



# Outreach

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*Cess* whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

— Luke 9:26-36

## Scriptures for February

February 7—Luke 9:28-36 • February 14—Genesis 12:1-3 • February 21—Genesis 21:1-7  
• February 28—Genesis 25:19-27

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# Thoughts From Our Pastor

Dear Friends • Over the past four plus years, I have never had as much response to an Outreach article as I received this last month. Clearly, the topic of substance abuse struck a chord! I even had a pastor of an Episcopal church tell me how much he appreciated my honesty and openness. How widespread is our readership!



The point is all of us have some experience with addiction: our own, or that of our family members, friends, or associates. And behind our experiences is fear, pain, and, at times, hopelessness. The article, of course, was a preamble for the Substance Abuse Sunday we hosted on the 24th. How wonderful to hear the wisdom and comfort of Michelle Mannix, our guest speaker. I hope that as a congregation we will continue to be in contact with her and draw upon her experience as we have need.

However, there was one aspect of this conversation that I feel I may have neglected, both in last month's epistle and in our worship service. Namely, the clear invitation. And

submitted by Rev. Tim Winslea



so I want to make it now. I am not an expert on this subject, but as your pastor, if I can help in any way, please call. Come to me if you need resources beyond what I can offer or if you just need a safe sofa upon which to be honest and cry. I will neither turn you away, be shocked, nor become enmeshed. Your sobriety is your journey, not mine. Your children's sobriety is their journey, not yours. But we can, and must, help each other in the ways that we can. And if you would prefer to make your journey to sobriety privately, please know that you have my and the church's blessing. Here are a few phone numbers that might come in handy:

Alcoholics Anonymous: 503-223-8569  
Oregon Health Authority: 503-945-5763  
Addictions Northwest, LLC: 503-912-1225  
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Inc: (503) 239-5953  
Central City Concern: (503) 228-4533  
Kaiser Permanente Department of Addiction Medicine:  
(503) 249-3434  
LifeWorks NW: (888) 563-4092  
Luke-Dorf, Inc.: 503-282-3296  
Morrison Center Breakthrough: (503) 781-9065  
Portland Metro Treatment Center: (503) 762-3130  
Serenity Lane: (503) 244-4500  
Treatment Services Northwest: (503) 640-1715  
Western Psychological & Counseling Services, P.C.  
(503) 666-8832

—Blessings, Timothy

## Jesus at the Movies

Montavilla UMC will host a screening of the film *Mr. and Mrs. Loving* on Wednesday, 2/17. This box office sleeper tells the story of Mildred and Richard Loving, an interracial couple, who married in 1958 and were then arrested for violating the State of Virginia's Racial Integrity Act of 1924, which prohibited whites and blacks from intermarrying. The couple were exiled from the state, but fought to return until the landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Loving v. Virginia* (1967) unanimously declared all anti-miscegenation laws unconstitutional. The case provided legal precedent for legal advocates for same-sex marriage. Timothy Hutton and Lela Rochon star. The running time is 105 minutes.

*Jesus at the Movies* is an educational program of Montavilla UMC. This year's selections focus on ordinary people growing in faith, grace, and understanding as they engage with social, cultural, and justice issues. Film screenings are regularly held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM in the church library. Please feel free to bring a snack and to invite a friend. Discussion follows each screening.



# WOW (With or Without) Group Event

The February WOW event will occur on Saturday, 2/27, with an evening of Bowling and Dinner. This is an adults-only event. More information about exact time and place will be sent via email. Please contact event coordinators Carrie and Trent Wilson if you have any questions. *Coming up next month: Church Cleanup! Are you interested in being a member of this group? The coordinators for the WOW group at MUMC are Kate Shirley and Lisa Johnson; please contact one of them if you have questions.*



## UMW Corner

submitted by Kate Shirley



**FEBRUARY UMW GENERAL MEETING** • The next UMW General Meeting will be held in the church library on Sunday, 2/14, 9:00-10:00AM. Jim Moiso has been invited to address the difficult but important topic of human trafficking. For the past four years, he has worked to stop juvenile sex trafficking in East County through his involvement with the East Portland Rotary Club. (Members of this chapter of the Rotary Club are strongly committed to ending juvenile sex trafficking by working with social service agencies, law enforcement, and even victims themselves to raise awareness and promote prevention strategies.) Jim will screen the

video "Chosen," then field a question-and-answer session. Attendees will receive materials with suggestions on what to do to discourage sex trafficking in our area. The members of Lydia Circle will host; coffee and muffins will be served. *All members of MUMC, both men and women, are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the UMW photo campaign to stop human trafficking, "Opening an Umbrella!" The picture we took at church on Sunday, 1/24, was sent to the OR-ID UMW Communications Manager to be showcased with other photo submissions.



