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March 2  
SATURDAY  
9-11:15am

Allison Park Christian  
1520 Echo Hollow Road  
Celebration: World Day of Prayer  
(Joint meeting with Friday and Tuesday  
forums. Child care Available--Car Pool!!)

April 5  
Friday  
7-8:30am

Breakfast at Brails  
1689 Willamette  
Bread for the World

April 5  
Friday  
9-11:15am

St. Jude Catholic  
4330 Willamette St.  
Bread for the World

### MARCH FORUM

#### World Day of Prayer Celebration

We'll be meeting on **SATURDAY** instead of Friday this year to give more women the opportunity to attend. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women from over 170 countries, coming together to observe a common day of prayer and action. The women from France have created the worship service, **with the theme of "Welcoming the Stranger."** A collection will be taken and the money will be given as grants to organizations working on peace and justice issues. Checks should be made out to WDP USA. Rev. Debbie Pitney from First United Methodist will be our guest speaker. This would be a great forum to invite a friend to attend.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

Bread for the World staff Robin Stephenson will join us as we advocate for federal programs that help hungry people. Programs like SNAP (Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly Food Stamps) which is used by twenty-two million children, close to one in three in our country. Like WIC, like EITC - programs we put in the "circle of protection" not to be cut in any budget. Churches can't do the job.

Charitable organizations make only one in twenty four of the food boxes: the federal government supplies the other twenty three. If you are not a member of BFW, consider joining. That's where CWU gets all these facts. See you Friday, April 5, 7am or 9am.

### CARING CONNECTION

If you know of a CWU woman or family member needing a card or connection because of sickness or other need, call Jane Heidegger at 541-485-6229.

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Anne O'Brien

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

I got to thinking about this and how our speakers in February shared their stories of difficult times when they thought they knew what was best and finally being able to see what was really what they needed, not wanted. They were able to turn their lives around and to find a future with hope. So, that got me to thinking about this lesson:

*Teach us to . . . Trust you, LORD with all our heart; to not depend on our own understanding, but seek your will in all we do, and you will show us which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6.*

Even in little things we may find that we need to trust God to know what we need and not what we want. God bless you all.

## OUR FEBRUARY FORUM

Cindy Kokis

### When Two Heroic Women shared their Journeys

They were once incarcerated and now are in college and leadership positions in our community. CWU heard brave recounting of some very difficult life struggles. How blessed we are to have Patricia Coldeen and Danna Sanders at work for justice here in Lane County. Watch for them at Sponsor's Fortieth Anniversary Celebrations. Flyers will be at our March meeting.

## DEMOCRACY: A LIVING DYNAMIC

Cindy Kokis

It's time to act on the insights we share at CWU meetings. We can "speak truth to power" and put taxes into rehabilitation and recovery programs, instead of building a new prison. We can have money for education and health care for all Oregonians. We can protect our environment.

Jesus walked hot, dusty roads. We drive to Salem. The upcoming events calendar on the back lists many opportunities where we can make visible our support for just policies in our state. Choose one.

A "faithful advocate is different than a Washington insider. A faithful advocate is more than just a lobbyist. A faithful advocate is a moral compass for elected officials".

.....Eric Mitchell, Bread for the World



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 2  
Allison Park Christian Church  
1520 Echo Hollow Rd

Our WDP celebration will be held on **Saturday** instead of Friday this year giving working women a chance to participate. Women from our Brail's Breakfast forum will be leading the worship service. Rev. Debbie Pitney from First United Methodist will be our guest speaker.

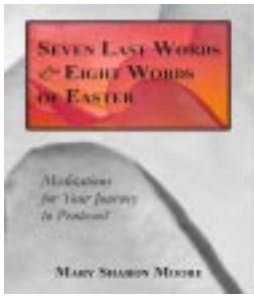
World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action each year on the first Friday in March or near that date. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service, lifting up issues of mission, justice and peace that are important to them. This year the service was created by the women in France, with the theme, "I was a Stranger and You Welcome Me."

The offering collected during the service will be granted by WDP national committees to non-profit organizations that deal with the issues of justice and peace identified by the writer-country. If writing a check, make it out to WDP USA.

