

WILSHIRE UNITED METHODIST NATIVE AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP

March/April 2018

Greetings Wilshire,

Core Values, core values, CoRE vALueS.... You've heard that from your new pastor a lot lately. It is finished! Yes, we have prayerfully discerned that we believe this faith community is called to be about — **Connection, Love, Spirituality, and Tradition.**

This is an important step toward what we're becoming, while bringing forward the best of our past. Thank you for your hard work and input to get us here. These core values represent a significant foundation upon which Creator will impact the world. Clarifying the vision is our next step. As we begin to align everything, there will surely be some changes. We will talk a lot about what these values mean to us, and we will begin more and more to act in the direction the Spirit is leading us. These values will impact Wilshire's identity and purpose. They will also impact the larger community.

So take a few moments to celebrate. Unite your hearts around these values. Everyone who wants to be about connection, love, spiritual growth, and tradition, you're in the right place! Memorize them. Say a prayer. Store them up. Multiply them. Tell others. Give generously to help them be realized. Help us become these values for the neighborhood, Native People, PDX, ALL people, each other, and the world.

Here we go!

Blessings and Peace,
Allen

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees continues to address safety and maintenance issues around the church and property.

The Church Yard Sale will be held on July 6th and 7th this year. When you embark on “Spring Cleaning” set gently used items aside to sell at the yard sale. More information on this next issue.

A third bookshelf has been added in the Fellowship Hall. Mt. Hood Cherokees donated the bookshelf and books to the Library. Everyone is welcome to borrow books from the lending Library. Please use the clipboard to sign out your chosen book.

Next Trustees meeting will be March 11th at 10:30 am. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

Board of Trustees Chairperson,
Helen Stewart

FINANCE NEWS

Current bills and salaries have been paid and \$500 / month is being held in reserve for the property taxes on the parsonage.

Please continue to add your name to the Offering Envelope if you need documentation of your donation.

Financial Secretary,
Helen Stewart

MISSION and OUTREACH

Please continue to bring non-perishable food for the Backpack Program and Mainspring Portland. In January and February Wilshire UMNAF donated 48 lbs. of food, 409 lbs. of clothing, and 4 lbs. of household/personal items to Mainspring Portland.

Drop off donations in the baskets in the Fellowship Hall corner. Food can also be left in the basket in front of the altar.

HISTORIAN NEWS

Helen Iles has completed the scrapbooks for 2017. Several books were on display in January. It is fun to look back on previous years, such memories!

THE BOTTLE & CAN LADY (Helen I.)



Helen has redeemed \$622.90 so far this year, 2018. January's total was \$378.30 and February's total \$244.60. The proceeds are sent to the Oregon-Idaho Conference for our Shared Giving Apportionment request. Remember tea and juice containers have been given redeemable status. Watch for the OR designation on the container. Helen could use help sorting and lifting on Thursday mornings, let her know if you are available to assist.

Music at WUMNAF

JOIN THE CHOIR

We have one more rehearsal before we share music with the congregation on Palm Sunday and Easter. What better way to help bring the Easter season in! Please join us on March 18 at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary for practice. We'd love to have you!

Calling all CHILDREN and YOUTH

Eastertide is a special season in the church and we'd like you to help us! On Palm Sunday, March 25th, we'd like to you to come at 10:55 am to pick up your Palms. During the first part of the service you'll walk in, waving your palms, just like the people in Jesus' time did.

On Easter Sunday, April 1st, we'll be asking you to share something special with the congregation during your young disciples' time. Join us on these two special Sundays!

Submitted by,
Janell Collier

WILSHIRE SEWING GROUP

The sewing circle meets on Monday afternoons from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. All are welcome! Comfort quilts and aprons are current projects. We have fabric and notions available. If you plan to come, call Helen Stewart (503-282-6431) or Bobbie Edwards (503-708-7865) (we don't always hear the doorbell).

News of the United Methodist Women

The Columbia District UMW held its annual Every Member Enrichment Event at the Parkrose U. Methodist Church on March 10, 2018. Six individuals from Wilshire UMNAF attended and were treated to warm hospitality, an informative program, a delicious lunch and great learning opportunities. Audra Hudson presented "The Immigrants in Our Midst" program, expanding our understanding of the human toll extracted by our broken system. Audra currently works with refugees and immigrants at The Tacoma Community House, a UMW mission in existence for over 100 years. (Moneys & supplies collected at the event were gifted to this effort). The p.m. Enrichment Fair included information on Social Action initiatives such as gun violence, DACA, and human trafficking. A presentation on The Way Forward sheds light on the United Methodist Church's journey toward full LGBTQ inclusion. Always enlightening, the UMW Reading Program book table included a selection of new adult & children's books. Morning devotions and closing prayer time were offered by our own Pastor Gloria Marple.

