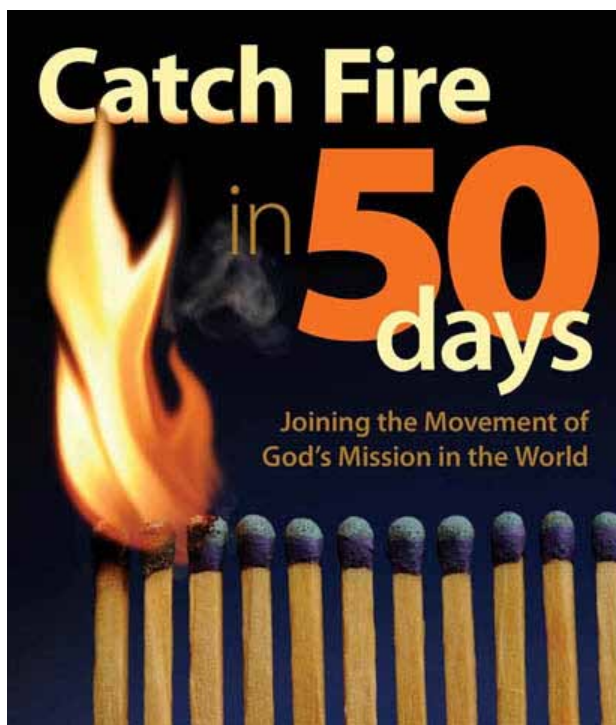


## The Work of the People

Are you ready to catch fire with the Holy Spirit? Are you willing to be part of the next leg of the journey God is setting before us? If so, then join this all-church study and movement: "Catch Fire in 50 Days."

**We begin Sunday, September 9, in all three of our worship services.** Each week, one of the pastors will preach on the theme of the week. **Every household is encouraged to pick up and use the daily devotional book** (suggested donation of \$10). And to really allow God to bring you inspiration and transformation, join (or host) a small group



for eight weeks (through the end of October). Locations and schedules of small groups will be available soon.

First United Methodist Church of Olympia is 160 years old, the oldest UM church in Washington. We have been through a number of cycles of thriving and faltering, as is normal for any institution. It is actually during our faltering times, when we are weak, that God can most use us - if we allow it and make ourselves available to God's Spirit.

So come be a part of this exciting - and somewhat scary - adventure with God!

## September 9 - Kick-Off Sunday!

## Sunday Evening Worship Experience

**Bring your instrument, bring your voice,  
bring yourself, bring a friend!**

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**We are very excited about this new evening worship experience, starting Sunday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m.** Borrowing some elements from the Saturday evening service (which is ending), and adding some new twists and tweaks, this informal time of worship will be participatory, relaxed, filled with music, prayer and a dialogical sermon. Music will be determined by who is there - we have new song books of contemporary music (with chords) as well as our hymnals. We encourage musicians of all abilities to come and share their talents. Time will be taken to share our joys and concerns, and to pray for them. The sermon, usually shared by one of the pastors, will be "in dialogue" with all who are present. Come join us and help shape this new way of worship!

## Financial Report – We’re Catching Up!

as of August 19, 2012

Total Annual Budget	\$826,252
Needed to-date to support budget	\$530,048
Received to-date	\$479,930
Actual expenses to-date	\$489,991
<b>Difference (short of expenses)</b>	<b>– \$ 10,061</b>
Difference (short of budget)	– \$ 50,116

At the end of June we were \$32,343 short of covering actual expenses and \$56,367 short of supporting the annual budget to date. From the figures above we can see progress is being made. Though some end-of-the-month bills have yet to be paid, at the same time there remains one more Sunday offering to be received.

Earn a little extra money for FUMCO! When shopping at Safeway, if you see the yellow school bus tag on a product, 10% of that purchase could be credited to FUMCO. Shop August 8 – September 11. Turn in receipts by September 28 to the church office.

A Celebration of the Life of  
**Ed Peebles**  
will be held at  
First UMC Olympia on Saturday,  
September 8 at 2:00 p.m.  
followed by a reception.

### First UMC, Olympia

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PLEASE NOTE:

Articles for the next *Courier* must be delivered to the office or preferably e-mailed to [fumconews@gmail.com](mailto:fumconews@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.

## Trustee News

At the August Trustee meeting, the Trustees heard about Sidewalk House facility progress. Volunteers installed a wall and door in the open back of the carport, the basement refurbishing is almost complete and Interfaith Works staff will coordinate the development of an herb garden in the back yard.

Trustees obtained estimates for repairs to the bell tower, which has been leaking into the Gathering Place for years. Repairs are estimated at about \$30,000. Removal of the bell tower was estimated at about \$75,000. The Church Council will be asked for guidance on this issue.

