

MT. HOME UMC

SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:

- Tuesday April 2 at 9:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
- April 10 - Pastor Peggy and Ed at Tillamook celebrating TUMC's 150th Anniversary- Deacon Ben will be preaching
- Earth Day April 22nd

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Spring has finally come, and the sun is such a welcome change. We were sad that we weren't able to have our Sunrise Service outside on Easter Morning, but the sanctuary was so beautiful thanks to Pat getting the lilies, Sherri setting up the altar, the beautiful flowering cross and the wonderful spirit of the people who gathered together at both services. Linda agreed to play the accordion inside, and it was so uplifting at first service that we asked her to play it for part of second service as well. Between services the men provided us with their usual awesome Easter Breakfast (Thank you men!) In the second service, a women's choir sang the anthem, and Gregg had a magical and special teaching moment in Children's Time. Larry was our worship leader. Following second service, refreshments were provided downstairs, hosted by Brian. It was a wonderful

morning celebration of Christ's resurrection. We now are in Eastertide - that time which goes until Pentecost May 15th. Our texts for this period of time will be stories of appearances of Jesus after the resurrection and some first century church stories from Acts.

During these weeks confirmands will be meeting with their mentors, and we will be visiting worship settings of other faiths. Women will be finishing up their study of "Anonymous", and sharing a meal together as one large UMW group again before we take a break before summer. More work will be done on the parking, and the *ad council* will be talking about new beginnings.

A group of people is meeting to determine the best way to use the donation that was given to the church. There has been a lot of talk about the building, but to

date I have not heard much talk about mission and outreach possibilities. If you have ideas, please share them with someone on the Ad Council (Laura Hartley is the chair). The committee and Ad Council will share in the decision as to what to recommend to the church about what to do with the money. We offer a huge thank you to our anonymous donor. What possibilities your generosity has opened up for this church! We are truly grateful.

This church has a mission and we need to be always listening for the spirit's guidance as we look to tomorrow. As Jeannine's writing has shown us all, the church has been here for a long time as a Christian presence on this mountain. My prayer is that Mt. Home UMC will continue to be a place where people come, are welcomed, and will encounter the Living Christ and the Holy Spirit. Join us

PASTOR COLUMN: continued

as we deepen our faith, share in Christian community, and are sent out to do God's work in the world. God bless you all.

In Christ's love, Pastor Peggy

Pastor Peggy and Ed have been invited to Tillamook for the 150th anniversary of the church on April 10th. The extended Council meeting that had been announced for this month's meeting will be postponed until May.

Easter at Mt. Home UMC



The Joyful Noiseletter

A little girl in Minneapolis came home from church with a frown. "I'm not going back there anymore" she announced, "I don't like the Bible they use in Sunday School." "Why not?" her astonished mother asked. "Because the Bible

they use is always talking about St. Paul, and never mentions Minneapolis." she replied. printed with permission from The Joyful Noiseletter.

2015-2016 the Revised Common Lectionary

Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016 Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

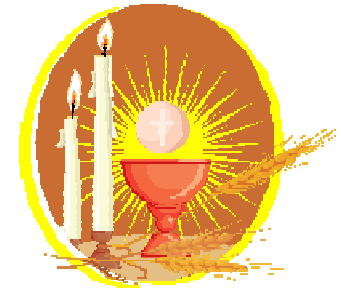
April 10, 2016 Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016 Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016 Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35



The Need for Food Assistance



Too many Oregonians need emergency food boxes because they can't afford to buy enough food. In fact, nearly half of recipients cite high food cost as a reason for seeking food assistance. About a fifth (18%) of recipients said they need help because their wages are too low. Oregon's economy is producing jobs, but many of these jobs pay too little to support a family and keep up with the rising cost of living. Nearly two-third of respon-

dents (61%) reported a drop of monthly income during the past two years. (Article was taken from OFB Voices.)

We helped 109 family with 524 people in February. Thank you for the 42 lbs of tuna and misc food items. Blessings to Mt. Home UMC.

April request is Chicken Noodle Soup.