Did you know that our church has a selection of UMW Reading Program books in the small room in back of the fellowship hall?.....highly recommended fiction & non-fiction books for browsing or checking out. Two new selections will be included soon: "An Indigenous People's History of the United States" by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz & "America's Original Sin, Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America"

by Jim Wallis. (Keep track of the books you've read from the UMW Reading list and our unit receives credit and recognition at next year's event).

Don't forget to put these dates on your calendar:

Friday, April 6, our church will host the Church Women United Program and Luncheon (we can provide help with serving hospitality & lunch);

Saturday, April 14, Unit meeting at the church;

Saturday, April 21- UMW Spiritual Retreat at the Collins Retreat Center (we can carpool);

Saturday, April 28 - UMW Plant Sale & Indian Taco sale here at the church.

Respectfully,
Loretta Milton

Please join us
Wilshire United Methodist
Native American Fellowship
Annual
**Plant Sale & Indian Taco
Sale**



WHEN: Saturday - April 28th, 2018

WHERE: 3917 NE Shaver Street

Portland, OR (503) 282-6431

TIME: 10am - 3:00 pm (Plant Sale)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Indian Taco Sale)

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

**Use ramp door at rear. Please bring bottles and soda cans
for recycling to this event.**

Trimet Bus #75 42nd & Shaver St. NB #7529 SB #7530



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

16th Ed Edmo

17th Linda Meanus

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4th Ramzees Gallegos

6th Gloria Marple

20th Lois Chilcott

21st Helen Iles

26th Birdie Wermey

29th Joseph Chardborn

HEALING NOTES

Our new program: Healing Notes: Native American-Style Flute Music for Healing & Transition is underway! Healing Notes is a service for healing; special gatherings and celebrations; birthing; convalescence (home or facility) from illness or injury; death, dying and grieving; hospice; funerals, weddings, etc. Stephanie will travel to you and play the Native American Flute for you or your loved one(s). The potential benefits of music in a healing setting are calming, soothing, relief from pain, alleviation of distress, peace and relaxation. Reading, conversation, and smudging are also available upon request. All visits are strictly confidential. There is no charge for this service; funds for this program are provided by grants and voluntary love donations. This service is open to all ages, ethnicities, creeds, and spiritualities; it is nondenominational and there is no proselytizing. If you are interested in this service, please call Stephanie at the number during the hours below. If you need brochures, please contact either Stephanie or Helen Stewart of the Board of Trustees. Please don't hesitate to call Stephanie at (503) 846-1755 between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., if you have any questions or concerns.

-Stephanie Baldrige

PRAYER TREE

Should you, or anyone that you know, be seriously ill, coming up for surgery, convalescing, dying, etc., please help us activate the Prayer Tree by calling Stephanie at (503) 846-1755 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or e-mailing her at: alaria@syryn.net. In this way, we can notify everyone quickly and easily, and put all of our collective prayers to work!

-Stephanie Baldrige

Cascadia Flute Circle

Don't forget to visit www.cascadiaflutecircle.org for a wealth of Native American cultural information and traditional (as well as non-traditional) recipes. We're not just about Native American Flutes! Please contact Stephanie at alaria@syrinx.net

or (503) 846-1755 if you would like more info on Cascadia Flute Circle, Native American Flute presentations/lectures, lessons, concerts, weddings, funerals, etc.

Stephanie is also doing Native American Flute lessons online. Please visit www.nativeamericanflutelessons.com, or contact Stephanie for more information.

WILSHIRE
United Methodist Native American Fellowship
VISION and MISSION STATEMENT

See below for Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship new Vision and Mission statements

Vision

Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship is a home for all to gain strength, comfort, understanding and guidance, celebrating living in Creator's world. The fellowship will be a bridge between traditions, generations and beliefs.

Mission

Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship's Mission is to bring children and elders together to share Christian and Spiritual traditions

These are works in progress.....please see Church Task Force if you have questions or input on the statements. You are also welcome to attend the Church Task Force meetings.

Sundays Worship
11:00 AM Potluck and
Fellowship following
the service

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10 am - UMW meeting
4 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Potluck	5 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	6 Boy Scouts - 6pm	7 7PM Barbershop	8 Flute Lessons 7 PM	9	10 Mt. Hood Cherokees 11am - 1pm
11 10:30 AM Trustees 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Potluck	12 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	13 Boy Scouts - 6pm	14 6:30 PM Medicine Bag Craft Night 7PM Barbershop	15 Flute Lessons 7 PM	16	17
18 10:15 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Potluck	19 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	20 Boy Scouts - 6pm	21 7PM Barbershop	22 Flute Lessons 7 PM	23	24
25 PALM Sunday 10:15 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Potluck	26 Sewing Circle 1:30 PM Flute Lessons 7 PM	27 Boy Scouts - 6pm	28 7PM Barbershop	29 6:30pm Holy Thursday Service (Soup & Bread)	30 Good Friday	31 Passover

April 2017

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1 EASTER SUNDAY 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM Potluck	2	3	4	5	6 UMW will host CWU @ Wilshire - 10am	7
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