They are contacting electricians about installing an electrical panel for Camp Quixote.

## How to Schedule Activities at FUMCO

In the distant past anyone could schedule an activity and reserve a room in the church by simply writing on a calendar hanging on the office wall. However, that practice ended – more than 10 years ago! The current procedure is to use a request form called the Blue Slip. When you or your group wishes to reserve a room and/or hold a church related event, activity, class, meeting, what-have-you, you must fill out a Blue Slip. Your request is then processed, checking to see if the space is available; how it fits in or may impact other activities already scheduled; and if the activity is in alignment with FUMCO's mission and ministry. It may take a few days for a request to be processed, after which the office staff will contact the requestor of the status.

So, plan ahead. Before you make any announcements about your activity, be certain you have received approval through the Blue Slip process. If there is any change in plans, such as cancelation or relocation, let the office know.

Above is the procedure for FUMCO activities. Outside groups must go through a different application process, which involves proof of being a non-profit organization and provision of insurance and possibly other agreements. If you belong to an outside organization, being a member of FUMCO does not give your organization special privileges when it comes to securing the use of church facilities. The reason for this has to do with liability, tax and non-profit regulations, and fairness. Everyone's participation and understanding is appreciated.

# Fall is here, and we're off and running!

## Kick Off of Christian Education, September 9, all classes resume

We will also be receiving the Christian Education Day offering on this Sunday; all funds stay within our Annual Conference to support the Regional Media Library and the CE Consultants' Network which helps local churches in their discipleship training. (See page 11 for classes.)

## Join in International Beach Clean Up Day, September 15

A caravan of able-bodied Beach Bagging United Methodists in Service (affectionately known as Beach B.U.M.S.) will head out of the FUMCO parking lot at 8:30 a.m., Saturday morning, Sept 15. (We will car pool.)

Our destination will be Ocean City State Park just outside of Ocean Shores. We will be given the necessary collection bags but everyone needs to be wearing at least garden gloves and beach attire appropriate for the day.

This opportunity is open to people of all ages; even kids can learn to spot styrofoam hidden in the sand! We will have a lunch break about 12:30 (lunch will be provided). This is not difficult work and can be lots of fun when done with a group. PLUS, it is immensely satisfying to walk away from a pristine beach!

Sign up in the church office by leaving your name and number of participants, 943-2661. Pastor Carolyn Peterson is the liaison with the Conference-wide tsunami debris monitoring team.



## Class begins September 10!

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

**Class begins Monday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the church, and continues every Monday evening at that time through November 19.**

Enrollment Cost is \$89.00 per individual or couple which includes a whole box of great resources and helps. And, because we are so convinced of the benefit this will have in your life, FUMCO will refund you \$50.00 after you have completed the full course by attending all nine sessions. Some scholarships are available. Sign up now on-line ([www.fumcoly.org](http://www.fumcoly.org)) or by calling the church office (943-2661), then pay at the first session where you will then pick up your FPU Membership Kit.

## Getting to Know FUMCO & A Disciple's Path

Preparation for Membership or Exploring the Basics of Discipleship, an 8-week class for those interested in learning more. Sundays, 12:30-2:00 p.m., September 30 - November 25; light lunch provided. Class members are invited to Pastor Joanne's house for a potluck dinner on Friday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m. Those wishing to become members will join December 2. Sign up in the office, 943-2661, or on the website ([www.fumcoly.org](http://www.fumcoly.org)).

## Make a Joyful Noise - Join a Choir!

Fall rehearsals for our choral and hand bell groups begin on Thursday, September 6. New members are always welcome! Contact Angi Swan at [a.swansong@yahoo.com](mailto:a.swansong@yahoo.com) or Cathy Bennett at [choirwriter@comcast.net](mailto:choirwriter@comcast.net) for more information.

- Lillian Jeffords Memorial Handbell Choir rehearses 5:30-6:30, and plays once a month in both Sunday morning services.
- The Celebration Singers rehearse 6:30-8:00, and sing in the 8:45 a.m. Sunday Service twice a month.
- Chancel Choir rehearses 6:45-8:00, and sings at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Service weekly.

## 50<sup>th</sup>!

Wayne and Carol Gruen invite you to join them on Sunday, September 9, in the Great Hall anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Refreshments will be served. No gifts, please.



# Caring for God's World, Our Bodies, & Spirits

## FUMCO is Going Greener

The next step in "greening" FUMCO starts September 1, when the Green Team will start our Organics Collection. You will see green organics carts in the kitchen off the Great Hall and near the Gathering Place. There will be a comprehensive chart next to each cart to show what is acceptable for organics collection.

