Here is some of what I learned from the Northwest Leadership Institute: “Restart the Church” in Boise, Idaho, March 13-14:

It is easier to prolong the death, than to restart. Death comes before the resurrection. Be willing to die and then die. From that place, look for God’s resurrecting places. Go there and watch what God does.

We are living in the land in-between (Egypt and the Promised Land). It is a land of complaint (manna, manna, manna) and questions (Are we there yet?). It is the wilderness. God wants to provide for us in the “land in-between.” It is where God calls us.

The screen in the worship space needs to be used creatively, not as a giant piece of paper. If you lose someone’s attention in worship, it may take up to 20 minutes to get it back. Transitions are important!

Contemporary metaphors are critical in expressing an abstract story, thought, idea in a tangible way. When we use current metaphors, then the culture becomes a reminder of the sacred.

Is worship the same every Sunday? Where’s the intrigue? We are wired for image! We are wired for creativity! Has your worship lost its intrigue? Demonstrate rather than debate. Lead with the “wow” rather than the “why.” The Bible talks about change all the time. What are you doing that is new?

Restarting starts with you -- yes, you. You are the first order of change. We are to restart our lives. Your church will not change unless you do. It will take courage; failing fast, big and doing it again; creativity; falling in love again and going deep.

Lead from the center of the room. Lead who shows up. Love the person in front of you. An undisclosed expectation is a premeditated resentment.

What is your “circuit” in your community? Where do you go regularly to hang out and be present? Where are your places of ministry in your community?

(Gleaned from presentations by Dottie Escobedo-Frank, Rudy Rasmus, Jason Moore, and Duane Anders.)
## District Superintendent April Schedule

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### Blogs Worth a Look

Visit the blogs below ~ Stay connected to vital ministries, drink in creative ideas, soak up new knowledge!

Bishop Grant Hagiya  
Rev. Steve Ross  
Cesie Delve Scheuermann  
Rev. Eilidh Lowery  
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New Church Start

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### Support Imagine No Malaria During 2014 Annual Conference Session

Sneak peak: we’re planning a 5K walk/run to benefit Imagine No Malaria during our 2014 Annual Conference in Salem. This event is one way that we can reach out to the public and invite them to partner with us in the fight against malaria. Registration will open in mid-April. Volunteers will be our key to success! If you could lend a hand for a few hours on the morning of Saturday, June 14th, please email Julia at inm@greaternw.org  

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Ministry Marketplace Applications Due May 10

Once again we will be offering the Ministry Marketplace as a way to carry out the theme of Annual Conference, “What’s Our Next Act?” We have been blessed by a number of interesting and diverse displays over the years that showcase the wide range of United Methodist ministries and resources for ministry and enhance the Annual Conference experience. In order to fulfill this purpose, policies and procedures have been established for the 2014 Ministry Marketplace.

All participants in the Ministry Marketplace shall meet the requirements of one of the following categories: Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference organizations, including churches, districts, and Annual Conference related organizations; other United Methodist related organizations at any level; or commercial organizations offering goods and/or services to churches. Educational institutions must be United Methodist related or certified by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Leadership Day Open to All

Non-conference members are invited to come hear this dynamic speaker

Brian D. McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is an ecumenical global networker among innovative Christian leaders.

Bishop Grant Hagiya has invited McLaren to come to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to talk with clergy and lay leaders about ways they can continue to embrace a new form of ministry as they look for new models of engaging in the mission field and making disciples. McLaren will share about practical and successful models of ministry and the process of transitioning to a missional model of being church. Bishop Hagiya invites anyone interested in learning more about how the church can become new again and embrace change as a pathway to transforming the world to attend this exciting opportunity.

Saturday, June 14, will be a day for all conference members to hear McLaren. The event is open to anyone to attend. There is a $25 fee for non-conference members. Tickets will be available at the door, or you can register in advance (and order lunch) on the visitor registration page which will be available in early April. Learn more at www.brianmclaren.net.

