for the first Earth Day Fair held in Salem, taking place next Saturday at the Riverfront Park. Our youth will staff a booth from 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. with Nancy Hull and Cameron Crucial to make masks from recycled materials for people to wear in the parade. Come and check out the solar stage, the speakers and enjoy the music and the parade. Entry fee is 3 cans of food or \$3.

### **TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE AT MOUNT ANGEL**

You are invited to attend a contemplative Taizé prayer service on Sunday, April 19 at 7 p.m. The service will be held at the Benedictine Sisters monastery, in the chapel on the second floor. The address is 840 S. Main Street, Mt. Angel, OR

### **PASTORS GO ON CPC CLERGY RETREAT**

Next week, April 14-16, Pastors Janet and Emily and their partners, Robyn and Noah, will get away for a post-Easter UCC clergy retreat that is being lovingly offered by the Central Pacific

Conference. It is such a gift to be part of a Conference that knows that, especially following the very busiest times of the Christian years, pastors can use a break and some fun and fellowship. The retreat will be at the Ka-Nee-Tah Resort and Hot Springs. The Reverend Rachel Hackenberg will join them from the UCC National Offices in Cleveland to provide some inspiration and spiritual nourishment. In case of true emergencies, notify the church office, who will inform the pastors of the need. Our pastors will be back with us in worship on the 19th but we are grateful that the Rev. Noel Philips will serve as guest preacher for the day.

### **Weekly Recurring Events at church**

#### **SUNDAYS**

8:30 a.m. **Contemplative Prayer Group**, Conference Room

9:00 a.m. or 9:15 a.m. **Adult Learning Hour**, Adult Education Classroom.

See article for dates and times

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

11:45 a.m. **Fellowship Time**, Talkington Hall

**MONDAYS** 12 noon **Adult Book Study** Meets in the Parlor. See article.

7 p.m. **Bell Choir rehearsal** Hunt. Hall

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

#### **THURSDAYS**

7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir rehearsal with Ray Elliott, director.**

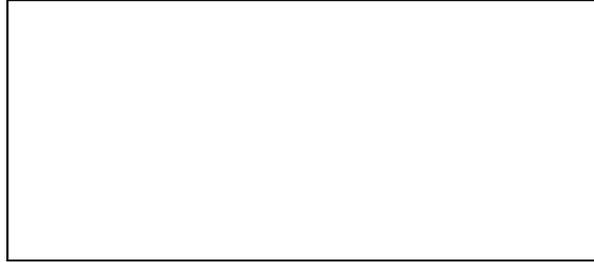
New voices are always welcome. Join!

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	11:45 a.m.	<b>All Church Potluck, Talkington Hall</b>
	8:00 a.m.	<b>SIHN families leave</b>
Tuesday, April 14	6:30 p.m.	<b>Trustees meeting</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Reiki Share Circle</b>
Wednesday, April 15	1:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Fellowship Circles meet in homes: Day Circle @ Dell Ford's home Former Evening Circle @ Lyda Rice's home</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Community Committee meeting</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Christian Education Board meeting</b>
Saturday, April 18	9:00 a.m.	<b>Active Hope Workshop, see article</b>
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	10:30 a.m.	<b>Reception of New Members</b>
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service—Reverend Noel Philips preaches</b>
Tuesday, April 21	5:30 p.m.	<b>Deacons meeting, Nursery</b>
Wednesday, April 22	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Taizé Prayer Service</b>
Saturday, April 25	7:30 p.m.	<b>Church Benefit Concert "Songs of Civil Disobedience and Hope"</b>
Sunday, April 26	9:15 a.m.	<b>Adult Learning Hour lead by Steve Patterson</b>
	12 midnight	<b>Shalom deadline</b>
Wednesday, April 29	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Learning Hour Meeting</b>
Wednesday, May 6	10:30 a.m.	<b>Women's Fellowship Board Meeting</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Peace and Justice Meeting</b>
Saturday, May 9	3:30 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Tea &amp; Live Music Youth Group Fundraiser —see article</b>

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*Take time out for a day of respite, healing, creativity and fun.*

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es of our time and place. Based on the revolutionary work of eco-philosopher Joanna Macy, this workshop combines ritual, music, and small group work to help participants move through disempowering despair and numbness to a sense of connectedness and capacity to use their gifts in service to all. *Facilitated by Barbara Ford. More information and required registration:*

[www.barbaraford.net](http://www.barbaraford.net)

Info? Contact Sue Koger:

[skoger@willamette.edu](mailto:skoger@willamette.edu).



