

2020 Newsletter



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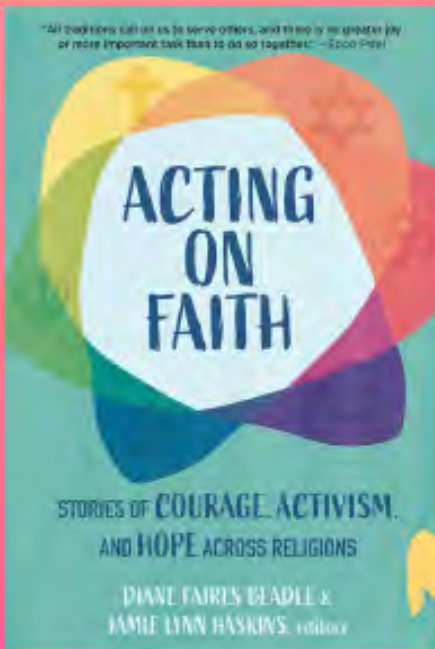
Pastor in the Park

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| JUNE 9 | TUGMAN PARK |
| JUNE 16 | ECHO HOLLOW |
| JUNE 23 | ALTON BAKER |
| JUNE 30 | DAY ISLAND PARK |

Join April on Tuesdays from 10 am -12pm

Bring a lawn chair

email april@heartofeugene.org
to sign up



Join an FCC Prayer Pod

Prayer pods are small groups of 3-5 people who meet for fellowship and a spiritual connection over a book.

REGISTER BY JUNE 5

Simple online sign up at heartofeugene.org
or call 541-344-1425

**Check out the
Summer
2020 Book
Selection!**



What does the Lord require of you? But to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of me? But to amplify the stories of the oppressed, to lift up the lives and needs of the people in my community. To increase the volume of my sound but not to listen to my own voice but to get your attention and then boost, magnify and raise up the voices of those around me, the Black, Indigenous, People of Color that are my brothers and sisters, my neighbors, my children's friends, and God's beloved.

What does the Lord provide to me to help me with this work? Millions of new friends, new relationships, waiting to create and sustain a new social contract wherein everyone is safe and protected. Millions of educational tools, for this struggle has been going on for generations and we are all responsible for our own learning, healing, grieving, and behavior changing. Countless stories of strength, courage, heartbreak and healing to keep us focused to see this injustice through. Infinite opportunities to engage, every day, infinite grace to pick myself up and try again when I fail with words or actions, infinite love that keeps pushing us toward one another as we are infinitely challenged to live out Jesus' call. Don't stop, Heart of Eugene. You know what the Lord requires of you.

I am not sure the original author, but this sentiment shared by Shonda Rhimes (yes that powerhouse creator of *Greys Anatomy, Scandal, etc*) is a helpful prayer for each of us as we do the work in front of us:

Some are posting on social media
Some are protesting on the streets
Some are donating silently
Some are educating themselves
Some are having tough conversations with friends and family

A revolution has many lanes - be kind to yourselves and others who are traveling in the same direction.

Just keep your foot on the gas.

BLACK LIVES MATTER.

-Pastor April

Summer Series "Fruits of the Spirit" Eph 5: 22, 23

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Come join in the fun as we search for fruit. Not just any fruit... The FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. The Worship leaders will engage us on an exciting journey of cultivating these important fruits. Come join us! You can participate each week by 'harvesting' these fruits each week.

Here is your fruit path as we gain insights into the FRUITS of the SPIRIT.

Love = Strawberry

Patience = Apples

Faithfulness= Blackberries

Joy = Pineapple

Kindness = Grapes

Gentleness = Banana

Peace = Peach

Generosity = Blueberries

Self-Control = Cherries

-Pastor Jerri



Covid-19 Rapid Response Team Update

The Covid-19 Rapid Response Team (CRRT) and Executive Board of Directors for FCC Eugene have extended the building closure through the summer, to be reopened no sooner than September 2020.

This date is not a commitment to reopening the FCC Eugene building and the CRRT will continue to follow Governor Brown's Executive Orders as well pertinent guidelines from the State of Oregon, Lane County Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the Regional and General Ministries of the Disciples of Christ, and others as we plan the phased re-opening of the church.

The church remains open, but the building remains closed.

Entry into the building continues under the helpful supervision of the CRRT and in coordination and planning with Co-Pastors April and Jerri and Office Manager Yvette.

With a Phase One opening in Lane County, the CRRT and Pastoral Staff can encourage one-to-one telephone calls, virtual group meetings, volunteering with the Interfaith Downtown Food Hub. Both the Spiritual Formation and Elders Ministry Teams are building opportunities that soon can encourage small gatherings of 5-10 people in public spaces, with a commitment to the 4 essentials of hand washing, mask wearing, social distancing of 6' and not going out when you are not feeling well, as long as Lane County remains open.

Worship Services will continue on-line through at least September 2020, live streaming on our Youtube channel at 10:30 am Sundays. Please send useful feedback on worship to Pastors Jerri Handy & April Oristano via email.