Bring Your UMCOR Kits to AC

By The Reverend Brian Diggs, Director of UMCOR West Office and Depot

Each year the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides much needed and free transportation of all UMCOR West humanitarian kits and their components for two of the Western Jurisdiction annual conferences of the United Methodist Church. This year the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference has been selected as one of those conferences!

UMCOR West Office and Depot is located in Salt Lake City, Utah, and serves as a national United Methodist humanitarian mission in the Western Jurisdiction. Since opening in 2009, UMCOR West has welcomed church
mission teams from across the country who gather, package, and shelve disaster relief materials which are distributed across the globe in times of need. For more information please visit www.umcor.org and click on Relief Supplies. There one can see the seven different kits we build and send as well as videos that show how UMCOR kits are built.

This year we are focusing on Layette kits, Sewing kits, and Health kits. However, any of the kits or components of kits brought to the Annual Conference in Salem, OR will be loaded on Saturday, June 14st at noon in a truck and transported back to Salt Lake City.

Please consider bringing as many kits and or kit components this year as a way to eliminate the costs of sending them to Utah and as a way of furthering the cooperative efforts between the LDS Church and the United Methodist Church.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

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Are you keeping your appointments?

By David Armstrong, District Lay Leader

So after knowing for a while that Ruth would be moving this year, this last Sunday the announcement was made in both churches: starting July 1, 2014, Ruth will be serving Trinity UMC in Idaho Falls, ID. This will be our 4th appointment, and having a bit of advance notice has really caused me to reflect on the appointment process, and the many moving parts in this essential segment of UMC polity.

I’m not going to go into the pros and cons of the appointment system; that’s for another day. What I want to highlight is how incredibly difficult it is for the Bishop and Cabinet to figure out how the giant jigsaw puzzle needs to fit together. I don’t envy their task, and I’m eternally grateful that the Holy Spirit sits in on the Appointive Cabinet meetings. I’m not sure they could accomplish their daunting task, year after year, without her guidance and strength.

What I really want to talk about is the role laity play in our yearly dance of itinerancy. Your church is either preparing your current pastor for their next appointment, or saying goodbye to your current pastor and welcoming a new one. What are you doing to make that process as fulfilling as possible for all involved? Lay people have a huge role!

The most important role for laity, in my opinion, is equipping your pastor for their next church. Now, I can hear many of you saying, “Wait! What about our church?” The beautiful part is that the things that help your church, right here and now, are exactly the same things that will help your pastor get ready for their next appointment. We all know that in the UMC, the current pastor will get moved at some point; if we just acknowledge that reality and keep pushing forward, we can make both the present and the future way more fruitful for both the congregation and the pastor. Just as churches need to change and grow and figure out how to continually serve those around them, pastors need to change and grow too. Help them to try new things while you give them the benefit of your wisdom that extends long before that pastor walked through your door. Laity are the glue.

If you’re going through a pastoral change this year, your role is even more important. Even your most well-loved pastor will move on eventually; often that has nothing to do with your performance or theirs; it’s just time to move. Be gracious and loving, even if your pastor wasn’t your favorite; be assured they were struggling just like you were. They deserve to be sent off with as much goodwill and care as you can muster.

When you find out who your new pastor will be, make sure to be welcoming even as you’re mourning the beloved former pastor. The Cabinet spent many hours discerning the best fit for your congregation and the new pastor; you owe it to them and yourselves to embrace the new pastor, and to give him or her a chance to get settled and catch their breath before you start bombarding them with all the things you’re certain need to change or need to stay the same. A bit of patience can work wonders. They will lead you if you’ll give them a chance.
Lastly, know that your church is strong and vital regardless of the clergy, but is made stronger and more vital when you and your clergy are working together. The appointive process isn’t perfect, but it has served the Church well for about 300 years now. If we all play our part and pray mightily, God can make it all work, right there in your congregation and your city.

Keep your appointments, with God, with your clergy, with your community, and with each other. Now more than ever, we need to be sharing and working toward our common goals. May God bless your work, both inside and outside your church.