### SPRING ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

**This Sunday, April 12** immediately following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share with your church friends and family at this Community Committee sponsored event.



### BARTHOLOMEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you are an active member of our church and are planning to attend an Oregon university, college, or professional school during the upcoming academic year, or if you are studying for the ministry in any location, you are eligible to apply for a Bartholomew Scholarship. Application forms are now available for the

2015-2016 academic year (at [www.uccsaalem.org](http://www.uccsaalem.org) and in the office). **Mail** your completed form accompanied by an official transcript of your last term or semester to the church office. Do not drop off. The deadline is May 18.

### **TALENT / NO TALENT SHOW REVIEW**

This is a long overdue note of appreciation for the many people who participated in Talent / No Talent (way back) on February 28. The evening was great fun with folks of all ages and abilities performing music, skits, stories, dances, and more. Many thanks to all the performers, the attendees, the people who brought food, and the folks behind the scenes including: Susan Bearden, Mesheal Heyman, Laurie Hoefer, Judith Tausig, Janet Kirch, Paul and Kerry Balmer, Rick, Maddie and Rebecca Bingham, and of course, the originator of the event, Rebecca Ralston. The evening ended with the "Pastors' Surprise", and what a fun surprise, indeed. This event raised \$1145 for Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network, Congregations Helping People, and the Marion Polk Food Share.

### **LBGTQ DINNER GROUP**

Join us for dinner on Saturday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at Los Dos Amigos (3140 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem). RSVP to Pat Ayers at 503-302-3043 or Nancy Winner at [njwinner4@gmail.com](mailto:njwinner4@gmail.com).

**WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!!** All Church Camp leadership is coming to-

gether!! With your help we can make it happen!! All Church Camp is a special, annual event at beautiful Camp Adams on Labor Day weekend, September 4-6 this year, Friday evening through Sunday lunch. For 10+ years, campers of all ages have gathered at Camp Adams, some for the day, others for one or two nights of fun, fellowship, food and Sunday worship in the Cascade foothills.

We need at least one more person to join the leadership team. Initial planning happens in the spring. Then the focus is on publicity and registration until mid-August, with a burst of activity in the week leading up to and including camp. Information from previous camps will make planning easy. Come join the team!! Questions or to volunteer, please call Maya Close 503-585-2348 or e-mail [mayajim\\_close1891@q.com](mailto:mayajim_close1891@q.com).

### **PACIFIC ISLANDERS SEEK HEALTH JUSTICE**

There is an important health care justice issue that our faith community needs to become aware of and urge our legislative Representatives to take action on. Thousands of Pacific Islanders who live in Oregon legally and who pay federal and state taxes and serve in our armed services, struggle with high rates of radiation-related disease such as cancer and endocrine disorders caused by the US Government's nuclear testing between 1946 and 1958, but do not qualify for either Medicaid or SSI benefits. People from the Marshall Islands were

affected by over 60 nuclear tests, without their knowledge. Such people have a unique legal status with the US Government. Unless they were born here, they do not qualify as US citizens. They are classified as "permanent nonimmigrants". Because of this unique legal status, they fall between the cracks and are unable to receive health care benefits received by most Oregonians.

There is a bill before the Oregon Legislature that would begin to address this injustice. HB 2522, introduced by Representative Brian Clem, would establish an office within the Oregon Health Authority designed to promote full access to health care for the Marshallese people residing in our state. A public hearing was held on the proposed legislation in February, but no further action has been taken. It's time for our legislature to take action on this bill and bring some measure of health justice to the Marshallese people. Please contact your legislative Representative.

