

OUR VISION

We discover, explore, embrace and share God's belovedness.

OUR MISSION

*We are companions on a spiritual journey
engaging minds, transforming hearts, and empowering hands
to serve Jesus Christ in our local and global community.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

UMCOR SUNDAY

8:15AM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
9:00AM Seekers Class, Hesseltine Hall
9:00AM Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:00AM Children's Sunday School, Rainbow/
Junior High Room
10:00AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30AM Children & Youth Choir Rehearsal,
Hidden Chapel
11:15AM Club 345, Jr High Room
11:30AM Troop 525 Fundraiser, Conrad Room
3:30PM MS Youth Group, Youth Room
3:30PM Not Your Momma's Group, Conrad Room

MONDAY, MARCH 12

9:30AM Knitting Group, Conrad Room
6:30PM Monday Night Leaven Group, Conrad Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

9:00AM Bridges Group, Brewed Awakenings
10:00AM UMW Leadership Team, Hesseltine Hall
10:30AM Staff Meeting, Church Office
4:00PM Trustees, Conrad Room

6:00PM Lenten Fellowship & Supper,
Jason Lee Hall

6:30PM HS Youth Group, Youth Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

12:00PM Methodist Foundation, Conrad Room

6:30PM SPR, Conrad Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:15AM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
9:00AM Seekers Class, Hesseltine Hall
9:00AM Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:00AM Children's Sunday School, Rainbow/
Junior High Room
10:00AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30AM Children & Youth Choir Rehearsal,
Hidden Chapel
11:15AM Nominations Committee Meeting,
Bethel Room
11:15AM SIB Potluck & Washington Elementary
Book Drive, Jason Lee Hall
3:30PM MS Youth Group, Youth Room

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

Linda Lewis

Hosts

Ed & Jill Durgin

Information Booth

John Gentry

Ushers

Youth Team

Coffee Server

Joyce Gentry

Audio

Bill Niemeyer

Video

Jaycee Williams

STAFF

MINISTERS...ALL WHO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

PastorJon Short

Program/Facilities Administrator...Gary Carter

Director of Youth MinistriesJustin Nutting

Director of Music Ministries....Thomas Rheingans

TreasurerMichelle Mehl

SecretaryBecky Baxter

CustodianBud Stoenescu

Nursery CoordinatorElizabeth Janney

Lay LeadersScott Sawyer, Dean Lookingbill

LIFE CENTER PARTNERS

Story Space ...Casey Banks

Pinoy Van-Port ...Lyn Rush

Little Acorn Preschool ...Katie Coop

Though I was blind, now I see...



To Proclaim Recovery of Sight to the Blind

Sunday, March 11, 2018



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Seekers Class

Sundays at 9:00AM in Hesselstine Hall

Facilitated By Bob Hanley

We are currently studying the National Geographic DVD "The Story of Us" narrated by Morgan Freeman.

Morgan Freeman takes viewers on a global journey to meet with people from different cultures whose lives are shaped in surprising ways, and to explore themes that unite us all. At a time when global events seem to be driving cultures apart, this series aims to reveal the common humanity that lies inside of us. Each episode explores a single fundamental force or topic: freedom, peace, love, social division, power, and rebellion.

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth Room at 9:00AM • GRADES 6TH ~ 12TH

Facilitated by Justin Nutting

The youth are currently studying "The Way" by Rev. Adam Hamilton.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children grades K-2 will meet for Sunday School curriculum at 9:00AM in the Rainbow Room next to the nursery. Children grades 3-5 will meet in the Jr. High Room downstairs at the same time. During worship hour, children are welcome to Children's Moments during service, about 10:10AM.

Afterward, children grades K-2 are welcome back to the Rainbow Room for an extended Sunday School. Older children are welcome to enjoy service with their families or, if needed, can be accompanied to the lobby or the Conrad Room where church services are broadcast live.

WELCOME GUESTS!

There is a lot going on here at VanFUMC, so please feel free to fill out a Guest Card located in the pew pockets and place in the offering plate. This will allow us to keep you informed of all the happenings!

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for children up to Kindergarten beginning 30 minutes before the start of worship. We ask that you pick up your child within 15 minutes of the end of worship.

QUIET ROOM

FUMC has a quiet room if you prefer a quiet, peaceful setting to nurse your infant. The room is located next to the nursery and has rocking chairs available for your use. The quiet room has a speaker so you will be able to hear the message if you would like.

INFANT & TODDLER NURSERY

Located at the south end of the office hall, childcare is available for infants & toddlers during worship service.

ACTIVITY TIME

Children up to Kindergarten may attend Activity Time in the Rainbow Room during the service. After Children's Moments, parents are asked to accompany their children to Activity Time and sign them in.

As a courtesy to others, please be mindful of those who are sensitive to perfumes and scents and use these items sparingly.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TROOP 525 FUNDRAISER TODAY

Boy Scouts from our troop are raising funds for their bi-annual 200 mile bike trip this summer. They will be selling candy and pepperoni sticks in the Conrad Room today after the service. Stop by to support them!