**MUMC UMW: A HEALTHY, VITAL UNIT!** • Congratulations to the Montavilla UMC United Methodist Women! This active chapter will receive a "Healthy, Vital Unit" award, recognizing its involvement in spiritual growth, education and interpretation, social action, and membership, nurture, and outreach. According to the Oregon-Idaho Conference of United Methodist Women, the purpose of a Healthy, Vital Unit is to:

- Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in Mission through prayer, study, and action;
- Increase contacts between local units, districts, conferences, national offices, and mission personnel, so that United Methodist Women have a firm understanding of the Purpose of United Methodist Women, available resources, and current mission projects;
- Encourage use of mission resources available through United Methodist Women;
- Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

**UMW CIRCLES** • Tuesday, 2/2: Simple Gifts at the MUMC library, 6:00PM • Wednesday, 2/3: Mary Circle at the home of Emmy Lou J., 10:00AM • Wednesday, 2/3: Martha/Miriam Circle at the home of Pat J., 10:00AM • Sunday, 2/21: Lydia Circle at MUMC, 9:00AM

MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 2016



WELCOME TO THIS PLACE OF REST, LAUGHTER, AND GROWTH.

WE COME HERE BECAUSE OUR QUESTIONS ARE RESPECTED, OUR INSIGHTS ARE ENCOURAGED, AND OUR HUNGER FOR MISSION IS SHARED.

MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY—WHO INCLUDE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS, INCOME LEVELS, LEVELS OF ABILITY, RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS, SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS, AND GENDER IDENTITIES—INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS YOUR HOME.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 BROWN BAG LUNCH BIBLE STUDY (12:00pm)  BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (7:00pm)	2 CANDLEMAS  SIMPLE GIFTS @ MUMC LIBRARY (6:00pm)	3 UMW CIRCLES MEETINGS (10:00am)  MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING (6:30pm)	4   CHOIR (7:00pm)	5	6
7 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP, COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, & YOUTH GROUP (10:30am) CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING (11:45am) SCRIP ORDERS DUE	8	9  FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER (6:00pm)	10 ASH WEDNESDAY  WORSHIP (7:00pm)	11  CHOIR (7:00pm)	12  XYZ GROUP MEETING (12:00pm)	13
14 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) UMW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (9:00am)  WORSHIP & MONTAVILLA SINGERS (10:30am) SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY	16	17 UMW BOARD MEETING (10:00am) UMW BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH MISSIONARIES (12:00pm) UMW BOOK GROUP (1:45pm) FINDING JESUS @ THE MOVIES (6:00pm)	18 M&Ms VISIT EVERGREEN AVIATION MUSEUM  CHOIR (7:00pm)	19  OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (3:00-6:00pm)	20 OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY (10:00am-12:00pm)
21 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & LYDIA CIRCLE (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, & YOUTH GROUP (10:30am)  FINANCE COMMITTEE & SPRC MEETINGS (11:45am) OUTREACH ENTRIES DUE	22	23	24  CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING (6:00pm) TAIZÉ SERVICE (7:30pm)	25  CHOIR (7:00pm)	26	27 WOW BOWLING & DINNER EVENT
28 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00am) WORSHIP & MONTAVILLA SINGERS (10:30am)	29					

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE ([www.montavillaumc.org](http://www.montavillaumc.org)) FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, AS WELL AS EVENT DESCRIPTIONS AND LOCATIONS.

# Spirit Alive

by Lowell Greathouse; retrieved from <http://www.umi.org/blogdetail/2193237> January 12, 2016

**You Don't Have to Have It All Together to Be Together** • In Paul's many letters, we learn that the Early Christians didn't always have it all together. In fact, even though the spirit clearly worked through them, things could be chaotic, confusing...and messy. Through it all, they learned the meaning of love, patience, kindness...fruit of the spirit...and in the process, they were still able to practice what it meant to be a community of believers.

From our own experience, we know that life doesn't always go according to plan. Sometimes things don't work out smoothly. Often times we aren't in control of what's going on. Sometimes life gets messy. But we don't have to have it all together in order to be together. The Messy Church movement takes this to heart by inviting people, especially young families, to experience church in a different way.

Look at what I learned.... (Watch this video about Messy Church in Eugene by pasting this link in your browser: <http://www.umi.org/videodetail/because-life-can-get-messy-3490420>. If you'd like to learn more about Messy Church at Trinity UMC in Eugene, you can contact Kristyn Stephens, the Messy Church Coordinator, or Rev. Roberta Egli, Senior Pastor, at [eugenetrinity@yahoo.com](mailto:eugenetrinity@yahoo.com) or visit them on the web at [trinityumceugene.org](http://trinityumceugene.org).)

After viewing the video consider these questions: Does your congregation have easy, accessible ways for young families to gather and feel at home in the church? How does your congregation acknowledge the realities and complexities that people face on a daily basis?