*Bill Hayden, former Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee*

### **SUMMER DAY CAMP AT FCUCC: LOAVES & FISHES**

We're very excited to announce the theme for this summer's day camp -- loaves & fishes! More details to come, but we're looking forward to exploring extravagant welcome and radical love through the sharing of food and faith. This camp is for kids entering K-6 and will be June 15-19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you're a youth or adult interested in sharing an experience about communion, community, love, food, economic justice etc., please let Emma Brewer-Wallin ([ebrewerw@gmail.com](mailto:ebrewerw@gmail.com)) know. She'd love to help you figure out how to get involved in a way that feels comfortable for you (she'd also love to hear from you if you're interested in teaching/counseling).



### **UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, April 11** - Earth Day in Salem! 10a-1pm

Combined Youth Groups meet at Riverfront Park to join in Salem's Earth Day Celebration, put on by the City of Salem and Straub Environmental Center. We'll have a booth there to make recycled art projects and to help people make masks for the parade later in the day. Cameron Cruscial & Nancy Hull are leading this one - see them for questions.

### **Saturday, April 19**

Senior High, 12-2 p.m., Big Questions  
Come have a conversation about some of the Big Stuff we wonder about, starting with fate and destiny. Who's in charge of our lives? What role does God play in it all? How do free will and faith fit together? And we'll go from there. Bring your questions—we'll go wherever the conversation

leads us. And, there will be snacks!  
Leaders are Cameron and Pastor Emily  
Mid High, 2-5 p.m., Our Whole Lives!  
Topics: Love-making, safer sex, STI's,  
responsible behavior, conception and  
pregnancy. Leaders are Steve Bearden  
& Pastor Emily.

Stay tuned for more Youth Group ac-  
tivities in April and May, and save the  
date: May 17, 2-5 p.m. for Senior High  
OWL.

**WND YOUNG ADULT GROUP** to start  
Wednesday, April 22 at 6pm! Are you  
around the age of 18-35? Do you like  
delicious food and good friends? Do  
you want a community of people to  
journey with, to have spiritual conver-  
sation with, to laugh with, maybe even  
to dance with? Cameron Cruscial and  
Pastor Emily are starting a young adult  
group at church, and all 18-35 (ish)  
folks are invited! We're going to try a  
Wednesday Night Dinner (WND) mod-  
el, of meeting once a month (ish) for  
food and fellowship and wherever the  
night takes us! First dinner is Wednes-  
day, April 22, 6 p.m. at Cameron's  
house on Liberty St. near the train  
tracks— RSVP to Cameron or Emily  
for the address. [cam-  
eronmc@riseup.net](mailto:cameronmc@riseup.net) or [emi-  
ly@uccsalem.org](mailto:emily@uccsalem.org). Have ideas for what  
you'd like to do, or how you'd like this  
group to go? We're all ears. Be in  
touch.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
ADULT LEARNING HOUR  
IN APRIL AND MAY**

**Tom and Amy Vandegrift** will be

presenting a program about the Peace  
Corps and their experiences during  
Adult Learning Hour on **April 12<sup>th</sup> at  
9:00 a.m.** (note the earlier start  
time). Amy and Tom served in the  
U.S. Peace Corps in Lesotho. As a  
married couple, they were a rarity be-  
cause only 5% of volunteers are mar-  
ried. They were both “old enough to  
know better” (in their 50s), but did it  
anyway. They look forward to sharing  
their story with you.

**Steve Patterson**, New Testament  
scholar, former member of our church,  
and George H. Atkinson Chair of Reli-  
gious and Ethical Studies at Willamette  
University, will join us on **April 19 and  
26 at 9:15 a.m.** to lead a brief Adult  
Learning Hour series on the topic of  
his new book. Titled “The Lost Way:  
How Two Forgotten Gospels Are Re-  
writing the Story of Christian Origins,”  
it includes the riveting story of the  
Gospel of Thomas, together with the  
lost gospel of Q, and how the two illu-  
minate a lost chapter in the story of  
Christian origins. See you there!

