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by Rev. Linda Tucker, Pastor

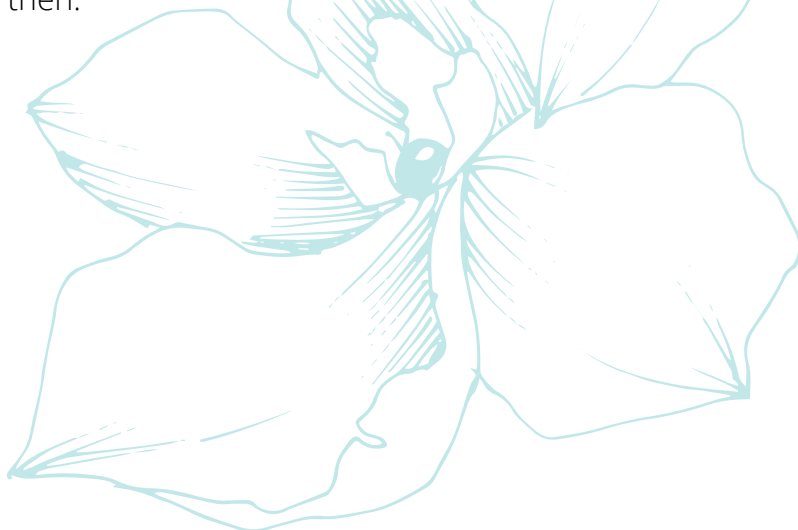
I will be on vacation most of August. Honestly, I am ready to recharge the batteries. This being my first year at FUMC, new church challenges, plus covid-19 has combined to make this a year like no other. As I write this article I have 2 more Sundays before vacation. Yes, I am counting down. As I count down I am also examining what I really want from a vacation. My family is not planning to "hit the road" as we normally would. The current restrictions have caused me to ask what I really desire from this time off. Some years it has been a desire for adventure, but this year what I really want is rejuvenation.

Maybe you are reading this and identifying that "rejuvenation" is just what you need as well. Our current level of stress is very high. Although the word rejuvenation means "the action or process of making someone or something look or feel better, younger or more vital" I'm not sure how to rejuvenate. I would love to hear from your recommendations on how you practice rejuvenation.

I know that part of rejuvenation is letting go. The need to let go of struggle, let go of hurt, let go of desire, let go of need. Anne Lammott said, "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

Our Christian tradition's cyclical pattern is at its core about rejuvenation. Every week we come back to Sunday, to Sabbath. Sunday is not just another day of the week to be filled with everyday-ness. It is a day to be spirit focused. It might be a time of "letting go." It is a day that God has instructed us with ways to be rejuvenated. Don't work. Instead: rest, worship, connect with the spiritual, feel grateful for a week of labor. In our modern world perhaps Sabbath could look like one day a week away from our phone?

Moving in the world is a struggle right now, for many it always has been. We all need a break every now and then.



## *Bereavement Notice*

Bill Goslow passed away July 11, 2020. Please keep Becki and family in your prayers. Donations can be made to Benton County Meals On Wheels.



# Drive-In Worship Schedule

## What to Expect:

Worship experience led by Rev. Linda Tucker, and guest speakers.  
Music Led by John Collison

## How It Works:

Reservations required, click the links below for your preferred date.  
PDF of the bulletin will be emailed  
Tune your radio to FM provided that morning.  
Please bring your face masks  
Designated bike and pedestrian areas  
Restrooms will not be available for use

### August 2nd, 9:30 am

Preaching: Rev. Linda Tucker

Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-drivein3>

### August 9th, 9:30 am

Preaching: Dr. Susan Maxine Shaw, Professor of Women and Gender  
Studies and Religious Studies

Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-drivein4>

### August 16th, 9:30 am

Preaching: Rev. Leslie Chartier, Unitarian Universalist minister

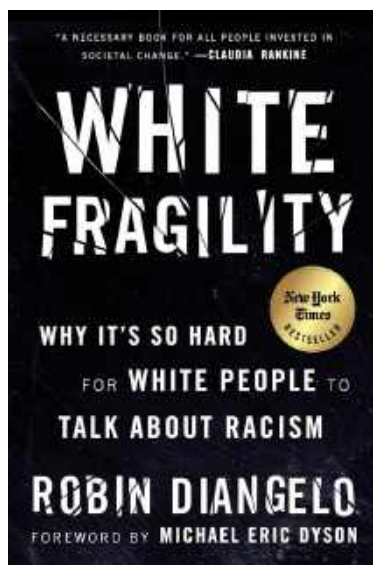
Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-drivein5>

### August 23rd, 9:30 am

Preaching: Dr. Philip Clayton, Ingraham Professor at Claremont School of  
Theology

Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-drivein6>

## FUMC Community Book Study



“White Fragility: Why is it so Hard to Talk About Racism” by Robin DiAngelo

**Sign-up Now!** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-white>

**Why:** In keeping with our church tenet's of social justice, human rights, and the commitment of continued learning, the study of "White Fragility" is a way for our (mostly white) church community to learn more about how our whiteness impacts the way we move through the world, and how we might use our privilege to uplift and empathize with those who do not share our same privilege.

**When:** There will be a variety of class dates and times over the next three months.

Sundays – 10:15 am, via zoom starting July 19; Leader – Tim Stover

*Meeting ID: 933 1272 9212*

*Passcode: 745150*

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm, Willamette Park starting July 21; Leader – Elizabeth Nielsen

Thursdays – 11:00 am, via zoom starting July 23; Leader – Beverly Park

*Meeting ID: 819 0120 6975*

*Passcode: 598763*

Thursdays – 7:00 pm, via zoom starting August 6th; Leader – Rev. Leslie Chartier

*Meeting ID: 948 6089 9059*

*Passcode: 067610*

Tuesdays – 5:00 pm, Martha Room Courtyard starting July 21; Leader – Anne Foltz

Date TBA – via zoom, Leader – Sara Power

**Where:** Online, small groups (10 or less) at outdoors setting and small groups (10 or less) at FUMC.

**How do I get the book?** The book is available in several formats from the Corvallis Public Library. FUMC has ordered 20 copies from Cokesbury. A few copies will be available to check-out from the FUMC library and the rest are available for purchase for \$12.29

## Youth Group Activities

### August 2: Bike Night

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0548aaaa23a5fb6-youth8>

### August 9: Kick Ball

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-youth9>

### August 16: Croquet

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-youth10>

### August 23: Outdoor Movie Night

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-youth11>



## Children's Ministries

### August 4: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Oak Creek Dimple Hill Trailhead

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-tuesdays1>

### August 11: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Family Bike Night

Bald Hill Reservoir Parking Lot

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-family1>

### August 18: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Yard Games

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-tuesday>

### August 25: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Family Bike Night

Bald Hill Reservoir Parking Lot

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAAA23A5FB6-family2>



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# My Perspective: The BLM Movement and Social Justice

by Bill Blakney

Much of the nation's and the world's current focus on social justice issues is inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement. Here is my perspective as an African American.

I grew up in Shubuta, Mississippi, during the era of legal racial segregation. My parents emphasized many values: including family, church, and education. Two of our examples of education were the uncle who was a physician and Medgar Evers' doctor, and the uncle who earned a Ph.D. in mathematics and was a college professor. My sister was inspired to earn a Ph.D. While I have fond memories of my childhood, the Shubuta area's broader history is described in the book *"Hanging Bridge: Racial Violence and America's Civil Rights Century,"* by Jason Morgan Ward, Ph.D. The poet Langston Hughes wrote about the area in the poem *"The Bitter River."*

I attended Jackson State College (now university). As with my childhood, I have many fond memories of my college years, including seeing Muhammed Ali and Martin Luther King, Jr. up close. However, my senior year ended tragically, as described in the recent book *"Steeped in the Blood of Racism: Black Power, Law and Order, and the 1970 Shootings at Jackson State College,"* by Nancy K. Bristow, Ph.D.