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**Crater Lake District Intercessory Prayer List**

You are invited to offer prayers of intercession for the following churches, clergy, and lay leaders on the dates indicated. Pastors are encouraged to mention these people during intercessory prayer time during morning worship.

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**Monthly Ministry to the Homeless**

Wesley United Methodist Church in Eugene has joined forces with other local organizations to provide housing for those struggling to get back on their feet and into permanent housing. To give that needed hand up, they provide temporary housing in Conestoga huts. These units are 6 x 10 feet and provide a sturdy shelter from the elements. You can read more about them [here](#). In the March edition of the church newsletter they report:

Your Wesley Wagon Team is pleased to report that our guest Patrick in Conestoga #1 has moved to better housing and now has a steady job. He told us that because we were able to provide 4 months of safe and clean housing it really helped him to move away from his homeless status and to a much better lifestyle.

Our other guest, Peleg, residing in Conestoga #2 is looking forward to moving into better housing soon. He has had medical problems but now has health insurance and is saving money for his move. He feels that his stay with us has given him the confidence to move forward and seek better housing.
Tribute to a Beloved Pastor

The Reverend Bob Adams served Fort Klamath United Methodist Church for the past 15 years.

Father to many; mentor to more. Father Bob Adams not only talked the words of faith and love, he also walked the walk. He gave an ear for listening, a voice to honesty, and a hearty laugh over life’s foibles to help us learn and understand the lessons of compassion, trust and joy.

Rev. Robert Ober (Father Bob) Adams, 82, of Sprague River went home March 12, 2014. In his final months, he was supported and enveloped by a family he gathered and forged, including two surviving sisters, Kate (Rob) and Becky (Dave), seven children, Diana (Tom), Becky (Larry), Heather (Michael), Melinda, Katharine, Joni (Jeff), and Doug (Debra), 17 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. During this time our brother, father and grandfather, Bob, taught us one final lesson of giving up control, but never giving up hope of accepting love and of living in faith. His final homily, offered in the hospital to his care team hours before his final breath, encouraged one to live life to the fullest with love in service.

Rev. Martha Hurlburt assisted by local clergy, (celebrated) Bob's homecoming service of thanksgiving in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 1 p.m. with a reception following. Interment with military honors (was) at 4 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements (were) handled by O'Hair Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be offered to local causes that support God's work among His people.

Bob was born to Jim and Kay Adams in San Francisco, California, during the Great Depression. Jim, a World War II pilot and prisoner of war, was a successful attorney, and Bob enjoyed an idyllic childhood in Marin County with his four siblings, Doug, Kate, Helen and Becky and two cousins, Bill and Ernie. Then World War II intervened and his family moved first to Washington, D.C., and then, when his father deployed to the Pacific at the age of 48, to Winnetka, Ill. There Bob gained more cousins, Pete, Mike, Toby and John, and learned from his Grandpa Tad about how to be the "man of the house" while attending North Shore Country Day School as his mother had over 20 years before.

After V-J Day, the family returned to the San Francisco Bay area, but Bob soon was sent to The Thacher School, a boys-only school in Ojai, California. He excelled at athletics and by graduation was tall, strong and confident. But Bob still searched for his purpose. He tried college, he served in the Army, he competed in baseball and soccer, he sang opera and, despite the fun or hard work, all left him feeling slightly empty (although he treasured his Army time, learning leadership as a corporal and logistics as a quartermaster). He worked in an ice cream shop, on a railroad construction crew, and as a taxi driver on the streets of San Francisco. Still he searched. It was only when he had a conversation with his Lord on a mountain in Okinawa during his Army service that he recognized the call as an answer that fit him.

He finished college, entered seminary and was ordained an Episcopal priest by Bishop James Pike in 1962. Bob also found love. He married Gayle Biehl and they had five children in five years. Life as a priest usually meant parish work, and for 16 years, Bob served as a parish priest throughout the Diocese of California, first at the San Ardo/Lockwood Mission, then Christ Church in Alameda, St. Alban's in Los Banos (where he first served as rector), Holy Family in Half Moon Bay, and Grace Church in Martinez. These were formative years for him as a priest and as an activist. In the Central Valley, he worked with Cesar Chavez in support of farm workers while serving communion on Sundays to ranchers and farmers.