**CAMP ADAMS THIS SUMMER –  
IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!**

Camp Adams registration is open –  
will you make it this summer? See be-  
low for dates, and talk to Pastor Emily  
if you have questions. More info avail-  
able at [www.campadams.org](http://www.campadams.org) – let Emi-  
ly know if you sign up?

**April Music Program April 24-26**  
Bring your instrument and your voice  
and make music all weekend long with  
UCC people from all over! All ages  
and abilities welcome.

## **Family Camp**

June 28-July 4 or July 1-July 4  
families of all kinds and all ages

## **Genesis Seekers**

July 5-July 11  
completed 2nd or 3rd grade

## **Taller and Smaller Camp**

July 8-July 11  
for ages 5, 6, and 7 with an adult

## **Discoverers**

July 12-July 18  
completed 4th or 5th grade

## **Sojourners**

July 19-July 25  
completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grade

## **Exodus**

July 26-August 1  
completed 9th-12th grade

## **YOUTH WORK DAYS**

Do you have ambitious plans for your yard? Or have some major spring cleaning to do? Our youth are here to help! Hire our youth to give you a hand as part of their fundraising for the Chiloquin mission trip this July. Interested? Contact Emma Brewer-Wallin ([ebrewerw@gmail.com](mailto:ebrewerw@gmail.com) 503-989-9626) with info about the type of work you'd like done, how many youth you'd like (per our Safe Church policy, we must have at least two youth + one adult), how many hours you expect the project to take, and a couple of dates that would work for you. Cost is entirely up to you! Your donation will be divided among the youth who work to offset the family contribution.

## **OUR CHURCH ONLINE**

**Website:** Did you know that our church's directory is available on our

website? Once you have created a user account on our site and have been approved as a registered user, you will be able to access the latest church directory. We are posting other information that is only of interest to people of our church community on the member-only side of our website as well. We recommend that you create an account if you have not already done so. Just go to [www.uccsaalem.org](http://www.uccsaalem.org) and click "sign-up" on the right hand side of the screen.



**Facebook:** Did you know that our church has its own Facebook page and that we post news, and photos, and videos regularly? Don't miss out! If you are on Facebook, please "like" us. Currently, we are at 205 "likes." Let's see how fast we can make it to 250, or 300! The more people who like us on Facebook and *share* our FB posts, the more online traffic we'll get, the more people will find us!

## **BLESSING SACRED WATER— INTERFAITH SERVICE**

Bring water from a natural source to "Blessing Sacred Waters," a Oneness Coalition interfaith service of prayer and music from traditions including Native American, Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and Pagan. Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem. The water will be combined, blessed, and redistributed during the service. Featured presentation by

Jan Michael Looking Wolf. All are welcome. Child care provided. Hospitality time following service. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem is located on 5090 Center Street NE.



**FIRST-EVER SALEM EARTH DAY FAIR! April 11, 10-4, at Salem Riverfront Park** The Peace and Justice Committee invites you to support our youth and

our values by turning out in force for the first Earth Day Fair held in Salem, taking place next Saturday at the Riverfront Park. Our youth will staff a booth from 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. with Nancy Hull and Cameron Crucial to make masks from recycled materials for people to wear in the parade. Come and check out the solar stage, the speakers and enjoy the music and the parade. Entry fee is 3 cans of food or \$3.

### **TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE AT MOUNT ANGEL**

You are invited to attend a contemplative Taizé prayer service on Sunday, April 19 at 7 p.m. The service will be held at the Benedictine Sisters monastery, in the chapel on the second floor. The address is 840 S. Main Street, Mt. Angel, OR

**PASTORS GO ON CPC CLERGY RETREAT** Next week, April 14-16, Pastors Janet and Emily and their partners, Robyn and Noah, will get away for a post-Easter UCC clergy retreat that is being lovingly offered by the Central Pacific

Conference. It is such a gift to be part of a Conference that knows that, especially following the very busiest times of the Christian years, pastors can use a break and some fun and fellowship. The retreat will be at the Ka-Nee-Tah Resort and Hot Springs. The Reverend Rachel Hackenberg will join them from the UCC National Offices in Cleveland to provide some inspiration and spiritual nourishment. In case of true emergencies, notify the church office, who will inform the pastors of the need. Our pastors will be back with us in worship on the 19th but we are grateful that the Rev. Noel Philips will serve as guest preacher for the day.