After college, some of my key experiences were: (a) U.S. Army service, where I spent year three in Hawaii, supervising a group of X-Ray techs that included persons who were female, male, white, black, Latinx and Asian American; (b) law school, where I was the only black student in my graduating class, and where I met my wife, Diana – which set the course for my wonderful family; and, (c) a career as a government environmental lawyer in Chicago and in Seattle.

So, what is my current perspective? I am supportive of the Black Lives Matter movement. Here are some relevant things that come to mind:

1. I endeavor to read extensively about our nation's history because I believe we must learn its actual history so that we can understand issues in context, protect ourselves from demagogues, and persevere. As part of my effort, I intend to re-read *"The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism,"* by Edward E. Baptist, Ph.D.
2. I accept that different opinions about some of the objectives attributed to the Black Lives Matter movement are to be expected. However, those who respond with "all lives matter," or "blue lives matter," or who question whether African Americans love our country, are not, in my opinion, genuinely interested in social justice.
3. I am participating in a diversity, equity, and inclusion training program, along with representatives of six environmental nonprofits here in Corvallis.
4. We must never cease pushing for positive structural changes to the nation's institutions because, among other things, achieving social justice is essential to properly address demographic changes and regain respect among other nations.

## My Perspective: The BLM Movement and Social Justice (cont.)

by Bill Blakney

5. We must engage in the sustained effort needed to re-imagine, redefine, and reform many (most?) of the nation's police agencies. This is clearly a life or death issue.

6. We must not be misled by the misuse of Christianity by some who seek to influence public policy. That is why I am reading *"Christ In Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus,"* by Jim Wallis, and why I will re-read *"The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism,"* by Jemar Tisby.

Let me close with the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. : " Our hope for creative living in this world house we have inherited lies in our ability to reestablish the moral ends of our lives in personal character and social justice. Without this spiritual and moral re-awaking, we shall destroy ourselves in the misuse of our own instruments."

## The Power of an Invitation

by Helen & Lee Van Nice

In 1994 we were new in Corvallis, both of us with new jobs, learning our way around and making new friends. We were dealing with the sorrow of the loss of our beautiful daughter, Faith, at that time as well.

One day Glenn Jaquith called, told me he had met my sister Ruth who told him we were new here and were learning our way around. He invited me to come to church. I came one Sunday, met Glenn and began a whole new phase of my life. This kind of church was new to me: youth were part of worship and people were friendly and welcoming. I found out they had a bell choir, and I thought it would be fun to play the bells. In short order Bobbie Holsberry called and invited me to join them. So began my introduction to the music program . Later on I joined what was known as the Sanctuary Choir. Music in this place has enriched my life so much! Oh, and a Book Club, thanks to Judy Jaquith.

There are so many who made us feel welcome I can't begin to name them all. I will be ever grateful to Ann Bateman who asked me if I would be on the Board of Trustees. I wasn't sure what that meant, but I began to learn how a church operates and began to know what a "Church Home" means.

Judy Jaquith soon invited me to that wonderful series: Corvallis Program for Biblical Learning, (CPBL). At this point, I knew that I could be part of this community. I moved in to more and more leadership roles, became Church Council Chair, went to Annual Conference, led CPBL two more times, and so much more! I am a better person for all of this.

Lee and I helped cook many meals, washed hundreds of dishes, helped with fundraising, worked on the building of the new Community Center. My point of writing this beyond saying "Good Bye" and "Thank You" is to emphasize how much difference an Invitation can make! Much Love to All of you!

# Financial Report

by Nita Mendenhall, Business  
Manager/Treasurer

In the wake of Covid-19, I am happy to report that we are still slightly below budget at this mid-point of the year. Our overall contributions are down primarily due to our not having formal services in the sanctuary. Our pledge members are being faithful to FUMC. We bless & thank them for their support during these difficult times.