Anything that was once alive can go in an organics cart. That includes all food items, coffee filters, grounds and tea bags, all food-soiled paper, pizza boxes, paper towels and napkins. BUT NOTHING PLASTIC. "If you are in doubt, throw it out."

Everything collected will go to the Silver Springs composting facility in Tenino. They are having an open house September 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Any questions or comments contact Deb Bigelow at [dwbigelow@aol.com](mailto:dwbigelow@aol.com).



## Health FAIR

**October 7, 2012,  
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Health Fair is coming up soon. This big event will be filled with opportunities for health education and screenings, massages, flu shots, snacks, and prizes. Can you help out? We need workers for these tasks:

- Set up on Saturday and take down on Sunday
- Greeters
- Healthy snacks
- Parking for guest educators
- Raffle prizes
- Nurses for blood pressure reading and glucose testing

If you can help or have questions, contact Jeanne Kirkpatrick at 943-3293, 359-0031, or [Jeannek2@comcast.net](mailto:Jeannek2@comcast.net). You can also leave your name and phone number with Dolores in the office.



## Wind of the Spirit Ministries

*Revs. Larry & Audrey Eddings*

### *The Journey Within Seminar*

*A Roadmap to Emotional Wholeness*

**Wednesday, September 26 - Saturday, September 29, at Silverdale United Methodist Church. Cost: \$150/person; \$225/couple.**

Remember the Revs. Larry and Audrey Eddings who brought us the Seminar on Prayer last May? Their Wind of the Spirit Ministries is offering a seminar on healing of memories and emotions. This 3-1/2 day seminar is designed to provide individuals with the information and tools necessary to bring about emotional wholeness in their personal lives. It also provides ways in which individuals may help others find emotional healing and wholeness, as well.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- God's GPS—The Word and Voice of God
- Forgiveness: Highway or Byway?
- Road Signs: 'The Power of Spoken Words'
- Enhancing the Images: Emotional Healing
- Roadblocks, Detours, and the Mind of Christ
- Journey through the Womb
- "Are we there yet?": The Little Child Memories
- Destination

Check out Wind of the Spirit's website at [www.wosm-nw.org](http://www.wosm-nw.org) under Events for more information and registration form. Davis, in FUMCO's office, 943-2661, will be happy to tell you more about it.

## FUMCO's 160<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

The Congregation of First United Methodist Church Turns 160 years old in 2012.



**Gather with the faith community on Sunday, November 18, with one worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a celebration banquet.**

Throughout this Fall, we will hear about the Moments in History when First Church caught fire with God's Spirit as Church Historian, Sandee Bloomfield, and her team share stories of our past.

If you would like to be a part of planning or presenting, contact Pastor Carolyn Peterson.

## Ways to Engage with Camp Quixote

### Sign up as a host

Shifts are 3 hours. The host acts as receptionist, and equally important, as a living connector between the Camp, the church, and the community at large. It's easy, and it's fun to get to know Camp residents. To sign up, go to [www.quixotevillage.com](http://www.quixotevillage.com) and click on the volunteer link. Scroll down to see the host calendar, choose an open shift, and email the volunteer coordinator with the link on the screen. If you're not web-savvy, you can call her at 790-0585.

### Sunday Dinners

During the time that Camp Quixote is housed on FUMCO property (September through December) we would like to provide a Sunday evening dinner for the residents. If your group would like to host, please contact Carol Gruen at 352-9703 or [gruenw@comcast.net](mailto:gruenw@comcast.net). Let her know the date your group prefers. Dinners will be served at 5:00 p.m. Then, any interested folks can attend the new Sunday evening worship service that begins at 6:00 p.m.

### Donations

- Food, batteries, warm clothing, and blankets for the residents
- Financial contributions to FUMCO to help support the cost of this non-budgeted mission.

**Questions? Contact our coordinators: Karen Roede or Dale & Kerry Smith (754-0986).**

## Missionary from the Democratic Republic of Congo to visit Sunday, October 7

Dr. Guy Kasanka, missionary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, will speak at both morning worship services on Sunday, October 7. Between services he will share more information about his work. FUMCO provides Dr. Kasanka covenant annual missionary support of \$2,500. He is currently Registrar of the Public Health School of the UMC of North Katanga, DRC. He has expertise as a surgeon and as a doctor on many health issues, including AIDS. Come and learn how he serves God as a missionary doctor.