World Day of Prayer is about Informed Prayer, which flows into Prayerful Action. To pray truly is to be changed. To truly let in a new perspective is to be changed. To act in accordance with these shifts happens organically. Action continues our prayer.

### SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- \*Buy fair trade, which allows women and children to have a sustainable livelihood, which decreases the chances that they'll be sold into trafficking and forced labor.
- \*Support micro-financing
- \*Support political empowerment of women.
- \*Support campaigns in the US to protect the legal rights of girls involved in prostitution and that help them escape it and gain self-confidence and job skills.



### **Awakening Vocations**

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CWU member Mary Sharon Moore has announced publication of her most recent book, *Seven Last Words and Eight Words of Easter: Meditations for Your Journey to Pentecost*.

This latest collection of meditations "offers compelling insights into Jesus' last words as he hung on the cross," notes Mary Sharon, "and reveals his followers' struggle to understand the Resurrection." Mary Sharon admits that she was "surprised at the angst and real sorrowing in the Easter Gospels," far from the assumption that Easter is "all about joy."

Each two- to three-page meditation is followed by reflection questions to help the reader to enter personally into the challenge and invitation with each "word."

Sample pages, including the "words" from Scripture, are available on the Store page of Mary Sharon's website, [www.awakeningvocations.com](http://www.awakeningvocations.com).

Mary Sharon says that *Seven Last Words* reinforces the message of her ministry, which is "to get people to Pentecost." As she says in the Introduction, "We do Lent well. ... But what about those eight weeks of Easter?" Pentecost, she notes, often is "lost in the Dads and Grads season." *Seven Last Words and Eight Words of Easter* carries the reader through that entire season, helping us to realize that "now the ball is in our court," she says. Mary Sharon's other books include a collection of essays on Christian life titled *Touching the Reign of God*; a family and Christian household workbook titled *Living in God's Economy*; and her two recent books, *Anointed for a Purpose* and *Moving in God's Direction*.

All of her books are available at her website, as well as at the new Mustard Seed book and gift shop on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Charnelton and Lincoln, across the street from St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot.



### **INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY**

Feb. 28 8:00am-4:15pm  
Saint Marks Lutheran Church,  
790 Marion Street NE Salem  
Keynote: Bruce Goldberg,  
Director of Oregon Health Authority.

Interfaith Advocacy Day 2013 will bring together several hundred people of many religious traditions from throughout Oregon for a day of worship, dialogue and advocacy with state legislators.

It is a call to be a voice for the voiceless and to speak out for an end to poverty and for compassion and human dignity.

Activities will include presentations from faith leaders on the religious roots of concern for the poor, training in advocacy skills, and issue workshops on Ending Hunger, Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Health and Healthcare, Poverty Reduction and Family Security.

Website for registration form:

[www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org)

Register early so appointments can be made with your Senators and/or Representatives.

Registration is \$20 which includes lunch and materials.

For more information, call (503) 221-1054.

Come and make a difference!

### **QUOTAS**

Due by April if possible!

This is your church membership donation.  
See page 25 in yearbook for suggested amount.

Thanks to all who already donated.



Thank you, Ruth!



No pics for Barb, Becky and Gaye, Sorry!



## RALLY FOR HEALTH CARE FOR ALL Anne O'Brien

On Monday, February 4, two busloads of people from Lane County went up to Salem to rally and then to visit with our legislators on their first day of the legislative session. The estimate was there were 800-1000 people rallying on the steps of the Capital in support of some common sense health care legislation that would insure all Oregonians and save billions of dollars, according to some knowledgeable people.

I counted at least 10 of our Church Women United of Lane County folks among those rallying and then visiting with their legislators and informing them about the legislation that would make health care accessible to all Oregonians. It's wonderful to see that we are committed to action and to justice. In this case we were supporting justice in health care access.

First United Methodist is to be commended for their commitment to social justice issues including organizing one of the busses. Ruth Duemler is a leader in Health Care for All Oregon which organized the other bus. Thanks for the good work.



