

FPC BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

Open Circle welcomes all women!

Open Circle, a Bible study–prayer–fellowship group for women of all ages, will resume this Thursday, September 9. The group meets every Thursday from 9:30–11:00 a.m. in the Whitman Room.

“Ghana Do It” Walk–A–Thon

The “Ghana Do It” Walk–A–Thon is next Sunday, September 12 after worship. Start and finish are outside in the church plaza. Support the children of FPC by sponsoring them. This kid–friendly walk will be around three miles through the Portland Zoo. All funds will go to the children’s sponsor child, Emmanuel, from Ghana. *Look for pledge forms on the bulletin board across from the restrooms, outside the church offices.*

Prayer Retreat September 26

The First Church Prayer Chain is sponsoring a Fall Prayer Retreat on Sunday, September 26, 1:00–5:00 p.m. at Menucha. Pastor Robin will lead us in a time of teaching about prayer, and in a number of prayer experiences. Everyone is invited to participate. We will carpool to Menucha from church after worship. Lunch will be provided for \$10.00 per person. Please **RSVP** to the church office, 503-228-7331, **no later than** next Sunday, **September 12.**

Committee members needed

Visual Arts Committee is looking for a few new members to assist with our Gallery Exhibitions. Every other month the Gallery is transformed with a new show, providing an ongoing delight for church parishioners and a valuable exhibition space for area artists of faith.

The Visual Arts Committee meets every 2 months following the installation of each new exhibition. Duties for committee members may include assisting with installations, exhibition planning and communication, or assisting with Gallery receptions. Please consider becoming a part of a fun committee that enhances the beauty of the church and promotes the expression of the faith experience. Call Susan Miner at 503-274-7024.

Fall Sr. Adult Lunch at Menucha

Don’t miss the fun and fellowship with First Church friends! Call the church office, 503-228-7331, to **RSVP, no later than Monday, September 13** and to indicate your interest in transportation, carpooling, or to request a special diet. Please remember: once you RSVP, we are financially obligated to pay for your lunch...please let us know if your plans change after you RSVP!

Friendly House’s Annual Open House & 80th Anniversary Celebration

On **September 15, 4:30–7 p.m.** come to NW 26th & Thurman for a fun-filled evening with live music by popular Boka Marimba and tasty food from Slabtown Ribs & BBQ available for purchase. This year we are adding face painting and hands-on activities for children. For the adults, enjoy a complimentary glass of beer or wine, meet our staff and tour our recently renovated spaces. A new center honoring Rev. Ed Crawford will be featured. It’s our 80th anniversary, and there is plenty to celebrate, so we hope to see you there!

Greeters Meeting September 22

Come volunteer your time to this very special and important ministry. A training session for current and new Greeters will be held on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michelle in the church office at 503-228-7331 or email: mlacroix@firstpresportland.org. You can also see Anna Myers on Sundays, before or after worship service. A sign-up sheet will be available.

Pictorial Directory Alert!

The photographer is coming October 19–23 and November 9–17. Volunteers are needed to help people make the appointments in September and October, to make reminder calls in the week of the appointments and to greet people when they come to have their pictures taken. Also, if you have a picture of a church event to put in the front of the directory, please send it to Lisa Fogg at daisyd_25@yahoo.com. Please consider being a part of this vital project to help members stay connected. Contact: Jean Smith, jean_and_russell@comcast.net.