## Stephen Ministry Training Class begins

After many months of recruiting, we will start a new Stephen Ministry Training Class to begin Sept. 5th. We are once again joining forces with some other Stephen Ministry Congregations to make this a great class. Westminster Presbyterian and Sacred Heart Catholic will be joining the FUMCO Stephen Leaders to lead the new Trainees. We are very excited because it looks like our total class size will be from 10-15 trainees, with some last minute interviews being done.

Please keep the trainees and instructors in your prayers, to make this a meaningful and spiritual journey for all of them. For more information about the Stephen Ministry program, contact Cheryl Dale at 754-8594.



## 12 Terrific Tips to Manage Weight

1. Stop making excuses. Commit right now to being a better, healthier you.
2. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast every day.
3. Don't skip meals. It'll just make you want to eat more food later.
4. Be snack-attack ready. Keep low-fat, low-sugar snacks on hand.
5. Read labels to choose foods that control calories, fat, and sodium.
6. Eat a mix of colorful fruits and veggies daily.
7. Fill up with fiber. Choose whole grains such as bran cereal, oatmeal, brown rice, and whole wheat pasta.
8. Drink 6 to 8 glasses of water a day to help you feel full and move waste through your body.
9. OK, just one bite, perhaps even two bites of your favorite dessert -- just enough to satisfy your cravings for sweets.
10. Step up your physical activity. Walk, dance, or skip if you like.
11. Take notes. Write down what you eat and time/steps you exercise to help you stay on track.
12. Express your emotions without eating.

**Live Healthy Laugh Often**

**Love Much**

# Digital Communication creates connection

## Facebook Tip and Thoughts:

### Who are you talking to?

When you make a status update to your facebook there is a small icon to the left of your post button.



When you post to your facebook you have options of who is going to see what you write. They are:

- **Public:** Everyone (including your boss, pastor, mom, and google can see what you post.)
- **Friends:** Just the people who you have agreed to be your facebook friend will see your post
- **Friends+:** If you tag someone in a post, your friends and their friends can see what you post.
- **Only Me:** This is meant for only you to see on your facebook page.
- **Custom:** If you select this menu item, you can limit those who view this post to specific lists of people or even specifically exclude (your boss, pastor, or child) individuals from seeing what you post. While this selection may take a little bit more time to set up, it gives you complete control over who is allowed to see your posts.

By checking this menu, you are able to control those people are hearing you through the social networking medium and maintain your privacy while connecting with those you cherish in this social media.

## Catch Fire Scripture Readings

### September 9: Raised with Christ

John 20:1-18; Mathew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12;  
Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-16; Colossians 3:1-4

### September 16: Catch Fire

John 20:19-31; Acts 1-2; 1 Peter 1:1-12

### September 23: Keep It Burning

Luke 24:13-35; Acts 3-4; 1 Peter 1:13-25

### September 30: Shine Brightly

John 10:1-10; Acts 5-6; 1 Peter 2:1-10

### October 7: Fan the Flame

John 14:1-14; Acts 7-8; 1 Peter 2:11-25

## Webpage Update!

Have you been to our webpage at <http://www.fumcoly.org> recently?

On August 28 we updated our webpage with the latest technology available. With this update we are adding new features and capabilities to our website including the ability to donate online (coming soon), social media integration, and adding video and audio recordings of our Sunday worship services.

The Green Team has become the latest addition to our webpage. (Click on Ministries to find them.) You can visit their page for an explanation about the new organics recycling and other green living tips for the proper stewardship of God's bounty. They are a good example for how space on our webpage is a good place for communicating with people at FUMCO and the world about what your ministry does.

Finally, Pastor Ruth has become the new webmaster for [fumcoly.org](http://fumcoly.org). If you would like space for a FUMCO ministry, have any questions, ideas, pictures, or content for the webpage, e-mail Pastor Ruth at [ruthmarston@comcast.net](mailto:ruthmarston@comcast.net).

## Got Emergency?

There is about a 33% chance that a disaster will occur when you are in the dark and in bed. Be prepared day or night with an under-the-bed stash of critical items. Minimum supplies would be a pair of sturdy shoes for every resident, work gloves (preferably leather,) a hard hat, and a flashlight. Additionally, a checklist or written guidelines to help you recall / locate such items as medicines, food and drink locations, key phone numbers, reading glasses, spare keys, etc. It would be a good idea to place these items in a large sealed plastic bag or bin as, after the disaster event, there may be broken glass in the area.



# Youth News and New Faith Community

## New things happening for FUMCO Youth

### Save the date for Sunday, September 9 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

We will be celebrating the start of our new year with an epic s'more campfire, Frisbee antics, and prayer. One of Pastor Ruth's new roles at FUMCO will be to take the lead of the Youth Group program and she is excited for the opportunity to get to know the youth.