The next few years were tumultuous. His marriage ended, he served as rector for three parishes and he met, fell in love with, and married Camilla Pearsall Hudson, thereby adding two daughters to his family. He shared his love of baseball with his children, especially his daughters, and his love for the outdoors with his grandchildren. He celebrated marriages and comforted during divorce. Life was rich and complex, sad and joyous, all at the same time. He provided perspective to young children, rebellious teens and searching adults. He was a parent who insisted but never judged, who could be hurt but never retaliated, whose larger-than-life personality was exceeded by the size of his heart. His own struggles informed his lessons to his family and those he ministered to and, although sometimes tough to receive, the lessons always felt authentic and were delivered with love. His words were solace to many, as they reminded that God is with us, especially in the tough times.
After a decade and a half, Bob's work as a parish priest, although important, began to feel stale. Once again, he searched. Once again, the answer found him as he created a halfway house in his own home, helping just-released former prisoners successfully re-enter society. This was challenging, exhilarating, fulfilling work. Bob had found his second call. He quickly became known in the diocese and local community for his prison and addiction ministry. He served as executive director of the Henry Ohlhoff House, a diocese-run halfway house in San Francisco, for nearly a decade. He then joined the San Mateo Service League, coordinating and providing religious services in the jails of San Mateo County. This position allowed him direct contact with the prisoners and the guards, helping individuals - God's children - through tough transitions.

His prison and addiction ministries were the second act of his vocational career, which ended when he joined his wife, Camilla, and her mother, Joan, in their little piece of paradise in the high mesa of Southern Oregon overlooking the Sprague River Valley. Retiring as an "active" priest, Bob again searched for his purpose. Bob had planned to fish, to write and to enjoy the beauty of the Southern Oregon wilderness. But as occurred twice before, his call during the third act of his vocational life instead found him. Bob did enjoy Southern Oregon because he was always on the highways and byways of the greater Klamath Basin and beyond, first in his Jeep and then in his sister's Pathfinder. He wrote for the people of his many parishes - Sprague River Friends, St. Luke's, St Paul's, St. Bartholomew's, and Fort Klamath United Methodist - through his sermons and his poetry. He fished with nets of love and discipline, compassion and persistence, availability and endurance, trust and truth. He could not and would not be worn down when there was another person he could help reach the potential Bob saw in him or her, another soul to encourage to learn to love God and neighbor.

Bob knew - and taught - that love is a gift of grace, but also a gift that requires our consistent care and nourishing, lest it wither. These are human actions Father (and father) Bob would say, that are learned through our experience, reflection and faith. So during a life lived to the fullest with love, and in service, Bob found his final niche as a teacher, living and working in the footsteps of the one great teacher with whom he is now walking home. "There is a purpose for this day, a meaning that transforms Our heart from fear and darkness into light and faith and hope." (quote by Father Bob Adams)

I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for the minds and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Whenever we get to lead a campus ministry themed service [and we love to!], students share what is important to them about the Wesley Center. Inevitably some student says, "I came for the food," and everyone laughs. Sometimes they add that finding themselves fed is kinda like meeting Jesus. Usually that gets another laugh or smile. But now, more than ever, it's not a joke . . . .

Having been at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Oregon for over seven years now, very little surprises me. However, I don't always expect to be so very right. I am not so arrogant as to think that my perspective will be supported by a clinical study receiving accolades from across the country.