Committee meetings should continue on-line, and please contact Pastors April & Jerri if you need assistance in meeting on-line. Committees and task forces that have not met since March are encouraged to start virtual meetings again.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Co Pastors Rev. April Oristano and Rev. Jerri Handy

Covid-19 Response Team:
President Amy Metzger,
Vice President Tom Kozlowski,
Community Ministry Co-Chair Nancy Hayner
Administrative & Property Team member Glen Gibbons.





Eugene FCC 2nd “No Contact Food Drive” will be on **FRIDAY, JUNE 19**. Our first Food Drive had a limited number of responses, but we still collected an astounding 500 lbs. of food for Food for Lane County! This time, we have set a goal of 1000 lbs. of food to help our community members in need.

If you would like to contribute non-perishable food items, please contact Marilyn Reid at reid1838@comcast.net by **Wednesday June 17, 6:00 p.m.** You will receive a reply email or phone call with instructions on where and when to place your donation outside of your home. All non-perishable items are welcome with the greatest need being: Peanut butter, tuna, canned stews, soups and chili.

If you would like to volunteer as a driver to collect the food donations, please contact Marilyn Reid by Wednesday, June 10.



**MASS POOR PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY &
MORAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON
IS GOING DIGITAL!
JUNE 20, 2020**
www.June2020.org

FIGHT POVERTY NOT POOR

WE ARE ARISING

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

Poor People's Campaign
A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

KAIRÓS
THE CENTER FOR RESISTANCE, RIGHTS, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mass Poor People's Assembly & National Moral March on Washington, DC:

A Digital Gathering June 20, 2020

Broadcast at 10 AM EST & 6 PM EST





OUR COMMUNITY

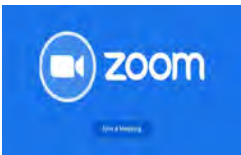


YOUTH GROUP
AT HOME

youth group will meet on June 5, 4:00 - 5:00 pm over zoom
Keep and eye on your inbox for upcoming youth events and
chats on line. Stay connected!



Smart Phone & Computer Apps the church is currently using and hopes you will too:



Zoom - FREE - this is a virtual face to face app that allows you to see the person you are speaking with. Used for committee meetings and small groups like prayer pods



BreezeChMS - FREE - First Christian Church has a secure way to keep us all connected with an on-line directory. Create a personal log in for you, update personal information and have the whole church updated immediately! Download this app and wait for FCC's invitation via text/email to join our private group.



You Tube - FREE — Watch Sunday services and many other churches on-line!






Sundays
Online Worship Only
 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

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Our mid-May budget numbers are:

YTD \$141,666

Identified offerings are:

YTD \$132,919

which is a short fall of income to projection is \$8,747.

These numbers show that the congregation is still supporting the church. We thank you for your financial support.

- Michael Kennedy, Treasurer

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In the heart of Eugene at 1166 Oak Street Eugene, OR 97401





AROUND THE AT HOME OFFICE

Schedules for the staff June 2020:

April - OFF/Unavailable on Thursday and Friday
April AT Church - Wednesday

Jerri - OFF/Unavailable on Monday & 1/2 Day Wednesday Morning
Jerri AT Church - Tuesday & Friday

Yvette - OFF/Unavailable on Wednesday and Saturday
At Church - Thursday

If you need access to the building please fill out the on-line form and wait for the response.



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| John Metzger | June 1 | Beverly Henderson | June 15 |
| John Hazen | June 3 | Calli Dean | June 16 |
| Ashley Powell | June 3 | Scott D. Powell | June 18 |
| Tim Powell | June 7 | Evelyn Anderton | June 19 |
| Avery Puhn | June 7 | Patty Osborne | June 20 |
| Jessica Sarabale | June 7 | Donna Reitz | June 22 |
| Joyce Bradford | June 8 | Diane Binnings | June 23 |
| Ryan Powell | June 10 | Adeline Robertson | June 24 |
| Glen Campbell | June 12 | Erik deBuhr | June 26 |
| Beverly Henderson | June 15 | Steve McCornack | June 30 |



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Church Staff

The Reverend Jerri Handy, Co-Pastor

The Reverend April Oristano, Co-Pastor

Yvette Diggs, Office Manager

Melody Doll, Bookkeeper

Nancy Anderson, Music Director

Chris Turner, New Celebration Director

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Mission Statement

We believe in love of God for all people

We gather as a worshiping community of faith to
follow Jesus Christ

We delight together in what God is doing through
us to bring: healing within brokenness; unity
within diversity; joy within grief; and power within
weakness

Our mission is to strengthen relationships we have
with God, with each other, with our families, and
with our world.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation and
people of all orientations, and gender identities are
welcome in the full life and ministry of our church.

We are a global ministries church and we join and
with global and local partners to work for justice
reconciliation and peace.

We are a Green Chalice congregation and we strive
to demonstrate the fullness of God's Shalom
through living out our faith by caring for God's
creation.