



# Outreach

April 2016



**R**ight then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

— Acts 11:11-18

## Scriptures for April

4/3—Psalm 150 • 4/10—Acts 9:1-6 • 4/17—Acts 9:36-43 • 4/24—Acts 11:1-18



**Our Identity** *Standing together hopeful, thankful, worshipful* • **Our Mission** *A loving, welcoming Christian community moving closer to God* • **Our Vision** *A Christ-centered, multi-generational family that values: faith-filled worship, spiritual growth, mission outreach, celebrating individual's gifts*

**open hearts, open minds, open doors**



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# Thoughts From Our Pastor

Dear Friends • It was back in October that I first heard the expression, “It’s all about May.” What do you mean, “It’s all about May?” I responded to my colleague who dropped the line in our clergy colloquy. He sighed and looked at this out-of-place Presbyterian like one might look at a lost child. “Everything, the whole year, it’s alllll about Mayyyy. Everything we do this year is about May,” he slowly enunciated. “Sure,” was my response, though I was not sure about anything. Now, though, I get it. The whole year for the Methodist Oregon-Idaho Annual conference has been about May. Every meeting I have been to since then I have heard the brass from battalion headquarters bellow in manic desperation: “May, MAY, MAYYY!” And so it is finally, almost, upon us.

For those of you even more out of touch than I was (for which I don’t blame you in the least), every bishop and his or her entourage the world over—from Kentucky to Kenya, from Iceland to Istanbul—will be descending on our fair city and looking for sanctuary in May. And if Janice looks a little piqued, it’s because she is in charge of hotel hospitality. (So for the love of God or Janice or both, sign up as a volunteer!)

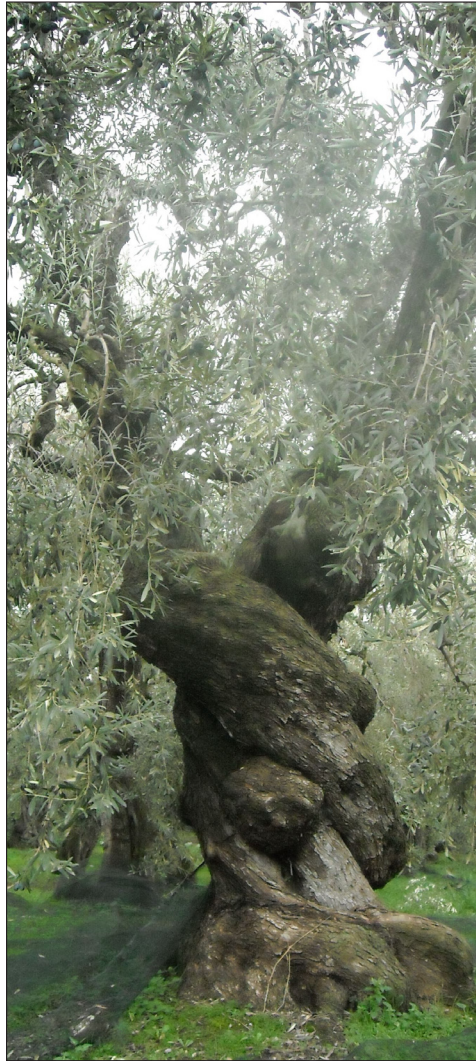
Our wee community will also be blessed with harboring wayward Wesleyans, if all goes well. We have established a working group to help ensure that we are fully open for extended business, at least on May 15th. There are plans for renting a bus to retrieve our honored guests from their various lodgings; we are having the Gay Men’s Choir perform along with gay and lesbian youth choirs. There is even talk of a balloon arch on the way into church—be still my racing heart! It’s going to be a party, and hopefully, we will get full press coverage.

But that’s not all. It looks as if Bishop Minerva Carcaño will grace us in the pulpit on May 8th as well. Minerva has

submitted by Rev. Tim Winslea



come a long, long way since she was our lowly D.S., only a dozen years or so ago. She is a leading progressive force in the global Methodist church, and it’s time to tell your grandchildren, your neighbors, their grandchildren, the clerk at the 7-11 that this is the one Sunday in the year you do not want to miss. (Seriously, invite someone to church on May 8th.)