Simultaneously at a nearby location there will be an adult get together for the parents of the youth, sponsored by the Youth Council.

This will take place at the Allen house located at:

6125 Libby Rd. NE, Olympia WA

For driving instructions please call Pastor Ruth at (253) 678-9572 or the Allens at (360) 706-9117

This year the youth groups focus will be on building relationships with each other and to God. We will be learning about these relationships through service projects to our church and our neighbors, deepening our spirituality, and through good old fashioned Wii tournaments. So get your Wii tennis and gardening skills polished and we look forward to seeing you there!

### Youth Group Schedule Sundays, 4:30-5:45

September 16  
Wii Tournament

Sept 23  
Gardening Service Project

Sept 29-30  
Field Trip

Oct 7  
Cooking Dinner for Camp Quixote



## From Pastor Ruth - What is a "New Faith Community?"

One of my charges here at Olympia is to work on developing a "Young Adult New Faith Community." This is an exciting ministry and a hopeful commitment on the part of FUMCO.

I believe that every generation has an important contribution to the Body of Christ and the life of our church. As a young adult I also am aware of the many barriers that my generation and the ones after me face when committing to Christianity and a Christian community. I am looking forward to working with FUMCO as we invite young adults to be a part of a Christian community and learn what our contribution to the ongoing Christian faith shall be.

Currently, I am receiving training from the New Faith Development office from our Annual Conference to hone my skills in outreach, networking, and community building. Since FUMCO has made the commitment to this New Faith Community, the Annual Conference is responding by providing the funds for my training.

If we imagine ministries of a church being part of continuum of dependence upon a church, there are many different levels of dependence and independence.

A Bible Study would be almost completely dependent upon a church that it is located in. A "parachute church start" on the other hand would be entirely independent of any other church community. This new faith community will be somewhere in between these two poles, with some aspects being dependent upon FUMCO and other aspects being independent.

This year will be a year of learning these skills, meeting new people, and listening to God's direction for what possibilities this endeavor will bring to our church. Each young adult Christian community looks different and ours will be a unique response to the context and needs of our community and church. It will evolve and grow as we respond to God's call through our community's needs.

If you discern that you are inspired to help or if you wish to offer your support, please feel free to e-mail me at [ruthmarston@comcast.net](mailto:ruthmarston@comcast.net)

Most of all, please pray for our church and our new faith community.

Blessings, Pastor Ruth

# Music Job Openings

## Choir Accompanist

First United Methodist Church of Olympia is looking for an accompanist for The Celebration Singers choir, directed by Angi Swan.

These are the expectations:

- An active and an engaged Christian who ministers through piano accompaniment
- Weekly rehearsals
- Accompanying the choir twice a month in Sunday Worship, normally during the 8:45 a.m. service
- Available for worship services on Christmas Eve, Easter, and occasional special services.
- Willingness for flexibility on scheduling for Sunday services.
- Ability to work well with the other church musicians and the pastors.

Will discuss salary with applicants; Send letter of interest by September 7, 2012 to First United Methodist Church of Olympia; 1224 Legion Way S.E.; Olympia, WA 98501; or by email at [fumco@comcast.net](mailto:fumco@comcast.net)

## Helping to Grow God's Kingdom through Endowment Giving

*"The kingdom of God ... is like a mustard seed, which ... is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mk 4:31-32*

One person can make a tremendous difference in helping to grow God's kingdom on earth. Just as one seed grows into a plant that can bring life to many, the gifts we plant today can create life-giving blessings that endure.

You can leave a legacy to present and future generations by helping to grow the ministries of our church. Through your outright gifts (cash, stock, securities, real estate, or life insurance) and/or deferred gifts (bequests and life income trusts), you will help our church bring life to many, for years to come.

### What is an endowment?

An endowment is a perpetual gift of income. The original gift amount is never spent by the beneficiary (e.g., our church); instead the beneficiary receives the income or earnings that the endowment gift produces year after year.

## Children's Choir Director

First United Methodist Church of Olympia is looking for a new Children's Choir Director.

We are looking for someone who will teach the love of God to our children through music and help them learn to sing God's praises.

These are the expectations:

- An active and an engaged Christian who ministers through music and education
- Has experience working with groups of children and can do so with grace, love, and accountability.
- Will work with the children (up to age 12) of our church
- Qualified to teach basic music theory
- Weekly rehearsals with our children
- Ability to recruit volunteers to support and assist the Children's Choir, especially during rehearsals
- Leading the Children's Choir in providing a monthly anthem or special music during one or two of our worship services.
- Leading the Children's Choir in worship on Christmas Eve and Easter, as well as other occasional special services or events.
- Willingness for flexibility on scheduling for Sunday services
- Ability to work well with the other church musicians and the pastors.