By Cherry Trotter

General Conference

The General Conference is coming quickly! Please be praying for the whole conference and the members who represent the different areas of our world-wide church. Our Church's top legislative body will meet at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on May 10-20, 2016. General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy

and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. For recent headlines, information on submitting a petition or volunteering, past legislative information, and more, visit <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2016>. Or download the Guide to the 2016 General Conference (pdf). - See more at:

<http://www.ngumc.org/GC2016#sthash.wRJoP2X6.dpuf>

Update on United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

UPDATE ON UMCOR SYRIAN RELIEF EFFORT

(from the March 24, 2016 UMCOR Hotline)

In the last five years, the war in Syria has claimed the lives of more than a quarter million people. About 4.5 million have fled the country, and 7.6 million have been displaced within Syria.

UMCOR has worked with local and international partners to respond to critical needs of those affected by this conflict, both within Syria and in the nearby countries to which they've fled.

Since 2011, UMCOR has provided more than \$3.5 million in emergency assistance to confront the crises in Syria and Iraq. It has provided emergency food supplies, health care, shelter, psychosocial support, education support, and even mine removal. The aid includes nearly \$900,000 in relief-supply kits, including hygiene, school, layette, and birthing kits.

To watch a video of UMCOR's relief effort in Syria go to:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb61IQpJRTY. You may support this work in Syria by providing a gift to Global Refugees/Migration: Advance #3042144.

UMCOR Board of Directors Provides Grant for Rebuilding and Recovery Last week, during the Global Ministries' board of directors meeting, directors for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) approved a new \$900,000 grant for the South Carolina Conference. The grant will provide resources that will assist families and individuals impacted by record flooding in that state last fall. The board already had approved a \$100,000 bridge grant for the conference in the early days of the disaster.

Your gifts to UMCOR, Undesignated Advance #999895, helps UMCOR respond to emergencies such as those provided to the South Carolina disaster or where help is needed most.

UMCOR Mission Statement: Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

By Ed Luckman



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please have articles to Tom by April 25th for the May Newsletter. It is important that we share what is happening in the church with each other, and this gives us a chance to share information with people who cannot be with us or would like to know more about us. Remember the date: April 25th Newsletter Deadline for May.

THE SAINTS WHO CAME BEFORE US

For a few months I would like to acquaint you with some of the early Mt. Home church members. It is their hard work, money, tears, and often sweat that makes our church what it is today and their stories tell something of the area as well. Of the 13 charter members I am acquainted with only three—the Gubsters, the Pitmans and the Bakers. Wilbur Gubster was a very good friend of mine and he gave me this history in 1978.

THE GUBSTERS

“My grandparents, Joseph and Joanna Gubster immigrated to the US from Switzerland in 1846, requiring three months to cross the Atlantic. They, with their family of five, and his brother Anton and family settled in SW Iowa. Anton remained in Iowa, but after six years, Joseph and Joanna couldn’t stand the flat land—no mountains—so they came to Oregon and the Chehalem Mountain in 1852 by covered wagon. They started with ox teams and wagons, but arrived here with a two wheel cart pulled by one ox and one mule. They took a land claim on the summit of the mountain north of Springbrook, near the county line of Yamhill and Washington counties. The place has since been called Ego Place. They first built a log cabin in which my father Daniel was born in 1854. Later they built a large two story house on the hilltop. The barn below the house was sided with cedar bark. Land was cleared by girdling the large trees some six feet in diameter, and also by cutting limbs off about two feet from the tree, then burning the limbs which killed the tree. They plowed around those big snags for years, raising some grain, hay, cattle, and potatoes together with much garden.

Grain was harvested with a ‘cradle’ and bound by hand, then stacked before threshing.

They first went to church at Mountain-side and my parents were married there after church, about 1877. My mother Susan was born in Scholls or Gervais in 1856. My Uncle David Gubster taught school at the Gibbs Schoolhouse (still standing). There was a terrific wind storm in the early 1880s which blew down many large trees.

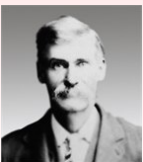
I was born in 1889 in the log cabin about one half mile below the old home on what was later the Will Courtney Place (now Weisenback’s place).