Many news outlets across the country have focused on hunger in the student populations of colleges and universities. In fact, a recent study shows that hunger among college students is at an all-time high. The fact
that this study was by conducted by OSU this past year underscores the urgency of now in responding to student hunger here in Oregon. The study indicated that:

- Nearly six in 10 students at an Oregon university could not afford to get enough healthy food - a problem that threatens their school performance as well as their physical and emotional health.
- Rising tuition fees, low incomes and a lack of food and social support systems -- such as food stamps -- are some of the reasons for this high level of "food insecurity" among students, according to the study authors.
- The researchers surveyed students at an Oregon university [not OSU] and found that 59 percent reported having difficulty getting enough healthy food. That figure is about four times higher than the nearly 15 percent of U.S. households that report lacking enough food and having fear of hunger.
- Having a job did not eliminate the risk. Students who reported food concerns worked an average of 18 hours a week -- some worked as many as 42 hours a week -- but their financial demands more than consumed that income.
- In the past three decades, the cost of higher education in the United States has increased more than inflation, more than the cost of living and medical expenses, according to the authors. The study was released online this month in advance of print publication in the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.

"Based on other research that's been done, we expected some amount of food concerns among college students," Daniel Lopez-Cevallos, associate director of research at Oregon State University's Center for Latino/Latina Studies and Engagement, said in a university news release. "But it was shocking to find food insecurity of this severity."

"For past generations, students living on a lean budget might have just considered it part of the college experience, a transitory thing," lead author Megan Patton-Lopez, of the Benton County Health Department in Oregon, said in the news release. "But rising costs of education are now affecting more people," she added. "And for many of these students who are coming from low-income families and attending college for the first time, this may be a continuation of food insecurity they've known before. It becomes a way of life, and they don't have as many resources to help them out."

Friends, in the past seven years at the Wesley Center, we have provided over 2500 meals for students and young adults from the University of Oregon, Northwest Christian University, and Lane County College. We have planned the meals to have healthy, balanced components.

We have also supported and helped inaugurate a food pantry for students. When the students share with you that "the food" is why they came to Wesley, it may seem like a joke, but it really isn't.

College is not like it was for most of us. Many students must choose between basic needs and books or tuition. I have seen the hunger of students. I have spoken to so many that had been “living on Ramen or boxed mac and cheese.” Scholarships do not cover the need; food stamps are not always available.

I have often gone into the freezer to send home some protein or frozen veggies after meeting with a desperate student. BUT - with your help, United Methodists are reaching out. So how can you help?

- **Volunteer or Give.** Download this invitation sheet to read about ways you, your UMW or UMM or small group can help provide meals for students. The average evening meal costs between $30 and $50. Lunches are $25-$30. [These costs are food alone and do not reflect the costs of the lights, the building and the staff - mostly me 😊]. Every bit helps.
• Invite the Wesley Center to lead worship and share a “love gift.” We would love to come and talk with you. We have some gifted students who can share insight, energy, and faith.

• Invite the Wesley Center to do a “Safe Sanctuaries Service.” We have done over 40 of these in the past few years and can help. We can work out costs in such a way that you support campus ministry and comply with Conference policy!

• Offer to volunteer - we have spots for ongoing volunteers and are looking for you!

Please help us feed students. Through your gifts, their lives are blessed and enriched. The meals reach people at the point of their need.

Kinda like meeting Jesus.

YNF 2014: Deep Connections
By Anna Eckelbarger Salas, District Youth Coordinator

Youth ‘N Fusion on March 14th-16 was an amazing time with an awesome bunch of people seeking God in the everyday things. Around 40 students and adults from Methodist churches across the district participated in and facilitated the event. YNF 2014 was focused on one clear thing: starting to figure out how God is connected to our not-at-church life.

This topic, along with our theme passage of Romans 8:38-39, not only connected with our students, but some walked away feeling something new. John Foltz, a 6th grader from Corvallis FUMC, shared this:

Something very important happened this weekend. It is something that had been happening my whole life…but didn’t really understand until this weekend. God is always with you wherever you go. God is always watching what you do, seeing what you do, and always loving you. Every Sunday and Tuesday I would come to church to really think about God. But once I left church I forgot that He is with me. It is important for people to remember that He is always there, watching over you. Church is not the only place for people to praise the Lord, they can do it everywhere.

Not only did we delve deep in learning, we also invested in relationship, played, and served together. We spent time with the Heartland Humane Society, cleaning up Tunison Park, painting at the Jackson Street Youth Shelter and Jammin’ for the Hungry. It is easy to say that the youth at YNF got the chance to impact Corvallis in a real way.