May possibly include:

- Leading a one-week summer music camp at the church, in collaboration with staff and volunteers

Will discuss salary with applicants; Allowance for purchase of music and supplies.

Send letter of interest by September 7, 2012 to First United Methodist Church of Olympia; 1224 Legion Way S.E.; Olympia, WA 98501; by email at [fumco@comcast.net](mailto:fumco@comcast.net)

### An endowment gift to our church is a good way to say:

- We believe that God has a "future with hope" (Jer. 29:11) for our church.
- We believe that all that we have is a trust from God; we strive to steward every gift for God's glory and mission in the world.
- We want future generations to be able to delight in God's grace revealed through our church.
- In our lifetimes and beyond, we want to help grow God's Kingdom on earth.

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# September Church Calendar

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## Saturday, September 1

6:00 Fellowship Gathering

## Sunday, September 2

8:45 and 11:15 Worship service

10:00 Christian Adult Classes

12:30 Children's Council

## Monday, September 3

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1:00 Cobb Small Group

6:30 Grief Support

## Tuesday, September 4

10:00 Quilting

6:30 Church Council

## Wednesday, September 5

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5:20 Yoga Class

6:30 Stephen Ministry

## Thursday, September 6

6:30 Men's Breakfast IHOP

10:00 Library staffed

2:00 Bible Reflections

5:30 Bell Choir

6:00 Prayer Ministries

6:30 Celebration Singers

6:45 Chancel Choir

## Saturday, September 8

2:00 Ed Peeples Memorial

6:00 Koinonians

## Sunday, September 9

8:45 and 11:15 Worship Service

10:00 Christian Education Classes

2:00-4 Youth at Allen house

6:00 Evening Worship

## Monday, September 10

5:30 Stephen Leaders

5:30 Financial Peace

6:30 Grief Support

## Tuesday, September 11

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Quilting

5:30 Green Team

6:00 Staff Parish

6:00 Abigail Circle

## Wednesday, September 12

10:00 UMW General Meeting

2:30 SideWalk Meeting

5:20 Yoga Class

6:30 Stephen Ministry

6:30 CE Leader/Helper Training

## Thursday, September 13

10:00 Library staffed

2:00 Bible Reflections

5:30 Bell Choir

6:30 Celebration Singers

6:45 Chancel Choir

## Friday, September 14

10:00 Book Club

## Sunday, September 16

8:45 and 11:15 Worship Services

10:00 Christian Adult Classes

4:30-5:45 Youth Group

6:00 Evening Worship

## Monday, September 17

1:00 Cobb Small Group

5:30 Financial Peace

6:30 Grief Support

## Tuesday, September 18

10:00 Quilting

1:00 Ruth Circle

3:00 Prayer Shawl

5:30 Trustees

5:30 Caregivers Support Group

7:00 Finance

## Wednesday, September 19

12:30 New Hope

5:20 Yoga Class

6:30 Stephen Ministry

## Thursday, September 20

Courier Deadline

6:30 Men's Breakfast Denny's

10:00 Library staffed

2:00 Bible Reflections

5:30 Bell Choir

6:30 Celebration Singers

6:45 Chancel Choir

## Sunday, September 23

8:45 and 11:15 Worship Service

10:00 Christian Education Classes

4:30-5:45 Youth Group

6:00 Evening Worship

## Monday, September 24

1:00 Banners

5:30 Financial Peace

6:30 Grief Support

## Tuesday, September 25

10:00 Quilting

6:30 Adult Council

6:30 Endowment Committee

6:30 Outreach

6:30 Missions

## Wednesday, September 26

5:20 Yoga Class

6:30 Stephen Ministry

7:00 Quilting

## Thursday, September 27

10:00 Library Staffed

2:00 Bible Reflections

5:30 Bell Choir

6:30 Celebration Singers

6:45 Chancel Choir

## Saturday, September 29

9:00 Conference Training

## Sunday, September 30

8:45 and 11:15 Worship

10:00 Recycle Rangers

10:00 Christian Education Classes

3:00 Family Fun Night

4:30-5:45 Youth Group

6:00 Evening Worship

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### **Endowment gifts can bear great blessings; for example:**

- Special mission projects and new ministries – which members had only dared to dream about – are now part of our church's identity and ongoing life.
- Funds to maintain our church's facilities are now available for not only emergency repairs, but also for preventative maintenance and capital improvements.
- We've freed up our annual operating budget funds for growing the ministries that God is calling us to within our unique context.

