

FRIDAY E-BLAST!

An exciting week ahead at FUMC!

The office may be closed on Monday in honor of Memorial Day, but that doesn't mean there aren't great things happening this week at FUMC!

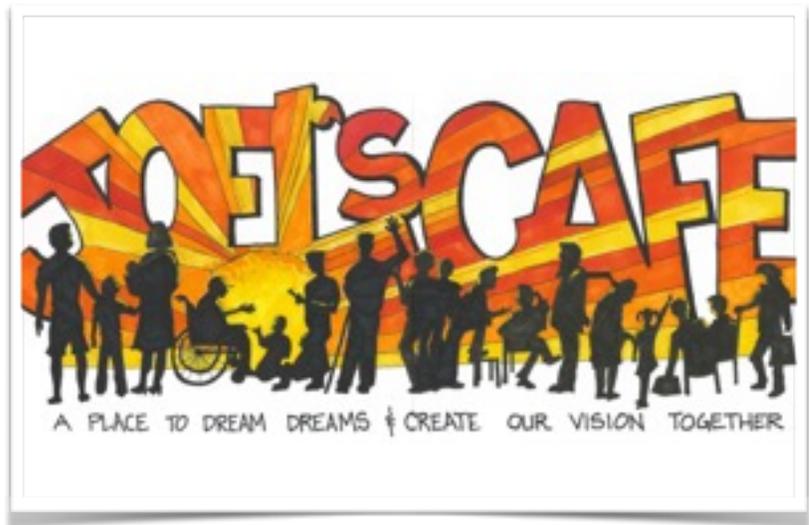
NAACP Event

The historic Mims House is located at 330 High Street, & our local chapter of the NAACP is having an event on Sunday, May 29th, from 1pm - 4pm to celebrate the history of communities of color here in Eugene. I hope to see you there!

Walk Against Gun Violence

Our local chapter of "Mom's Demand Action" against gun violence is organizing a walk to city hall on Tuesday, June 2nd. Meet in the church lobby at 5pm, and be a part of making Eugene a safer place for all people.

Joel's Cafe is Upon Us!



Well, it is almost here! Monday, June 6th is going to be a great evening of dreaming together, and as a community casting a vision to send us into a future of transforming ministry here in Eugene. We have some great outside facilitators who have given of their time to help us through the process, and we have a great collection of RSVP's so far!

We hope you are planning to join us - the pizza arrives at 5:15pm!

Concert this Sunday!

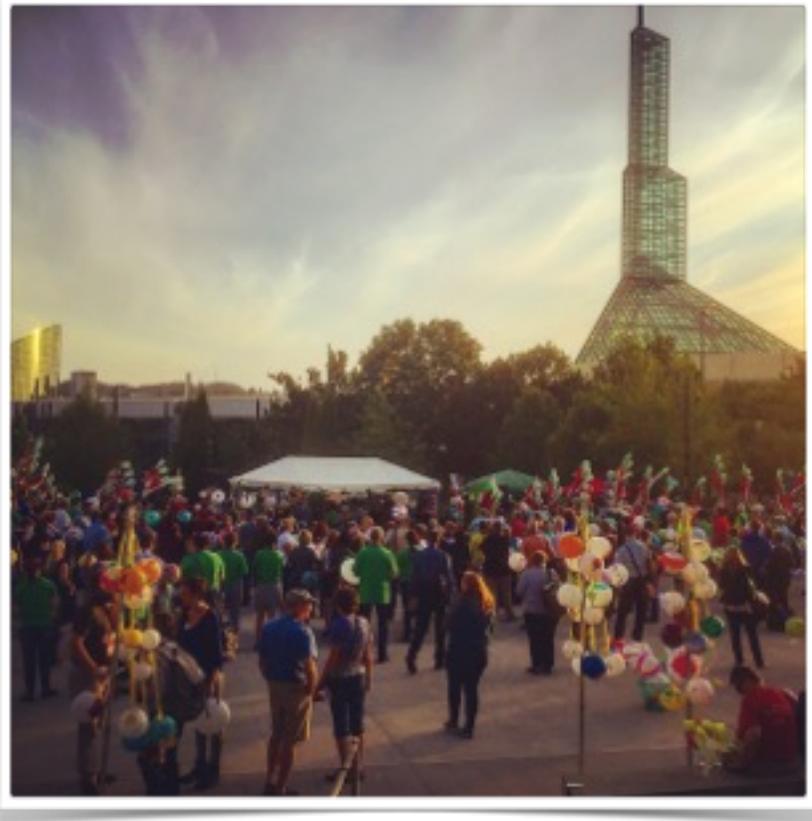
A wonderful thing that thanks to Concerts at First we are joined this Sunday by Guy & Nadina on trumpet and bassoon, who along with Julia on organ, will bring us an incredible concert in the sanctuary at 4pm. And how great, that Guy and Nadina will also be playing in worship Sunday morning! What a wonderful gift!



General Conference and Human Sexuality

For the past several General Conferences, questions about human sexuality & concerns for how our denomination treats lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender people has been the cause of much pain & discord. Sadly, this was again the case in Portland:

- No changes were made those parts of our Book of Discipline that address human sexuality;
- There were many protests calling on our church to respond with love & grace to our LGBT brothers and sisters; and
- A resolution passed that called for bishop-appointed, global team to review matters of human sexuality, and report back as soon as a special general conference in 2018.



This was the scene outside the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, during the climate vigil the evening of Thursday, May 12th. It was a beautiful moment at General Conference - one of many beautiful moments. General Conference was filled with the best of United Methodist worship, and reports on incredible life-transforming ministry happening around the world.

It may reasonably be asked however, whether these Spirit-filled moments could repair the damage done by resolutions impacting our denomination’s stance towards LGBT people, decisions concerning women’s health, and an inability to move divestment legislation that many believed could be tools for justice in the Middle East, and powerful witness to our commitment to repair damage done to our planet’s climate.

There is much to keep in prayer, and I hope you will join us in worship this Sunday, where in my sermon I will be able to address more fully some of the challenges on the horizon. I am so grateful that I serve a church committed to full inclusion. God bless you and keep you this Memorial Day Weekend! ~ Pastor Adam