Blessings on your journey, Lowell

*Spirit Alive is a weekly blog and email by Rev. Lowell Greathouse, Mission and Ministry Coordinator for the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. It seeks out where the spirit is alive in our congregations and communities. Check out past editions, or subscribe to the email list.*

## Joys

Kudos to the Montavilla unit of United Methodist Women on a successful Women's Month with many engaging mission moments! We are grateful for the continued commitment to service of our unit's members, especially its newly consecrated officers. We are filled with anticipation of the coming spring season, promising renewed energy and growth.

## Concerns

We lift up Karen Kaer, mother of Maxine Kaer's grandchildren, Connor and McKenzie, who was recently hospitalized with heart failure, and Marcus, a neighbor of Becky and Roger Warren, who is hospitalized in intensive care with pneumonia and infection, following bone marrow transplant surgery. We also lift up the residents of the Eastern Seaboard who are battling the effects of a brutal winter.

## Brown Bag Lunch to Feature Missionaries

submitted by Becky Warren

Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena are missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as Mission Advocates in our denomination's Western Jurisdiction. They are itinerating through Portland in February and will speak at a UMW Brown Bag luncheon at Montavilla UMC on Wednesday, 2/17, at noon in Fellowship Hall.

This husband-wife mission team has worked for some 15 years with youth and women in San Francisco Libre, Nicaragua. During the war in Nicaragua in the 1980s, Nan and her late husband Phil worked in a pastoral ministry with people in the war zone, and after the war, she helped create the Foundation for Nicaraguan War Victims. She holds degrees in biology, ecology, and pharmacy.

Miguel grew up in an impoverished Nicaraguan farming family. He began first grade at age 20 and went on to graduate from law school in 2008 and complete a master's degree in criminal law three years later. In his native country, he provided legal counsel to women dealing with physical, psychological, and economic violence. He also counseled men about reproductive responsibilities and prevention of violence against women.

Miguel and Nan married in 1995. They work together as Mission Advocates to help annual conferences, districts, and local churches in the U.S. to understand and participate in global mission focusing on mission personnel and support of missionaries. They share a blended family that includes three daughters and three sons, currently living in four countries!

Nan says of her call to mission: "We are called to follow Christ's example: to accompany and promote the inclusion of the poor, the women, the outcasts, the old, the sick, the challenged, the children—all those not included fully in society." For Miguel, Jesus' words from Matthew 25:40 are a guide for mission: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

All are welcome to attend this program and celebrate Nan and Miguel's visit with us.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 Zachary Clayville
- 7 Lisa Johnson
- 8 Lois Gerlach
- 11 Jennifer Johnson
- 14 Rich Johnson
- 15 Michael O'Reilly
- 18 Karen Slaven
- 19 Bob & Jill Simonis
- 20 Jim Walker
- 21 Connor Kaer
- 23 Jacob Winslea
- 26 Christopher Gunther



# 2016 General Conference

from the Oregon-Idaho General Conference  
(For more information, and to read the entire letter, go to <http://www.umoi.org>)

Portland is going to be hosting one of the most significant events in United Methodism. As you may have heard, the General Conference, the policy making body of our entire denomination, is coming to Portland in 2016 for the first time in 40 years. The Conference will bring together as many as 5,000 United Methodists from all over the world. They will meet May 10-20 at the Oregon Convention Center. While they are here, they also will be exploring Portland and worshipping at local churches. This is a great opportunity for you and your church to be involved in a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Here's how:

- Volunteer to help host the event. There are many roles we will play in providing that extravagant sense of hospitality and welcome that the northwest is known for. You can volunteer online at [gc2016pdx.org](http://gc2016pdx.org).
- Invite people to worship at your church on May 15, Pentecost, or May 8 for early arrivals.
- Participate in General Conference Volunteers Sunday on November 22. (Details will come in a separate message.)

Now is not too soon to begin planning. We are already getting inquiries from people about their time in Portland.

What an amazing opportunity we have to participate in our church's General Conference, and to interact with our brothers and sisters in faith. Thank you for your interest. God bless.

William R. Haden, Chair, General Conference 2016 Host Committee

Rev. Tim Overton-Harris, Coordinator, City Services Team



## Housing Needed

The Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, 503-235-7575) will host the 2016 United Methodist Church General Conference, May 9-20. Local UMC congregations are asked to provide housing for a delegation of 13-15 volunteers, both couples and singles, visiting from Alaska. As a host, you will be responsible for offering your guest(s) breakfast each morning and either providing transportation to and from the convention site or assisting with transportation arrangements via bus or MAX. If you are interested in hosting, whether for the entire duration of the conference or for only a portion of it, please contact Janice Stevens (503-860-1452, [grandmamaj@comcast.net](mailto:grandmamaj@comcast.net)).



### Do you have an article you would like to include in the Outreach?

Please email ([montavillaumc@msn.com](mailto:montavillaumc@msn.com)) your submission, particularly if it is lengthy (e.g., a feature article); brief announcements may be called in (503-254-5529) or delivered to the church office. Please include your name and contact information in case the Administrative Assistant must reach you for clarification.

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