To learn more about endowment giving to our church, please consult with our pastor, our Business Administrator, or a member of our church's Endowment committee.

## ***The League of Incredible Vegetables Comes to FUMCO***

***Family Fun Night, Sunday, September 30, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., bring your favorite snack to share, come dressed as your favorite real/made up super hero!***

It was a bright and sunny day in Bumblyburg... until Dr. Flurry came to town. This chillin' villain wants to freeze the entire city...in fear! This job is too big for LarryBoy to handle alone, so he turns to the "League of Incredible Vegetables" for help! Thingamabob (Bob the Tomato), S-Cape (Mr.Lunt), Vogue (Petunia Rhubarb) and Ricochet (Junior Asparagus) are up for the task, but find that their own fears could land them in Dr. Flurry's deep freeze! Will they remember to turn to the One who is bigger than all their fears before the whole town ends up on ice?



**Find out if you have a "Hole in Your Gospel"**

Rich Stearns, author of "The Hole in Our Gospel" and President of World Vision USA asks the question – *what does God expect from us?* Stearns addressed the hole in his gospel by changing his life by becoming less inward focused and more humanitarian. "The Hole in Our Gospel" is an inspiring book that provides an excellent foundation for a book study. The book is scripturally based and was chosen as the 2010 Christian book of the year. Facilitated by Doug Lacy-Roberts, the class will meet in Room 108 beginning 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 9, and runs nine weeks.

### **Walking the Way Schedule**

September 2	John 18-21
September 9	Acts 1-2
September 16	Acts 3-7
September 23	Acts 8-12
September 30	Acts 13-16
October 7	Acts 17-20
October 14	Acts 21-24
October 21	Acts 25-26
October 28	Acts 27-28

## **Children's Council Sets Fall Calendar for Families and Kids:**

September 30, **Family Fun Night** (see article to the left) Enjoy Veggie Tales' newest movie before it's released to the public in October

October 28, **Trunk-n-Treat**, another great event for neighborhood/FUMCO kids; more info next month

November 18, **FUMCO's 160<sup>th</sup>**, see article on page 3

December 2, **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advent Workshop**

## **Library News**

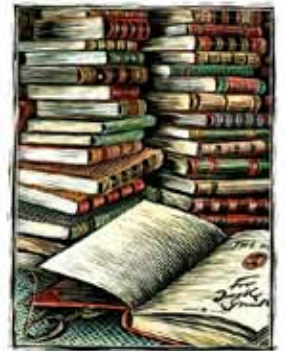
### ***Giant Book Give-Away Sunday, September 16***

Come to the FUMCO library on Thursday, September 13, to help set up, and you can have first choice from all the books!

Many books and magazines are overdue. We don't have the staff to remind you, so please look around your house and return them. No questions, no fines, no problems.

**ATTENTION:** Family mementos found in box of donated books: photo of Navy petty officer Geraldine, taken in Mason City, IA; memorial service bulletin for John Zuercher, died July 1974 in Rochester, MN; birth announcement for Nancy Ellen Everett, born October 1945(?). Please help me get these back to a family member.

**New book:** *The Hole in Our Gospel* by Richard Stearns. Is our faith just about church, Bible, and avoiding sins? Or does God expect more? Have we embraced the whole gospel or a gospel with a hole in it? Ten years ago the author came face to face with that question as he sat in Uganda listening to the story of an orphaned child. His journey to Africa, answered God's call in his life, to walk with the poorest of the poor.



# Learning discipleship can take many forms

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## Christian Education Leader/Helper Training, Wednesday, September 12

All those who will be helping or leading discipleship training/CE classes this year, or who would like to know what it would be like, are invited to a training opportunity on Wednesday evening, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We will cover safe-church policy requirements, including background checks, shepherding techniques, available support and resources. There will also be time for teams to meet and set up schedules. For more information contact Pastor Carolyn Peterson, 943-2661.

## Children's Council Thanks Volunteers for Making Two Great Weeks for Children

**Vacation Bible Camp** was an enormous success for more than 90 kids as they sang, created, snacked, played, and experienced stories all while being divers in Operation Overboard. Prep kudos go to Judy Fondaw for her amazing shower cap jellyfish, Charlene Gudmunds for super decorating including colorful sea urchins, Doug Meier for expertise in tide pool exploration, and a host of families and kids for creating a wide assortment of fish and wild sea creatures. There were over 50 adults and youth who worked in the kitchen, served as shepherds, and led workshops. Many salty thanks to each of you.