We are already thinking about next year and can’t wait to head to the Southern part of the district! Thanks to everyone who participated in this fantastic time of connecting and intentional spiritual formation. Follow us on Facebook and our blog to find out more.
Now Hiring Summer Support Staff!

Support the camping ministry of Camp Latgawa by providing Christian hospitality through helping prepare meals and assisting with camp activities, including basic maintenance, housekeeping, program areas, and office tasks.

**JOB DUTIES:**
- Participate in training event(s) prior to camp and continuing education during camp
- Assist with preparation of meals and clean up
- Support camp logistics and provide a consistent quality for routine activities like mealtimes with campers, snacks, cabin/shower house cleanup, coordinating special events
- Organize, lead and/or assist with camp activities including lifeguarding (per certification)
- Help with camp clean-up/housekeeping after campers depart from camp

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS:**
- Oregon State Food Handler’s Permit
- Certification in CPR and First Aid (American Red Cross or equivalent)
- Minimally 18 years of age or high school graduate
- Current Lifeguarding Certification *(desired)*

**DETAILS:**
- Tentative Employment Dates: June 9-August 25, 2014, plus prior training days
- $1,900 compensation, including full room and board

Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Apply early to better guarantee availability.

Send resume and cover letter to:
Lisa Marie Ryder
13250 South Fork Little Butte Creek Road
Eagle Point, OR 97524
latgawa@gocamping.org

Help for Washington Landslide Victims

We can add our prayers and gifts to support our brothers and sisters in Washington who have been hurt by the landslide. Send your gifts through your local United Methodist Church with "PNW Disaster Response Advance Special #325" in the memo. Material goods like food or clothing are not needed at this time. 100% of your gift will go to aid the victims. Thank you very much!
Jennifer Lewallen is a volunteer at Salem First United Methodist Church with a passion for Imagine No Malaria. Since the beginning of Advent, her church has raised more than $4000 for the cause. I called her to ask her how she’d done it. “Oh, it was easy!” she told me. That’s not what I expected to hear about a $4000 effort. But Jennifer says that Imagine No Malaria is compelling enough that, as long as you keep it in front of people, they will want to give. Tell the story, and it sells itself.

The first Sunday in Advent, Jennifer handed out bright green Imagine No Malaria bracelets during the service. Local churches can order up to 100 bracelets free of charge from the UMC Shop website. “The bracelets are very good visuals for people,” Jennifer says. Even if people don’t want to wear them, they can use them to start a conversation and then give them away to someone with an invitation to visit www.imaginenomalaria.org.

Throughout Advent, the Salem church created displays and printed bulletin inserts. Kids in Sunday School made pipe-cleaner mosquitos, which they used to decorate a tree in the fellowship hall. “We plastered brochures and posters all over the church,” says Jennifer. “There’s so much free stuff on the Imagine No Malaria website, it’s great!”

On Christmas Eve, Salem FUMC pastor Dan Pitney dedicated 50% of the offering to Imagine No Malaria (and 50% to other mission projects). The Advent offering was a huge success, and some people even felt called to keep giving after Advent was finished! “We have a passion for this,” says Jennifer. “United Methodists globally are together on this project, and we can do so much when we’re one big family.”

Salem FUMC has saved more than 400 lives already, and they continue to support Imagine No Malaria. On April 2nd, they will host a training workshop for people who want to help their local churches get involved. Can you attend? Do you want to make a difference? You might be surprised at how easy it is.

Jim Monroe writes in his recent article (March 13):

**WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES! HERE WE ARE, ONE YEAR LATER!**

March Madness is gripping the US as folks enter office pools, family fantasy leagues, and make friendly wagers with family and friends. Most everyone will have a basketball team to root for. More power to it all!

But just remember that in the midst of March Madness, March Miracles reign supreme in Maua!

He shares about a multitude of miracles including this one:

A year ago, Linet (pictured right) was working as a patient representative in our OPD (Out-Patient Department, or ER). She still is, but now, a year later, she has learned to use a computer...quite an accomplishment. Her injuries resulting from domestic abuse are not slowing her down one iota! If you had stood at her side the night she was brought near death to our OPD you would truly understand the meaning of "miracle"!

Click here to read about the many miracles that took place over the past year in Maua. It is truly amazing!
John Nilsen to play Benefit Concert for Kenya Mission Team

The piano music of John Nilsen will be the featured entertainment for an April 4th benefit concert to raise funds for the 2014 United Methodist Volunteer in Mission team going to Maua and Meru Kenya. In addition to Nilsen’s music, the team will share about the trip, and a silent auction will provide opportunities to bid on vacation, entertainment, craft, and art items. Tickets are $25 for the concert, auction, and refreshments. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. with the auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Morningside United Methodist Church, 3674 12th Street SE in Salem, Oregon is hosting the event. Team members for the trip come from across the conference including, Boise, Hermiston, Portland, Keizer, Salem, Albany and Ashland. Download a poster. More information about the team and trip can be found on their Facebook page. “Like” the page to get updates on the trip, and make a donation if you won’t be able to attend the concert.

New Visions at First Welcomes John Dominic Crossan

THE POWER OF PARABLE
A story that never happened but always does

Saturday, April 12, 2014
Lectures at 1:00 & 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 13, 2014
Lectures at 2:00 & 4:00 pm

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Oregon-Idaho Reconciling United Methodists

YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING of Oregon-Idaho Reconciling United Methodists (OI RUMs) on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Madras United Methodist Church. Gather and greet at 9:45 a.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m. Bring a dish to share at the potluck luncheon, then stay for the business session at 12:30 followed by worship at 2:00. Find more information here.
Plan to Observe Native American Ministries Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Native American Ministries Sunday nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. This Special Sunday is scheduled for May 4, but your church can choose any Sunday that works for you. Learn more, order free resources, or donate online.

Laity Roundtable
A Free Event Open to All Laity

Bring your dreams and ideas to the Laity Roundtable on April 26, at First United Methodist Church in Roseburg. The Roundtable is offered twice a year, meeting in a different district each time. All laity are welcome to gather with conference lay leader Mary Foote, district lay leaders, district lay servant ministry coordinators, and lay assigned pastors.

The morning program will center around Imagine No Malaria (INM) with an update on our conference commitment to this vital cause. A special presentation will be made by Emilie Kroen, lay member of Tualatin UMC and chair of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Steering Committee for INM; and Julia Frisbie, Field Coordinator for INM in the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area. Come and learn about how Imagine No Malaria can transform lives! Get an in-depth look at the reality of malaria and our strategy to end preventable deaths. Learn about how churches across the conference are engaging with this campaign and pick up tools to help your church get involved!

Following lunch will be an opportunity to share in conversation about events in local settings. Conference Lay Leader Mary Foote says, “At the first Laity Roundtable, each district represented (amazingly all 4 were there) had the floor to promote up-coming events, discuss where they saw God at work, and either offer expertise (ex. the ability to lead a class) or ask for help with a problem. Relationships were made. I'm hoping getting to know each other even a little better will be a help for some of our isolated folks and lay assigned folks.”

11:00-12:00 ~ Imagine No Malaria Presentation
12:00-1:00 ~ Lunch (Please bring a sack lunch)
1:00-3:00 ~ Open Discussion (may end earlier than 3:00)

For more information, contact Mary Foote

This is a FREE event but your registration is appreciated. You can register by contacting Mary Foote or by going to www.umoi.org/RoundTable. Or go straight to a registration form.

Safe Sanctuary Training

PLEASE SIGN UP SOON - WE ARE RUNNING SHORT ON DATES FOR 2014

Comply with Safe Sanctuaries Requirements & Support Campus Ministry!
“But Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.’” (Matthew 19:14)

One way we experience God’s love is through being welcomed and made safe from physical harm, including sexual violence. All churches are required to have a Safe Sanctuaries policy and to share in a Safe Sanctuaries-themed worship at least one time each year.
The Wesley Foundation at the University of Oregon has been very active in promoting sexual violence prevention in the community and in the local church. The Foundation now offers its resources to help local churches in our district [and beyond] celebrate Safe Sanctuaries worship, review their policies, and offer ministry to survivors. Over twenty congregations have taken part.