### **Weekly Recurring Events at church**

#### **SUNDAYS**

8:30 a.m. **Contemplative Prayer Group**, Conference Room

9:00 a.m. or 9:15 a.m. **Adult Learning Hour**, Adult Education Classroom.

See article for dates and times

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

11:45 a.m. **Fellowship Time**, Talkington Hall

**MONDAYS** 12 noon **Adult Book Study** Meets in the Parlor. See article.

7 p.m. **Bell Choir rehearsal** Hunt. Hall

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

#### **THURSDAYS**

7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir rehearsal with Ray Elliott, director.**

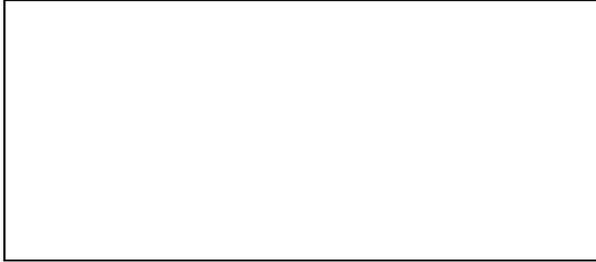
New voices are always welcome. Join!

## CALENDAR

Friday, April 10	5:00 p.m.	<b>Game night at Chris and Nancy's RSVP required: 503-364-2370</b>
Saturday, April 11	10 a.m.	<b>Earth Day Celebration @ River Front Park</b>
Sunday, April 12	9:00 a.m.	<b>Adult Learning Hour led by Tom and Amy Vandegrift, Ad. Ed. Room</b>
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service—Pastor Janet preaches.</b>
	11:45 a.m.	<b>All Church Potluck, Talkington Hall</b>
	8:00 a.m.	<b>SIHN families leave</b>
Tuesday, April 14	6:30 p.m.	<b>Trustees meeting</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Reiki Share Circle</b>
Wednesday, April 15	1:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Fellowship Circles meet in homes:</b>
		<b>Day Circle @ Dell Ford's home</b>
		<b>Former Evening Circle @ Lyda Rice's home</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Community Committee meeting</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Christian Education Board meeting</b>
Saturday, April 18	9:00 a.m.	<b>Active Hope Workshop, see article</b>
Sunday, April 19	9:15 a.m.	<b>Adult Learning Hour lead by Steve Patterson</b>
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Reception of New Members</b>
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service—Reverend Noel Philips preaches</b>
Tuesday, April 21	5:30 p.m.	<b>Deacons meeting, Nursery</b>
Wednesday, April 22	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Taizé Prayer Service</b>
Saturday, April 25	7:30 p.m.	<b>Church Benefit Concert "Songs of Civil Disobedience and Hope"</b>
Sunday, April 26	9:15 a.m.	<b>Adult Learning Hour lead by Steve Patterson</b>
	12 midnight	<b>Shalom deadline</b>
Wednesday, April 29	9:30 a.m.	<b>Bazaar Crafts, Nursery</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Learning Hour Meeting</b>
Wednesday, May 6	10:30 a.m.	<b>Women's Fellowship Board Meeting</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Peace and Justice Meeting</b>
Saturday, May 9	3:30 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Tea &amp; Live Music Youth Group Fundraiser —see article</b>

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*Mother's Day Tea —  
Youth Fundraiser*  
a fun event with delicious treats  
and  
great, live musical entertainment.  
Sponsored by the Community Committee.

**Saturday, May 9  
3:30—5:30 p.m.**