**Music Camp** found 24 kids, led by Angi Swan and Scott Saunders, learning to drum and boomwhack, singing songs about God's Fruit of the Spirit in English and Spanish, playing bells, creating their own music on Orff instruments, and learning various folk dances. Pastors Carolyn and Joanne had the kids experience God's fruits through sharing Kindness Coins, running the Faithfulness Obstacle Course, racing one another with Love Balloons, and much more! Thanks for the moms and grandmothers who stepped in to help make a fruit-filled lunch after a fun, fun performance.

Thanks also to campers from both weeks for sharing songs at Sunday morning worship! You were awesome!



## Discipleship Training

begins September 9, 10:00 a.m.

### *Catch the Spirit*

#### Adults

**FaithLink**, Rm. 109, apply United Methodist beliefs to current faith issues and world events; what does Christ say and how are we to act on our beliefs; led by Phyllis Lawson and Mark Bergeson

**Hole in Our Gospel**, book study, Rm 108; does God expect more than going to church, studying the Bible and avoiding the worst sins? Led by Doug Lacy Roberts

**Journey through the Bible**, Rm. 222, a verse by verse study of the Bible with leader, Rev. Dorothy Johnson

**Walking the Way**, Rm. 221, a close study of the all-church walk through scripture, led by Lance Calisch

#### Youth

**Junior High** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades), Rm. 227, Encounter God face-to-face in ways that relate to their lifestyle!

**Senior High** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades), Rm. 228, begin by looking over two curricula to choose from Bible Lessons 4 Youth and Encounter.

#### Children

**Toddlers and Twos**, in Rm. 208 with their childcare workers, experiencing God and my church

**Lighthouse Preschool**, in Rm. 107 (ages 3-5), their totally new curriculum, Grow, Proclaim, Serve! includes Bible stories, activities, crafts, videos, and games into a full faith experience. We begin with Baby Moses!

**Lighthouse Workshops**, (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades), using the workshop rotation model for our classes, age level groups and their Shepherds rotate each week to a different workshop (cooking, drama, games, art or theater). We begin with Shining God's Light in the World!

**Beacon Rock**, (5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades), Along with their amazing leaders, Rockers will Proclaim, Grow and Serve God through their everyday lives.

#### Other Sunday Morning Classes for Children/Youth

**One Room Sunday School**, (4 yrs - 4<sup>th</sup> grad), Rm. 118, after Children's Time during 11:15 worship, about 11:30 a.m.

**Christian Connections Through Technology**, 4<sup>th</sup> grade - HS, 11:15 a.m., Rm 109, specialized class for those who have trouble sitting through worship (i.e., ADHD, Asperger, etc.); limited class size, led by Patty Gee.



Don't forget to bring  
non-perishable donations  
for the Food Bank on  
Sunday, September 2  
(or any other Sunday)!



## Remember

FUMCO is the place to recycle your used Inkjet and laser toner cartridges. And your old cell phones too! Bring them in to the church office and we'll turn them into money for ministry!

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**We are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**  
*by gratefully worshipping God, joyfully learning discipleship, gracefully cherishing one another,  
and faithfully serving the world under the guidance and through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## \$6 CAN change the world - if we all give. Be the light - October 7!

**October 7, 2012 is World Communion Sunday**, when we celebrate our connection with the world-wide Christian church. On that day, we will be receiving a special \$6 offering. In the United Methodist Church there are special offerings that are received to fund special ministries both locally and around the world. One such special offering we receive every Spring - the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering that funds the United Methodist Committee on Relief. There are six other special offerings that we put together on World Communion Sunday. We ask everyone to donate at least \$1 for each offering - a total of \$6. These are the ministries they go to:

1. Human Relations Offering supports vital community ministries that teach and advocate for justice, especially among people struggling to survive in the margins of society. Specifically, grants are given for the Community Developers Program, the United Methodist Voluntary Services Program, and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.
2. Native American Ministries both within our Annual Conference (Pacific Northwest) and nationally provides scholarships for Native Americans attending schools of theology. It also supports the Native American Urban Initiative.

3. Peace with Justice ministries is split between our Annual Conference and the global United Methodist Church to promote and support peace with justice ministries and initiatives.
4. World Communion Scholarships provide undergraduate and graduate scholarships for ethnic minority persons, as well as support in-service training programs. A good portion of the scholarships are given to students beyond the United States.
5. United Methodist Scholarships and U.M. Student Loan Fund help UM families and individuals pay for their education.
6. Global AIDS Fund is working toward an AIDS-free world, by stopping the transmission of HIV from mother to child, teaching young adults about HIV prevention, and feeding an HIV-positive person, among other prevention and research.

By giving \$6 to these special ministries, you join United Methodists all over the world to make visible God's reign on earth. Thank you for your generosity.