The Wesley Foundation students are available to help plan, lead, and preach at a Safe Sanctuaries service tailored to the needs of your congregation. Rev. Warren Light will review your current policy, if you’d like, as well.

The Wesley Center has resourced Safe Sanctuaries worship at over twenty faith communities (most UMC). The following quotations come from a few of these congregations:

After (the Wesley Center) visit the congregation is now more supportive of trying to keep all safe who attend our church. . . .

There was neither uncomfortable shifting in the seats nor nervous coughs. Quite the contrary: people were eager to listen . . . .

I would recommend this program to any church of any size. (Hope UMC)

We are grateful to Rev. Light for bringing his sensitive spirit to a difficult, but so very necessary topic. He spoke with such clarity and inclusiveness that our congregation received him with warmth, gratitude, and best of all, understanding. He drove home the message that we all must be aware and engaged to ensure that our church is welcoming and safe for all—especially the most vulnerable among us. We highly recommend . . . .

Please involve your congregation in protecting the most vulnerable among us. Honorariums for this work support the Wesley Foundation at the University of Oregon. The requested honorarium is [per Annual Conference recommendation] $100, with travel expenses negotiated depending on distance.

Rev. Warren Light, Campus Minister, is an attorney who has represented survivors in legal cases. He currently serves as Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator for the Annual Conference. He served on Bishop Hoshibata’s Safe Sanctuaries Committee in administering the first Risk Reduction Policy in the conference. In this work, he also serves as:

- Co-Chair, Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force (under the Attorney General’s office)
- Faith Community Representative of The Alliance For Sexual Assault Prevention, University of Oregon
- Member, the Oregon Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team under the Department of Justice
- Former Board Member, Sexual Assault Support Services of Lane County
- Member of the California Bar Association
- Advisor, Survivors’ Empowerment Action

Safe Sanctuaries is about loving God and neighbor. It’s about Jesus Christ.

(See the next page for information to help plan risk reduction and prevention strategies for your church.)
IN-tentional, IN-vitational, Safe Faith Churches for Children, Youth, Vulnerable Adults - and Survivors!

“CALL” - What you do . . . .

Risk Reduction as Basic
Risk Reduction is a vital start to avoiding abuse, and . . . .

1. Create a policy reducing risks for perpetration. “Create” implies process is as important as policy.

2. Align your program with your strengths and limitations. Know who you serve; some activities are in tension - others are incompatible. Small churches may need to make choices based upon limits of supervision and physical plant.

3. Look at your policy closely to cover the “basics.” Use the Template provided on the Conference website. Look for resources such as Wesley Students leading Safe Sanctuaries service - they are passionate about this!

4. Live as a “just” community. Avoid favor or discrimination: be fair. [e.g., recognizing abusive behavior on check of FC leader or family member; aptly responding to guest citing abuse; fully supporting survivor of popular clergy person’s abuse]. "Safety" is for everyone.

“HOPE” - Who you are . . . .

Prevention Strategy for Change
. . . . Prevention creates change and supports safe communities.

1. Hope! Churches believe in miracles, but worry that abuse cannot be prevented. It can! You can!

2. Open conversations with children, youth and vulnerable adults that engender trust and empower questions. Talk about health, relationships, listen, care, support. Faith honors the children and the vulnerable. Take it to heart.

3. People matter (all people); what people do matters a lot. Teach adults and kids through “bystander” role-plays. Unwritten curriculum? The Wesley student Safe Sanctuaries Services and training can help with this! Call 541-346-4694

4. Everyone has a part. Doing the work of Jesus is about making a difference. See Him in your church. Survivors are children, youth, vulnerable adults as well. “Everyone” includes supporting survivors of all ages as they too support others in hope.

For More Information: Contact 541-346-4694 or uowesleycenter@gmail.com

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