## WHAT A LIFE!

Sr. Margaret, long time member of our United Church Women group has taken up residence at Marylhurst, the same Portland area Roman Catholic convent she entered 77 years ago. At 96, Sr. Margaret was ready for a little special care.

Many of you have heard about the impact that Sr. Margaret has had here in Eugene, by serving those who needed help the most. She has served for organizations such as Big Brother Big Sisters, The Serbu Youth Center, St. Vincent De Paul, and the Lane County Jail.

And the jail is what we hear about most. While many are quick to dismiss those within the jail system, Sister Margaret saw an opportunity to teach and educate these individuals so they would not become lost in the system. She organized projects there that had to deal with the arts, fitness, spirituality, and education, as well as opening a library for the inmates. It is estimated that she has worked with more than 350,000 inmates, making her one of the most involved people in the Lane County Justice System.

Her body of work consists of people regaining custody of their children, of being able to find and keep an apartment and being able to get a job in spite of a past criminal record. Her living legacy is all the people who stop her on the street and tell her, 'Here is the person I am now, and I'm not going back.'

Sr. Margaret wrote in her *Memoirs*, "you need to look for choices that energize and give variety to life, to know you were born to become the best version of yourself, to realize that there is more than one right answer, and that life is too short to be lived half-heartedly." This was indeed the life she lived.

We will miss her presence greatly. And how lucky to have had her in our presence all these many years.



## WE'LL MISS YOU, JUNE!

June B. James, 94, died peacefully at home on Jan. 11, 2013 with her husband David at her side. June was born March 6, 1918 to Elsa and Charles Bickford in Prairie du Sac, WI and was raised on a dairy farm together with her dear siblings, Phyllis and Melvin. She worked to put herself through nursing school in Madison Wisconsin and then joined the war effort as a RN in the Army Nurse Corps during WWII. After the war, June traveled to Oregon to help her sister Phyllis with her growing family and never left. While studying at the University of Oregon, June met her husband of 62 years, David B. James. They married June 18, 1949 in Eugene, Oregon.

June worked as a RN in the newborn nursery at Sacred Heart Hospital for 30 years. She was involved in her children's school activities and her support continued as she attended her grandchildren's sports and school events. June was very involved in Girl Scouting long after her daughters' participation; she gave tirelessly to her church Central Presbyterian and its programs including the activities of the FISH cupboard. She was always there for the family in its broadest and dearest sense which included her nieces and nephews & so many others who benefited from June and David's kindness and love.

June and David had five children: Michael James (Marleny), Kathleen Susan (deceased), Margie James, Mary James (Rick Keegan), and Marcia James (Arie Gluz) all of Eugene and eight grandchildren: Eric and Kevin Lynch, Sarit and Eitan Gluz, Ingara and Cathy James, Dustin Keegan and Hollee Schneickert(Brian).

June was predeceased by her sister and brother, and daughter Kathleen Susan.

A Celebration of June's Life was held Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, February 23**, 3:00 pm, Eugene Public Library: Opening event, community read, Dead Man Walking.

**Saturday, February 23**, 9:30-3pm. First United Methodist: Green Neighbor Faire-Lectures, workshops, demonstrations & information. 10am: Mark Lakeman-Creating a Green Community Culture 10:30am: City of Eugene Climate Education Program

**Monday, February 25th**, 9:00 am, Salem Partnership for Safety and Justice day. Smart on crime.

**Thursday, February 28th**, 9:00 am, Salem: Interfaith Advocacy Day. Special bus - watch for news.

**Thursday, February 28th**, 4-5:30 pm, University Law School, Inter-religious panel on the death penalty

**Thursday, February 28th, 7:00 pm**, 1st United Methodist Church, "DRONES", program of WAND (Women's Action for New Directions)

**Thursday, March 14th**, 4:00 -5:30 University Law School, Prisons and Peace, Sister Helen Prejean

**Friday, March 15th**, 9:00 - noon, University Law School, Death Penalty, film, Sister Helen Prejean

**Saturday, March 16th**, Eugene Public Library, Sister Helen Prejean: talk and book signing