With the building being closed we are not receiving any income from such things as church suppers & room use fees. Our expenditures are up with the woman's shelter. It is generating large expenditures however the Outreach Coordinator, Sara Power, and her staff are doing a tremendous job in generating funds from the community to cover these costs!

We have negotiated to have the roof of the Community Center replaced in late July and early August. Our expenditures will show an increase due to this. This cost should be covered by the funds our congregation has generously donated to the Building Fund.

To date, we have not been able to report any of it to PPP loan process as income. Due to this delay in the Federal Government not providing the required documents for us to claim it as income & reduce our loan liability. I am happy to have joined FUMC and welcome you to ask me any questions you may have.



# Phase Opening Plans

## PHASE 2

<b>HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS</b>	Stay Home, Save Lives.
<b>PHYSICAL DISTANCING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The building will remain locked during business hours. People will need to phone to gain access</li> <li>• 6' distancing floor sticker will be used in utilized spaces.</li> <li>• Bathroom use will be discouraged. Staff/volunteers will have access to main level single-use bathroom. Sanitizer products will be left in this bathroom with instructions and checklist to be completed after each use. The door will be propped open when not in use. Flow arrows will be installed in the bathroom hall.</li> <li>• Room usage will be contained to designated rooms on the main level. This includes: rooms 118, 119, the Library Lounge for group meetings and staff offices as appropriate.</li> <li>• Access doors to the first and third floors will be locked to prevent access.</li> </ul>
<b>MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE</b>	10 maximum in the building at a time
<b>LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff, executive team and Church Council will approve all Stage 2 measures.</li> <li>• The Administrative Assistant will be responsible for monitoring and ordering PPE and sanitizing supplies.</li> <li>• The Director of Congregation Life will be responsible for creating a signage plan, acquiring and installing signage.</li> <li>• There will be a designated, trained safety person responsible for compliance at each approved gathering.</li> <li>• Progress and updates to policies and procedures will be communicated to members of the congregation via weekly Constant Contact emails, monthly electronic and hard copy newsletter.</li> </ul>
<b>SAFETY ACTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building gatherings of 10 or less.</li> <li>• Only one entrance will be used to reduce surface contact contamination.</li> <li>• The existing FUMC staff/volunteer check-in log will continue to be used. Staff granting access to building guests will be responsible for making sure the guest has logged in.</li> <li>• Masks will be required of all people. Face masks will be provided for those without.</li> <li>• People entering the building will be required to use provided hand sanitizer.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer stations will be located at the targeted entrance, at the main hall intersection, the office and each approved designated meeting room (Rooms 118, 119 and Library Lounge).</li> <li>• A sanitizing-mister machine will be used after each indoor space is used.</li> <li>• Arrow flow signs indicating social distancing will be placed in appropriate locations.</li> </ul>
<b>STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS</b>	Staff and volunteers will work and be in the building observing all of the Safety Actions.

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued virtual worship</li> <li>• Outdoor drive-in worship – No church building use, face masks and physical distancing, bring your own communion, single-use microphones for worship leaders, musicians using social distancing and vocal distancing. Takes place in our Monroe Avenue parking lot. Sign-up required. Offering boxes at each entrance. A designated bike area can accommodate 6 people. A designated pedestrian area will be limited to 6 people. Seating will not be provided in either area, arrow flow signs will be used to ensure social distancing. All participants will be required to wear face masks. Those arriving without facemasks will be given them. Worshipers will not be allowed out of their cars. Family units exempt from social distancing from one another; all others observing social distancing. Reservations will be required to ensure a contact tracing trail. Once maximum capacity has been reached, additional guests will be invited to view the service online or access the FM station from the street or OSU parking lot. Singing worship leader will keep a 20' radius from others. Congregational singing will be allowed with windows up. Worship ushers/parking safety personnel will be responsible for enforcing compliance.</li> <li>• Outdoor amphitheater worship - max 50, no church building use, face masks, physical distancing, bring your own communion and seating options, single-use microphones for worship leaders, musicians using social distancing and vocal distancing (20' radius), no congregational singing. