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Where Angels Fear to Tread, FCUCC Steps Forward

By Pastor Janet Parker

Over the summer, our congregation launched itself into a perilous endeavor, a pilgrimage that required courage, honesty, and perhaps even a bit of foolhardiness. Responding to our denomination's call and the building sense of urgency to address ongoing deaths of Black Americans at the hands of law enforcement, we initiated a "Sacred Conversation on Race." We had several forums over the summer where we risked hearing and sharing painful and enlightening truths with one another. Now, some of us are exploring what it means to be "White" in a nation engineered from its origins to benefit Americans of European ancestry over Americans of other racial backgrounds (see article inside on the *White Like Me* book group). We are also organizing a Community Forum on Race in Salem (working title) featuring prominent community leaders to be held at our church on Friday, November 13th—please save the date on your calendar.

Our Peace and Justice committee has

asked the Council to consider putting a "Black Lives Matter" banner on our property to give public witness to our solidarity with Black communities as they call for justice, accountability, and reform. Currently, the Council has asked the Peace and Justice committee to help educate the Council and Congregation further on this proposal; hence the table at the Opportunity Fair on Sundaes Sunday on this proposal. For a thought-provoking article on the "Black Lives Matter" movement and why "All Lives Matter" is not a good substitute, see this [Huffington Post article](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/julia-craven/please-stop-telling-me-th_b_6223072.html). http://www.huffingtonpost.com/julia-craven/please-stop-telling-me-th_b_6223072.html

In the meantime, consider this recent UCC devotional by Matt Laney as food for thought, titled "Jesus' Life Matters":

"Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.... Judas Iscariot said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?'" - John

12: 3-4

(Continued)

For the past year, a new saying with an all too familiar message has been circulating in our country, written in the spilled blood of unarmed black folk: "Black Lives Matter." One response to "Black Lives Matter" is irritation and indignation: why pour out so much attention on black and brown lives? Don't all lives matter? Of course all lives matter. However, our nation has a long and tragic history of some lives mattering more than others based on the color of one's skin. Consider: you only see the need to assert your worth if your worth has not been fully seen. Something similar is going on in the anointing of Jesus feet by Mary, and in Judas' indignant response. Mary was making a public statement that "Jesus' Life Matters" in anticipation of his murder by the state. And Judas reacts by saying, "Why this disproportionate attention? What about all poor people?"

John clues us in that Judas' response says more about Judas' personal economic interests than sincere concern for others. Leave it to a member of the female gender, whose lives did not matter as much, to know exactly how to make a bold, attention-grabbing demonstration about what and who matters. Now it's our turn.~Matt Laney

UPDATE ON OUR MINISTRY WITH THE HOMELESS

Our congregation is well-known in Salem for our efforts to minister to those Jesus called "the least of these" and rightly so. We were instrumental in the formation of Congregations Helping People (CHP) and the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN). We give out upwards of 150 sack lunches per week. In 2014, our church pi-

loted Salem's first Emergency Warming Shelter. We have members serving on Salem's Homeless Coalition and working to bring public toilets (artapotties) to the downtown core. I am so proud to serve a church that has such a heart for serving the poor.

Our service to our homeless neighbors took a new twist in mid-June when we installed the first port-a-potty in downtown Salem specifically intended to serve the homeless population (funded by a private donor). At the same time, aware that homeless folks were continuing to sleep on our property despite our No Trespassing order because they have no place else to go, the Trustees and Council decided to take a different tack.

With Pastor Emily's leadership, we recruited a "Rise and Shine" team that comes to the church every morning by 7:30 am to make sure that any homeless neighbors sleeping on our porches are up and on their way and that our property is clean and sanitary as the day begins. The port-a-potty and the Rise and Shine team are both in an experimental phase and we are now in the process of evaluating how things are going.

We have spoken with our insurance agent who has indicated that as long as we consider these activities to be a ministry of our church, we have liability coverage for them.

We have spoken with the police and they recommend not renewing our No Trespass order if we continue to allow sleeping on the property, so the Trustees will be considering the implications of letting it expire.

We need to explore questions relating to

possible code violations, whether we are attracting more guests than we can handle, and what rules need to be clarified with these guests if they sleep here. Most fundamental of all perhaps, our questions concern how best to employ our resources to serve this population in Salem: What will ultimately best serve this population and what is our capacity for engaging in this ministry over the long term in a responsible way?

Please hold our congregation in your prayers as we tackle these questions, and join the conversation:

- Join the Rise & Shine team (we need a Tuesday volunteer and substitutes
- Help network with our neighbors - We're interested in a team willing to reach out to churches and organizations near us to see where they're at these days, and how our work is affecting them
- Come to a homelessness task force meeting
- And please give any feedback you have about how our experiment is going to Pastor Emily, myself, Pamela Watson (chair of our Homelessness Task Force) and/or Rick O'Grady (chair of Trustees). Finally, please hold our homeless neighbors in your prayers as they struggle to live lives of dignity in a community that as yet does not have adequate resources to help them.

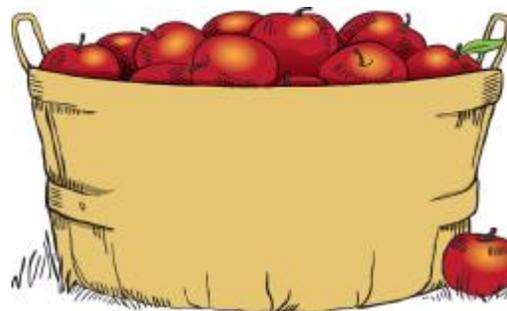
Pastor Janet Parker

SIMPLY IN SEASON WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 10:30 A.M.
Simply in Season is an initiative of Eco-Faith Recovery, a program that develops leadership to address issues related to caring for our environment and supporting a sustainable way of life. Locally, the Simply in Season initiative supports our

church's priorities of Extravagant Welcome and Caring for the Earth.

Simply in Season explores eating as a spiritual act—how choosing local and seasonal food is a way of supporting issues of justice and introduces joyful rhythms into our everyday lives. Simply in Season small groups meet monthly in the homes of participants where they share a potluck dinner from the Simply in Season cookbook and have facilitated topical discussions. There are six content sessions that includes the following areas for discussion: Food Stories, Creation, Health, Time, Money, and Celebration. Field trips to local farms, farmers markets and local businesses are also planned.

There have been two Simply in Season groups that have completed the six Simply in Season content sessions.



On **Sunday, September 27**, we will have a Simply in Season Worship Service where you can learn more about this initiative and hear from Simply in Season participants. After church, we will have a Simply in Season sign-up to assess future interest in starting a third group. If you are interested, please stay after church on Sunday, September 27 to find out more about this initiative in Huntington or Talkington Hall. *Dell Ford*, Facilitator

DO GOOD. LOOK GOOD.

The Welcoming Committee is taking orders for fabulous t-shirts for the last time, this **Sunday, September 27**. (Many people have already put in their order; you don't want to be the only one who does not have this t-shirt!) For just \$20 (\$15 for youth sizes), you can raise funds for Welcoming Committee projects and activities, freeing up valuable space in the church budget for lawn care, mission work, mortgage or other worthy items that were cut from the budget this year. In return you'll get a great looking t-shirt you can wear everywhere. Order your shirt today!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Former Senior Pastor **Gail McDougale** and her sister **Pat** and their children as they grieve the loss of their mother and (great) grandmother, **Opal McDougale** (see in memoriam article)... Prayers for a full term delivery of a healthy baby girl for **Heather Kahler**, daughter of Steve and Susan Bearden, who is at risk for early labor... Prayers for continued improvement of health for **Loreen Wells**... Prayers of gratitude for **Melvin Stewart** who reports there are no longer signs of infection in his knee and prayers of comfort and strength as he is struggling with osteoarthritis in his hips... **Sebastian**, great great nephew of Lyda Rice and Linda Brown continues to be tiny and fragile but has improved enough to recover at home with his family. Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for this little fighter and for peace and hope for his family... Please continue your prayers for **Mary Perez** who is now on a ventilator and very weak. She's the mother of Joe, aunt of Lena Ariston, and sister of Nellie Lopez... Continued pray-

ers of healing and hope for **Joy Hayhurst** who suffers from chronic vertigo... and please pray for a full recovery for **Bruce**, Gin Sawin's brother who had cancer surgery this week.

BIRTHDAYS

10/2 David Haining
10/3 Annemieke Laport
Emma Brewer-Wallin
10/5 Henry Butsch
10/6 Trudi McDonough
10/7 Lisa Dunn
10/9 Kevin Wilson
10/13 Marjorie Covey, Jonah LaDuca
10/14 Judith Taussig
10/15 Ryan Babe
10/16 Betty Helm
10/18 Jack Svadlenak,
Charlotte Laport
10/19 Sally Ridenour
10/20 Devin Perez
10/21 Laura Perez
10/25 Pat White
10/27 Emily Loberg, Elliotte Siemiller
10/30 Heidi Fletemier
10/31 Susan Smith

IN MEMORIAM: OPAL McDOUGLE

Opal McDougale, mother of our former senior pastor Gail McDougale, passed away on September 15 in Dyersburg, TN (near her daughter Pat's home) at the age of 93. Opal was a Texan in heart and soul and only left her home state when she no longer could live independently and moved in with Gail, in Salem. Her Oregon years were among her happiest, Gail shared. She loved our church and enjoyed the fellowship. She had a twinkle in her eyes and a great sense of humor. If you would like to send your condolences to Gail, this is her address: Gail McDougale, 1712 Steel Street, Unit 7202, Louisville, CO, 80027.

BARTHOLOMEW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Bartholomew Scholarship Committee is pleased to report that the following students are receiving scholarship awards totaling \$22,000 for the 2015-2016 academic year. The recipients are: Kaitlin Cruse, Charlotte Laport, Vincent Laport, Kathryn Stellmach, Scott Svadlenak, and Katherine Webber. We congratulate these students for their academic achievements and future aspirations.

Jim Hanson



OUR MINISTRY OF MUSIC

It's fall again, which means that we joyfully welcome our Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs back into the worship life of our congregation! It is wonderful to have our choir loft filled again and beautiful voices leading us in praising God. We also are blessed to have other musicians in our congregation that share their musical gifts in worship with us, such as the First Congo Combo, Stone Church, Gail Gage Jazz, and a number of gifted instrumentalists. We even have a Men's Choir now! Ray Elliott, our talented choir director, works with our Chancel, Bell and Men's choirs, and our Music Committee (a subcommittee of Deacons) oversees our music program and strives to find ways to include all of these diverse musical talents and styles in our worship life. More members are always welcome in our Chancel, Bell and Men's choirs. Please contact Ray if you would like to join one of these groups. If you would like to offer your musical gifts in worship in other ways, please contact Pastor Janet, or after her return from far-flung travels in November, Rebecca Ralston, chair of the Music Committee. See you in church!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Neighbors in Need offering, which our congregation will receive on **October 4**, supports the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through www.ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously.

*Mesheal Heyman
for Mission and Outreach*

WORLD COMMUNION POTLUCK

Sunday, October 4 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

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD SHARE

On first Sundays, we celebrate Holy Communion and we collect non-perishable food items for the Marion Polk Food Share in the barrel in the sanctuary. Monetary gifts are welcome, too. Please mark your check "food share." Thank you.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FALL LUNCHEON

The Women's Fellowship fall luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, October 7** at 12:15 p.m. Our featured presenters are Tom and Amy Vandegrift.

They will be sharing about their experiences as they served in the U. S. Peace Corps in Lesotho. Tom and Amy did a presentation for an Adult Learning Hour earlier this year. Amy advises that they will be sharing some different aspects of their journey and that there is no shortage of stories.

Lunch will be a selection of soups and salads and Jenny Whitmire is providing the dessert and we all know how she loves to bake!!! All are welcome.

Kathy Crummer



Marcia's 25th

**HAPPY 25TH
ANNIVERSARY,
MARCIA HAUFF!**

On **Sunday, October 18**, at 3 p.m. our amazing organist is celebrating 25 years at First Congregational Church. She will present an organ recital for our congregation, the public, and invited

guests. Marcia will delight us with music from composers starting with Bach, then bring us into the 20th Century! A reception honoring Marcia will follow the recital in Talkington Hall. Please join us as we pull out all the stops to celebrate her 25 years as our church organist with our tributes and gifts. To donate to Marcia's Appreciation Fund, please send your gifts to the church office, with "Marcia's 25th" in the memo line. An RSVP for the reception would be greatly appreciated by the planners. Email to office@uccsaalem.org

Marcia came to our church in 1990 and has served with distinction for eight choir directors, five senior pastors, and four associate pastors. She taught at Willamette University for 22 years, several years at Chemeketa Community College, and is currently teaching at the Mt. Angel Seminary and Mt. Angel Abbey.

Before coming to First Congregational Church, she played for Calvary Baptist Church, several years at Silverton Methodist, and a year for Trinity Lutheran in Silverton. During graduate school, she had a summer organ job with a Christian Science church in Chicago. Her introduction to church work was through a terrifying year alternating Sundays between a Missouri Synod Lutheran church and a

Catholic church. She is definitely an ecumenical musician.

Marcia received her Bachelor's degree from Willamette University and both her Masters and Doctorate from Northwestern University in Chicago. She earned all of her degrees in Organ Performance.

—Lyndsey Houser
Planning Committee

YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

Youth Groups began with a bang this fall with a day of rafting, conversation on race facilitated by Richard Torres, and a Lock-In! It was a busy and full 24 hours, and a fun way to re-connect and get going. Highlights for this fall include: a presentation by Bethany Loberg on her work with SHARE in El Salvador and a conversation on living and serving abroad on September 27; a panel discussion on addiction and recovery, including sharing by church members who are addiction counselors or in recovery themselves on November 8; an upcoming program on the history of the LGBTQ rights movement; local mission projects; and plenty of soccer, basketball, board games, check-ins, and snacks. If you'd like to get involved with the youth group in some way, be in touch with me.

Confirmation class begins on October 4 at the Ike Box, and our 12 confirmands and their mentors are getting ready for a year of reading, talking, praying, learning, coffee-drinking, and fellowship. It's going to be a great time! Authors for the confirmation class range from Barbara Brown Taylor to Stephen Colbert, Nadia Bolz-Weber to Tony Robinson, Thich Nhat Hanh to UCC General Minister and President John Dorhauer, and more! Do you have an author or article that has

shaped your faith? Send me a note to let me know - I'd love to have more suggestions on what's good. Please pray for our confirmands and their mentors on this journey, and keep an ear out - one Sunday each month, one of our young leaders will share a bit about our conversation with the congregation.

Pastor Emily Goodnow

UCC-SPONSORED CUBA STUDY SEMINAR IN JANUARY 2016

Please check out an article in our national UCC news publication about Rebecca Ralston's father, and the continuation of his Cuba seminars, which he started in 1980. If you are interested in going, there is contact information in the article.

http://www.ucc.org/news_ucc_group_to_continue_cuba_study_seminar_tradition_090715

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0 — SUNDAY ADULT LEARNING HOUR

All are invited to take part in the exciting discussion series: "Living the Questions, 2.0 - an introduction to progressive Christianity." Join us in the adult education classroom on the second floor, Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Facilitator: Bud Austin, with Susan Hall and Dana McBrien. The series features short video segments by prominent progressive theologians, biblical scholars and pastors who provide the content for informed discussion by the group.

WHITE LIKE ME SUNDAY BOOK STUDY

Our Sacred Conversations on Race book study started on Sunday, Sept. 20 and will continue for the next five Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. We are reading and discussing *White Like Me: Reflections on Race From a Privi-*

leged Son by Tim Wise (3rd edition). This book describes some of Wise's personal experience grappling with whiteness and white privilege, which is an important step for us as a predominantly white congregation.

Our evening started with reflections and discussion of Hurricane Katrina. Next week, we'll share the history of our ancestors and how we benefit from their accrued, white privileges. And we'll discuss the first two chapters of the book.

Our facilitator is Randy Harnisch. Randy admits to being the target audience for the book, *White Like Me*. A graduate of college and law school in Oregon, from a longstanding Oregon family, he has practiced non-profit law, taught high school science, worked for the State Board of Education, and owned a wine store on his way to his current job as the Executive Director for the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers. More importantly, perhaps, he's an avid reader and great discussion leader, and came to us via friendship with the Brewer-Wallin family. He and his wife, Lisa, are delightful. Come and get to know them as he leads us through this book study. Our host is Stephen Jenkins. If you have any questions, contact Stephen at stephenjenkins@gmail.com All are welcome to join!

MONDAY BOOK STUDY The Monday Book Study Group resumed its noon meetings last Monday, September 21. The book we are reading is *Naked Now; Learn to See as the Mystics See* by Richard Rohr. We meet on Mondays at noon, in the Adult Education Room on the 2nd floor. Don Lundberg facilitates. lund3735@yahoo.com All are welcome.

BIG QUESTIONS OVER BREWS

Tuesdays September 29, October 27 and November 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Gilgamesh Brewing. Topic: Is it time for Protestants to listen to the Pope: Discussion of Pope Francis' call for an "Ecological Conversation" and an "Ecological Spirituality" in his recent Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Copies of the excerpt to be discussed from *Laudato Si'* may be picked up in the office or you may request an electronic copy from the office or Pastor Janet. Gilgamesh Brewing, 2065 Madrona Avenue SE Salem OR, 97302.

2015 UCC WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of Central Pacific Conference UCC churches (of which our church is one) are invited to attend the UCC Women's Retreat at Camp Adams **October 9-11**. The retreat offers a chance to greet old and new friends, walk in the woods and share our joys and sorrows as we build community among the Central Pacific Conference women. The focus this year is "Spirit Now Live in Me" and our resource leader is our "own" Reverend Dana McBrien! Registration forms are available in the office.

GALA-A-GO-GO

Help Confluence members raise funds for the International GALA festival. Enjoy an evening of laughs and cabaret entertainment on **Friday, October 16 at 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$20. Funds raised will help chorus members travel to Denver next summer to join more than 6,000 singers from around the world for musical sharing. Tickets are available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex from Chris Sproul and Susie D'Anna. Support Confluence and enjoy a wonderful evening of live entertainment! *Melvin Stewart*

BAZAAR UPDATE

We had such a great crew for making Vegetable-Tomato soup base! Rex Lampert carries the recipe in his head, and we all follow his instructions to create this much-sought-after item. Maya Close, Phyllis Smith, Jean O'Grady, Louise Putman, Linda Brown, Lyda Rice, Marge Covey, Nellie Lopez, Betty Helm, Kathy Crummer, Priscilla Strayer and Nancy Dilger all participated, and 38 quarts of soup base were filled and processed. Tuesday the 22nd Phyllis Smith, Maya Close, Janet Kirch and Nancy Dilger spent the morning making strawberry jam from "wedding strawberries" – berries donated by Pastor Janet and Robyn which were left over from their reception and have been living in the freezer ever since. Now we know we'll have strawberry jam for sale at the bazaar!

The quilt raffle tickets will be sold beginning on Sunday, September 27, and will be available each Sunday morning through October [of course one may also come to the Bazaar and buy tickets there!], before and after the worship service. The quilt will be on display each of those Sundays.

Also, signup sheets will be out, for volunteers during the Bazaar [cashiers, baggers, kitchen helpers, Narthex door-minders, clean-up and set-up crews, etc.], and for anyone who wishes to order or pick up reserved frozen Gravenstein apple pies. So a person can buy raffle tickets, order apple pies, and sign up to work at the bazaar, all in one easy stop before church on Sunday morning! The signup sheets will also be on the counter in the church office during the week, for your convenience. Bread-baking for the bazaar will be on Saturday, October 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs kitchen. We will be making

loaves of white and multi-grain breads for two purposes: to sell at the bazaar in whole loaves, and to be sliced and served as part of lunch during the bazaar. Come have some with your lunch and then buy some to take home!

~ Nancy Dilger, Bazaar Coordinator ~

KAIROS LUNCH PROGRAM

Volunteers needed! Teens, Families and individuals!

Please join members of the Mission and Outreach committee to prepare and serve a meal at the Kairos lunch program on **Sunday, November 1.**

Arrive at our neighbor's place - St. Mark Lutheran church - at 12:30 p.m., to help prepare and serve a meal to often over 100 individuals at 2 p.m., clean up and be done by just after 3 p.m. Initially, our church plans to participate in this rewarding experience two times per year. To sign up or for more information, please contact Laurie Hoefler at 503-989-3801 or hoeflerlaurie@yahoo.com. Thank you.

34 DAYS FOR PEACE COMES TO SALEM!

Oregonians for Peace, in collaboration with other groups, is leading an impressive initiative called "34 Days for Peace" in Salem. The launch of the 34 days happened in our sanctuary on Monday, September 21, and many wonderful events are planned through October 24. For a complete listing of events, visit the [Oregonians for Peace website](#). Some particular events of note for our community include:

September 27: Music for Social Change, a talk with musical illustration by Peter Bergel. 4:00 p.m., FOR, 490 19th Street NE.

September 28: Peace Quest (Peter Ber-

gel MC): Literacy for our Community, Juanita Estrada; Where Have All the Flowers Gone? Mark Babson; Poets for Peace, Macy Hayes & Kanta Luthra; Sing Along - Peter Bergel & Mark Babson; and more.

1:00-3:00 pm, Center 50+, 2615 Portland Road NE.

October 2: Gandhi, Peace, and Climate Change: His Relevance Today, with Gandhi scholar Dr. Michael Sonnleitner. 6:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5090 Center Street NE.

October 11: Interfaith Prayer Service, by Oneness Coalition, preceded by a short walk to the venue from Salem Peace Plaza (between City Hall and the Library). 2:30 p.m. Walk from Salem Peace to the venue; 3:00 p.m. Worship Service at Woodland Chapel, 582 High Street SE.

October 23: Concert by Jan Michael Looking Wolf at First Congregational UCC, 7:00 p.m.

YES FOR CHERRIOTS

From 350 Salem OR and the Salem Sustainability Network: Good public transit is a matter of social justice and equality, a more livable connected community, and a healthy environment. Good public transit is a necessity for many people to get to work, to school, to religious services, to medical appointments, to run errands and to enjoy social, entertainment and recreational activities. Good public transit provides access to local businesses for workers and customers. Good public transit relieves traffic congestion, solves parking problems. improves air quality and reduces climate changing emissions. Salem needs a first class public transit system. We encourage you to visit the Yes for

Cherriots website (<http://www.yesforcherriots.com/>).

NONVIOLENCE EXPERT TO DELIVER ANNUAL PEACE LECTURE

Nonviolence researcher Erica Chenoweth will deliver the 26th annual Salem Peace Lecture in Willamette University's Hudson Hall, located in the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center on the Willamette University campus, at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, **October 21**, 2015. Her topic will be "Nonviolent Resistance: Does It Really Work?" and will draw on her groundbreaking research into that question.

Dr. Chenoweth's investigation reveals that nonviolent regime change is twice as likely to be successful as regime change attempted by violent means and furthermore that when successful, it is twice as likely to be long-lasting.

For additional information, please contact Karen Wood of the Willamette University Office of the Chaplains, (503) 370-6213.



HABITAT HOPE BUILDERS BREAKFAST

Tuesday, October 6 at 8 a.m. in the Convention Center. Steve Yant is hosting a table. Please contact him if you would like to attend and support the great work that Habitat does in our community.

gozo41@comcast.net or 503-0717

Thank you!

Calendar

Friday, Sept. 25		Annual Meeting Central Pacific Conference in Pendleton through Sunday, Sept., 27. Both pastors will attend.
Saturday, Sept. 26	9:00 a.m.	Women's Retreat at 4-H Center in West Salem
Sunday, Sept. 27	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Theme: Simply in Season
	5:00 p.m.	Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network arrives
Tuesday, Sept. 29	5:30 p.m.	Big Questions over Brews @ Gilgamesh Brewing
Wednesday, Sept. 30	9:30 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts, nursery
Thursday, Oct. 1	6:30 p.m.	Mission and Outreach meeting
Saturday, Oct. 3	8:05 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at downtown McGrath's
Sunday, Oct. 4		World Communion Sunday— potluck lunch
		Confirmation journey begins
	2:30 p.m.	Blessing of the animals
Tuesday, Oct. 6	8:00 a.m.	Habitat Breakfast at Convention Center
Wednesday, Oct. 7	10:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Board meeting
	12:15 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Luncheon
	5 & 7 p.m.	Arta-Potty Documentary showing @ Reed Opera
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsals resume
	7:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Committee meeting
Sunday, Oct. 11	12 midnight	<i>Shalom</i> deadline
Tuesday, Oct. 13	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Reiki Share Circle, Talkington Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 14	9:30 a.m.	Bazaar Crafts
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Friday, Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	Gala-a-Go-Go—Confluence Fundraiser
Sunday, Oct. 18	3:00 p.m.	Organ recital by Marcia Hauff
	4:30 p.m.	Reception to celebrate Marcia's 25th anniversary as our church's organist
Tuesday, Oct. 20	5:30 p.m.	Deacons meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 21	6:30 p.m.	Community Committee meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education meeting

Mondays

12 p.m. Adult Book Study

Wednesdays

3:30 p.m. Ike Box with Pastor Emily

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayer Group

9:15 a.m. Living the Questions 2.0

Adult Learning Hour

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

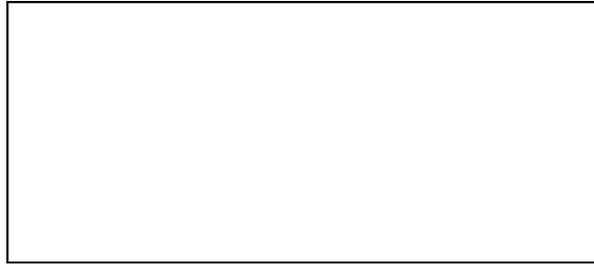
6:30 p.m. Book discussion

White Like Me

**Youth Groups meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
Confirmation Journey meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
12 noon to 2 p.m. for both groups.**

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HARVEST FEST — OCTOBER 25

Following worship on **Sunday, October 25**, we'll gather in Talkington Hall for a soup and sandwich lunch and our annual Harvest Fest for All Ages.

There will be fun activities, games, pumpkin carving, and music for children and adults including a cupcake walk. Prizes will be given for the "best costume," and "best decorated cupcake."

Come join the fun!

There will be sign-up sheets for lunch items starting Sunday, October 4. We are looking for a free or inexpensive source of pumpkins for carving. Children and teens are encouraged to wear their (non-gory) Halloween costumes to worship that day.

Maya Close
Community Committee