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY (FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)

This UMCOR Sunday offering restores and rebuilds lives in Cuba, the United States and around the world. The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do; it's something "we" do. Together, we reach children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. Offering envelopes are in today's bulletin. Thank you for your generous donation.

SIB POTLUCK & BOOK DRIVE FOR WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Please join us Sunday, March 18, at 11:15AM in Jason Lee Hall for a potluck. Please RSVP to Michael and Julie Harris at julierharris44@gmail.com and let us know that you will be joining us. We have begun collecting books for Washington Elementary School, so you are welcome to bring your new and gently used books to the potluck. We hope to see you there!

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP AND SUPPER

Wednesdays, February 14 - March 21 6:00PM Jason Lee Hall

PALM SUNDAY & ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10:00AM for a celebration of the Easter Season. We invite the children of the church to process into the Sanctuary waving palms to open this special worship service. After worship service, the children will join together for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, rain or shine! All children are welcome ~ please remember to bring your baskets for collecting the eggs!

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ SEDER SUPPER WITH COMMUNION

March 29 @ 6:00PM ~ Jason Lee Hall

In Hebrew, the word Seder means order. A Seder Meal is a Jewish ceremonial meal that follows a particular order and commemorates the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt. It includes special readings, singing, and eating symbolic foods. Many scholars believe that the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his Disciples prior to his crucifixion was a Seder Meal. A Seder Meal is a family meal that is shared in community so all ages are encouraged to participate. Our Seder Meal will also include a potluck as the church will provide the meat, such as fried chicken or meatloaf and conclude with sharing Holy Communion. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service 6:30AM

VanFUMC, outside the south side lobby doors

Light breakfast to follow the service

Easter Worship Service
9:00AM & 10:30AM Sanctuary

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 11, 2018 10:00AM

Welcome! It is a joy to share together in this worship service today. As companions on a spiritual journey, may our minds be engaged, our hearts be transformed, and our hands be empowered through the worship of Jesus Christ.

Congregational portions of prayers and responses are in bold type.

**** If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand.***

PRELUDE

As you enter the Sanctuary, please be mindful of others and refrain from conversation. Please take this time of worship preparation to center your mind and heart and invite God's Holy Spirit to minister to you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We come this day seeking God's presence and healing love.

Congregation: Open our eyes, Lord.

Liturgist: We come to be released from the blindness of indifference and self-importance.

Congregation: We want to see Jesus.

Liturgist: Willing hearts and loving hands are needed to continue Christ's mission,

Congregation: Open our hearts, Lord.

Liturgist: With the eyes of our heart wide open to all of God's beloved children,

Congregation: We will see Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal 89

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tailor of Gloucester

The Little Birch Tree

Shake the Papaya Down

Vancouver Youth Choir – Kimberley Claassen, Director

Vancouver Children's Choir – Fauna Woolfe, Director

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me

Hymnal 191 vs. 1

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor Jon

As we sing, children are welcome to come to the front; afterward, children grades K-2 are welcome back to the Rainbow Room for an extended Sunday School. Older children are welcome to enjoy service with their families or, if needed, can be accompanied to the lobby or the Conrad Room where church services are broadcast live. Ushers have children's worship bags available for young children. Please leave the bag in the pew when you leave.

SHARING OUR STORY

Habitat for Humanity

PRAISE BAND SET

*Everlasting God
Breathe*

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

The ministries of this church are supported by the congregation. If you are a guest today, please simply enjoy the worship service.

OFFERTORY

I've Got Peace Like a River

(African-American Spiritual)

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sing Praise!

Mozart - Liebergen

Featuring guest vocalists from the Vancouver Chamber Singers

3rd through 5th graders who want to participate in the Children & Youth Choir are invited to meet for rehearsal in Hidden Chapel after the Choir Anthem.

SCRIPTURE

John 9:18-34

Leader: These are words of wisdom for all of God's people

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To Proclaim Recovery of Sight to the Blind

Pastor Jon Short

*CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 378

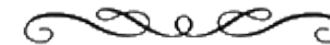
*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG

Lead Me, Lord

Hymnal 473

POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS

Judy Johnson

Wayne L'Amoreaux

Margaret & Cecil Golden

Family of Mark Firestone

Bob Woodworth

Mindy Ludolph

Lorraine Dix

Family of Carlos Ortega

Family of John Walker

Gordon Meyer

Mary Lou Richeson

Rhoda Laws

John Roberts

Bev Handlan & Family

We also keep in our prayers all of those in our church family who are recovering from illness, residing in long-term care homes, and those who are on our email prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain, please contact Pastor Jon or the church office.

Easter Flower Alternative



The Easter Season has arrived, and VanFUMC is offering an opportunity for you to join others in your church family by making an “Easter Flower Contribution.”

We will list the names of your loved one(s) in our Easter bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, April 1. Your contribution will benefit Share and their ministries for the hungry and homeless.

As always, we will purchase a small number of Easter flowers to deliver to those members of our church family who are unable to leave their homes.

Be sure to fill out this form and return it to the church office **no later than Sunday, March 18.**

Suggested donation: \$10

I would like the Easter bulletin information to read as follows:

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

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