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necessary repairs, replacements, and improvements, the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference was raising funds for necessary repairs, replacements, and improvements at our camps. We are now joining those efforts, making a pledge to replace the boat dock at Camp Magruder. The old dock, damaged by winter storms is completely unusable. The Covenant Council voted in November to use some of our Mission 2050 funds for this purpose, sharing our resources with a camp that has touched so many lives through the years and will continue to do so for generations to come. So, on April 22nd – Camp Sunday – we will be taking a one time special offering for that boat dock. I hope you will join me in supporting this ministry. See you in worship, Debbie.

Food For Lane County



If this is February, it must be FRUIT - at least if you are riding the Food for Lane County bus! Of course, anything is appreciated. Having a hard time remembering to bring that canned or boxed food? Maybe this idea will help. Every first Sunday, we share bread and wine. That's a good time to remember to celebrate the ability to share bread with the larger community. First Sunday - Food First - at First UMC. You should know that because of all your generous contributions, FUMC has been nominated for the 2011 Justice of Eating Award by Food for Lane County. Keep up the good work.

Green Neighbors Faire ~ Saturday, March 3, 2012 ~ FREE 11 am to 2:30 pm at FUMC

Join your neighbors as we share resources and teach each other ways to make our homes, neighborhoods and communities safer, healthier, more resource efficient and more fun!

- ◆ Take part in hands-on skill building workshops;
- ◆ Connect with public & private organizations that have practical information you can use;
- ◆ Learn from panels hosted by local experts.

Before the Green Neighbors Faire

10:00 am to 11:00 am ~ Saturday, March 3

author Richard Heinberg will speak about his new book, *The End of Growth; Adapting to Our New Economic Reality* (suggested donation is \$5-10)

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Sunday, February 19, 2012

10 to 10 am ~ Songs & Celebration

10:00 am ~ Worship

8:00, 8:30, 11:15 am ~ Classes for all Ages

Sunday, February 26, 2012

10 to 10 am ~ Songs & Celebration

10:00 am ~ Worship

8:00, 8:30, 11:15 am ~ Classes for all Ages

4-6 pm Class ~ Believe Out Loud

From the Office ~ Name Tags

When you arrive at church on Sunday, February 19, you will notice that the **Name Tags** will have been moved. All name tags will be located in the Main Lobby (North Entrance) on rolling bulletin boards. The **Welcome Team** will be able to help you locate your name tag. The tags will be in alphabetical order.

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February 14, 2012

Dear Friends,

For the first time in many months there is no building permit on the front door of the church building! What this means of course is that the improvements and repairs to the building are complete. We have a new heating system that is keeping us toasty warm. We have new windows that are keeping the heat in. We are generating electricity with our solar array. And we have a new roof – not just on the sanctuary – on the entire building! WOW!

So let me thank you all for your continuing participation in Mission 2050. Through your gifts and pledges we have been able to finance the project without using the bank loan. With the loan from EWEB and the loan from our own Foundation and the cash on hand, we have been able to keep ahead of the construction costs. Of course, we have to pay those two loans back so keeping current on our pledges is important. Thank you to all who have supported this important project. And for any of you who were unable to make a pledge last year but now find yourself able to do so, it is not too late.

Let me also share with you the good news of our energy usage. We began this project when we learned that EWEB would no longer supply steam for its customers. We took the opportunity to lower our carbon footprint as we lowered our energy consumption. I am happy to report that in 2011, the first full year with the new heating system, better windows, and the solar array, we reduced our energy usage by 75%! In real dollars we went from \$49,899 in 2010 to \$12,718 in 2011. And we projected that we would produce about 30% of our electricity with the solar array. For 2011 we hit 40%! WOW!

While our local congregation was raising funds for these

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Thank You!

The Dining Room

Together, we have logged an amazing 265 volunteer hours in 2011 at the food for Lane County Dining Room!! Many thanks to all the generous people that have contributed to this mission. Please contact Jan Becker, 541-687-1950, if you can help with this very important mission.

Dear Member of FUMC,

Thank you so much for your continued support of OEDDO, our program in Cambodia. Without your support, we would not be able to continue this program. Just during this year I have heard that the children no longer fear being hungry any more and in fact believe there will be enough food for them. Plus they know that at times there will be fun times not to mention school of course. Until now many of the kids were not sure of this and often express worry about it. This is a huge change and one that I think make's it possible for the children to just be kids. Thank you!

Every day 165 children come to the center for their English classes along with 40 kids who are in class at the second vilage. They all rush over and are very enthusiastic about the class. This past year they have also learned some songs in English including some Christmas ones. They performed these carols at the first ever all school Christmas party. They come six days a week and after class they all enjoy playing on the playground equipment which is the only set in the area.

Thank you again, most sincerely, Betsy Guinn for OEDDO



We give God thanks for the life of

*Evelyn (Romig) Landforce
(mother of Dianne Reinmuth)*

*September 30, 1922 ~ February 4, 2012
"Thanks to all who kept her in their prayers!"*

*Ada Bardossi
February 10, 2012*



NEW VISIONS AT FIRST

Diana Butler Bass

Sunday, March 18, 2011



Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Paid: _____

(\$30 advance; \$35 day of; \$10 student)

Make checks payable to:

FUMC New Visions

(We can only accept cash or checks)

Mail to: First United Methodist Church
New Visions
1376 Olive Street
Eugene, OR 97401

Pre-registration deadline by mail:

Monday, March 12

After March 12, deliver to the church office.

Tickets will not be mailed. Admission may be paid at the door for \$35 on the day of the lecture.

More details can be found on the website:
www.eugenefumc.org

Announcements

♦ **FUMC Quilters ~ February 16** (3rd Thurs.) 9 am - 4 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your sewing machine, sewing supplies, and lunch. Join us for a fun day of creating lap size charity quilts. Some fabrics and batting provided. Contact Valorie Schuelke 541-343-4988.

♦ **Cancer Support Group ~ Tuesday, Feb. 21** Please join us if cancer has touched your life in any way. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. for a no-host brunch at the Original Pancake House. Contact Ronnie Egger, 541-344-2075 or JoAnn Zinniker, 541-683-5985.

♦ **Boy Scout Pancake Dinner ~ Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 5-7 pm, at FUMC.**
\$4 individual or \$12 family.



♦ **Covenant Council ~ Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 5:15-7 pm, church library.**

♦ **Blood Mobile ~ Sunday, February 26, 2012** Here's a super "inside out" activity. Donate blood— sign up after church in the Fellowship Hall, or call Gloria Bailey with your questions at 541-345-5392.

♦ **United Methodist Gathering ~ Tues., Feb 28, 9:30 am**



Jessi Rich will share with us her experience as an **UBUNTU Explorer in Brazil**. Our women helped pay her way to this short-term mission, working with Brazilian Methodist Women in their efforts to end violence against women, especially domestic violence and human trafficking. Come for coffee and Brazilian snacks,

stay for Jessi's presentation, participate in a brief business session. See, hear, and taste (!) UMW mission with today's women, children, and youth.

♦ **Quilting Retreat ~ April 17, 18 & 19**

Your level of quilting skill makes no difference. Cost for food & fabric. We have lots of fabric! Staying in two cabins in Yachats, making small quilts for children in our community. The first nine people to contact Debbie, 541-345-8764, will be on the list.



♦ **Health & Wellness Program (Tai Chi):** Monday & Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 am at FUMC. Open to All. Suggested donation \$5 per class. For more information contact Michael Vasquez at 541-708-1163.