But that’s not all, either! May 3rd is shaping up to be the blessing of our new garden AND our first ever EMEY celebration. This is a celebration of our heritage and the faithful stewardship of the generations that came before and gave us this church. EMEY stands for “every member, every year,” and it is our hope that every single man, woman, and child on our membership rolls will contribute something to the endowment fund. Five dollars or five hundred, the point is not how much but that we all adopt the discipline of giving something for the generations that come after us every year—just as we are blessed with the gifts of those who came before us every year. A central part of that celebration will be the blessing of an olive tree planted in our new garden. Olive trees can live—literally—thousands of years. (If you make pilgrimage to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, you can sit under trees that were there when Jesus spent his last night in

their shadows.) We plant them in faith that, long after we are gone, our faithfulness will continue in this place.

Break open your piggy-banks, call up your neighbors, volunteer to save our beloved Janice from stroke: May is coming, and there will never be another one quite like it. God is Good!!

—Blessings, Timothy

# WOW (With or Without) Group Event

There is no event scheduled for the month of April; look for information in your email and in the *Outreach* for our May event—a family-friendly hike, hosted by Scott & Patti Walker. *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.*

## Montavillans & Superheroes!

Make-A-Wish® Oregon will host a superhero-themed “Walk for Wishes” at the Oregon Zoo on Saturday, 4/16, starting at 9:00AM. Laila Cook invites you to join the church’s team, *Montavillans and Superheroes*, by registering at <http://walkforwishes.kintera.org/2016/montavillansandsuperheroes>.



Standard registration costs \$10 per walker; you are welcome to raise additional funds and earn prizes, including an event T-shirt. The mission of Make-A-Wish® uniquely blends with that of our church in that we both strive to care for, and bring hope to, the sick. All villain and hero costumes are welcome and appreciated! Please contact Laila (503-246-3587, [lailajoy@yahoo.com](mailto:lailajoy@yahoo.com)) for further information.

## 90th Birthday Celebration!

Audy Cullen will celebrate her 90th birthday at HomeTown Buffet (10542-A SE Washington Street, 503.252.0741) on Monday, 5/9, at noon. Please RSVP to Emmy Lou Johnson (503.253.1547) by Sunday, 5/8, and arrive at the restaurant 10-15 minutes early so that we may all be seated together. Discount coupons are available on HomeTown’s website or occasionally through the mail. Veterans may show military ID to receive a discount for up to four people.

## Jesus at the Movies

The screening of this month’s movie selection, *Monsieur Ibrahim*, has been cancelled. The next film in the series, *Dominick and Eugene*, is scheduled for Wednesday, 5/18.

*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.*



## UMW Corner

submitted by Turella Woods

**UMW GENERAL MEETING** • The next UMW General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 4/3, from 9:00-10:00AM in Fellowship Hall. Sarah Berkemeier will present a Personal Safety class designed by WomenStrength, a program of the Portland Police Bureau. This organization has provided free self-defense classes and personal safety workshops to people around the Portland area since 1979. Light refreshments will be provided by the members of Mary Circle. For more information about WomenStrength, please visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/police/35911](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/35911). *All members of MUMC, both men and women, are encouraged to attend this meeting.*

**MOTHER’S DAY** • Mother’s Day is 5/8 and the United Methodist Women will be celebrating Festival of the Christian Home. Please bring one object that represents your home to worship service on that day. These objects will be placed on the altar for prayer and blessing.

**UMW CIRCLES** • Tuesday, 4/5: Simple Gifts at MUMC library, 6:00PM • Wednesday, 4/6: Mary Circle at the home of Kathy M., 10:00AM • Wednesday, 4/6: Martha/Miriam Circle (location to be announced), 10:00AM • Sunday, 4/17: Lydia Circle at MUMC, 9:00AM

MONTAVILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR—APRIL 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	2
3 <b>CAMP SUNDAY</b> ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & UMW GENERAL MEETING (9:00am) WORSHIP, COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP (10:30am) CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING (12:00pm) SCRIP ORDERS DUE	4 <b>BROWN BAG LUNCH</b> BIBLE STUDY (12:00pm)  <b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b> MEETING (7:00pm)	5  <b>SIMPLE GIFTS @ MUMC LIBRARY</b> (6:00pm)	6 <b>UMW CIRCLES</b> MEETINGS (10:00am)  <b>MISSION COMMITTEE</b> MEETING (6:30pm)	7  <b>CHOIR</b> (7:00pm)	8 <b>XYZ GROUP MEETING</b> (12:00pm)	9
10 <b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> (9:00am) <b>WORSHIP</b> (10:30am)  <b>SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH</b>	11	12	13 <b>PERMANENT ENDOWMENT</b> FUND COMMITTEE MEETING (7:00pm)	14 <b>CHOIR</b> (7:00pm)	15 <b>OPEN HEARTS FOOD</b> PANTRY (5:00-6:00pm)	16 <b>OPEN HEARTS FOOD</b> PANTRY (10:00am-12:00pm)
17 <b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> & <b>LYDIA CIRCLE</b> (9:00am) WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, & YOUTH GROUP (10:30am) <b>SPRC MEETING</b> (12:00pm) <b>CAMP SCHOLARSHIP</b> APPLICATIONS DUE <b>OUTREACH ENTRIES DUE</b>	18	19	20 <b>UMW BOARD MEETING</b> (10:00am)  <b>UMW BOOK GROUP</b> (1:15pm)	21 <b>CHOIR</b> (7:00pm)	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>	23
24 <b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> (9:00am) <b>WORSHIP &amp;</b> <b>MONTAVILLA SINGERS</b> (10:30am) <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> MEETING (12:00pm)	25	26	27 <b>CHURCH COUNCIL</b> MEETING (6:00pm)	28 <b>CHOIR</b> (7:00pm)	29	30