My parents (Daniel and Susan), Ben Gubster, Mary Pitman and grandfather Joseph Gubster were charter members and helped build the first church at Mountain Home. They traveled to church by cart, horseback, and walked. They had revival meetings but I do not remember the names of any of the preachers. Mrs. Wunderli taught the infant Sunday school class and I was in her class.

Although my family moved to Dayton when I was 2 1/2 years old, my Aunt Rena Courtney continued to live on the Courtney Place. There was a hop yard and a hop dryer there. I remember visiting Aunt Rena. We took the team from Dayton through Dundee up the road at Springbrook. The entire south side of the mountain was timber.”

Wilbur was 94 when he came to our church centennial celebration in 1983 and spoke briefly.

Jeannine Schmeltzer
Church Historian



Bulletin Board

Every year we are asked to bring an offering to Annual Conference. Last year we took the money that was in the jar in the rear of the sanctuary. Please bring your spare change and be putting it in the jar on Sundays between now and then.

Easter Lilies:
 In memory of George and Janet Deno , Ann Grubowski's parents
 In memory of Dan Trotter by Cherry Trotter
 In memory of Roger Weeks by Carolynne Fairweather
 In memory of Audrey Houston by Carolynne Fairweather
 In loving memory of Gaid and Marie Johnson and Dr. Raymond and Hazel Eck by Lynelle Eck
 In memory of Ian McKechnie by Donna McKechnie
 In memory of Burl Peters by Pastor Peggy
 In memory of family of Pastor Peggy
 Two lilies given by Aunt Harriette
 In honor of Ed by Pastor Peggy



Willowbrook Food Bank needs Chicken Noodle Soup this month.

Pastor Peggy will be at Collins Retreat Center April 4th-8th for a continuing ed conference on Transformational Worship. During her time away, please call Ed and he will contact her if anyone needs her during this time. Collins isn't that far away, so she can be available for urgent need.

At the last council meeting Pastor Peggy asked for someone to spend a few hours a week doing the bulletin in order to free up more time for visitation of our members and potential members.

Tess has volunteered to do this for a month. Thank you Tess!

We need one more person to help with the Sunday morning offering. Contact Gregg if you can help.

April 10th Native American Ministries Special Offering

April 2016

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Pray for General Conference



3 Service 10:30
Bible Study 9:15 a.m. on Sundays downstairs

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Pastor Peggy on Study
Leave at Alton Collins
Retreat Center

Choir Practice @ 7 pm
Pastor Peggy on Study
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10 Service 10:30
Bible Study 9:15 a.m. on Sundays
Native American Ministries Offering

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Bible Study 1:30 P.M. at church
UMW Lydia Circle 7:00 P.M. at Church

UMW Elizabeth Circle
1:30 P.M. at Church

Choir Practice @ 7 pm
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17 Service 10:30
Bible Study 9:15 a.m. on Sundays downstairs

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Choir Practice @ 7 pm

Earth Day April 22

Start of Passover



24/31
Service 10:30
Bible Study 9:15 a.m. on Sundays downstairs

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Bible Study 1:30 P.M. at church

Choir Practice @ 7 pm

Arbor Day

End of Passover





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Event Calendar

- **Sunday Service at 10:30 A.M.**
- **Sunday Bible Study 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. in Fellowship Hall**
- **Wednesday, Choir Practice 7-8:30 P.M. at the church**
- **Saturday, April 2 9:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday April 3 - Sacrament of Communion**
- **April 5-8 Pastor Peggy on Study Leave at Alton Collins Retreat Center**
- **April 10 - Pastor Peggy and Ed at Tillamook celebrating TUMC's 150th Anniversary Deacon Ben will be preaching**
- **April 10 Native American Ministries Offering**
- **Mondays April 11 at 1:30 P.M. Bible Study resumes at the church**
- **Monday April 11 at 7 P.M. UMW Lydia Circle at the church**

- **Tuesday April 12 at 1:30 P.M. UMW Elizabeth Circle at the church**

We are just off SW Mountain Home Road and Wunderli Drive between SW Courtney Road and SW Seiffert Road.