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

Save The Date! Saturday, May 7 • 6PM to 9PM

**INSANITY**

**Youth Group Party**

with live music by Montavilla Experience  
playing Matt Redman, Mercy Me, Hillsong United,  
Jordan Feliz, Hawk Nelson, Chris Tomlin & more!

Insanity meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at 10:30AM.  
Join us for discussion, games, community service, and fun!

All youth grades 6-12 are welcome!

## Joys

We look forward with anticipation to the blessing ceremony for the newly begun East Garden on 5/1, the visit of Bishop Minerva Carcaño on 5/8, and the performance of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and Bridging Voices on 5/15.

## Concerns

We ask for continued prayers for improvement in the health of Ellen Duffield and for Don Richardson and his family over the loss of his son.

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and calls—especially to Tim for his care and concern—at the sudden death of my son, Larry. —Don Richardson

## MUMC Spring Cleaning

Our annual spring cleaning event saw a turnout of dedicated volunteers. Turella Woods had the coffee ready at 9:00AM, and the yard work began. Volunteers pulled weeds, spread bark dust, and planted beds, then enjoyed pizza in Fellowship Hall at noon. The Board of Trustees would like to thank the following people for making the church flower gardens and lawns look extra beautiful for the Easter season: Monica Johnson • Rich Johnson • Lisa Johnson • Ken Kaer • Larry Woods • Jim Walker • Turella Woods • Kate Shirley • Royella Burge • Judy Burge • Laila Cook • Pastor Sione (Tongan Fellowship) • Marvin Thompson • Pastor Tim Winslea • Jeff Baker (Portland School of Music and Dance) • Jennifer Greenley and her niece, Lina Gonzalez • Sam Nebel • Roger Warren • Sherry and Charlie Hanrahan • Lani Lindberg



submitted by Rich Johnson, Trustee

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Helen Walters
- 5 Rhyan Wilson
- 8 Erin Tharp
- 16 Zaine Stapleton
- 19 Megan Loos
- 19 Hannah Walker
- 24 Jennifer Greenley
- 28 Alexa Patterson
- 30 Royella Burge



## Your Feedback is Important!

submitted by Turella Woods, SPRC Chair

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is making available a Feedback Form for you to use in sharing your ideas, celebrations, concerns, and questions. These forms will be available in the church office, on the slant boards in the church entry ways, and occasionally in bulletins throughout the next several months.

After completing the form, place it in a sealed envelope and then into the Staff Parish Relations Committee file in front of the church office. You may also give it to a Staff Parish Relations Committee member.

# Summer Camps & Scholarships

submitted by Andrea Nebel

Camp season starts Sunday, 4/3, with "Camp Sunday." Wear your favorite camp shirt to church! Camp information is available online at [gocamping.org](http://gocamping.org). Partial scholarships are available for youth and family camps. Application forms are on the camping bulletin board (north entryway) or outside the church office and are due Sunday, 4/17. If you have questions, contact Camp Secretary, Andrea Nebel (503.887.8405).



# East Garden Update

submitted by Robin Bown

The garden project is underway! We are making progress toward transforming the church's back yard into a garden space, complete with a vegetable garden to supplement the food pantry and a contemplation space. We have a great crew that works very hard, but could still use your help. We have work of all types, for all abilities. We particularly need help with rough carpentry as we establish the raised beds and build tall trellises to secure the space. If you would like to receive notice of work days, please contact Robin Bown (503.860.6707, [robinbown@aol.com](mailto:robinbown@aol.com)).

# 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.

# 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 10-20. 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)).



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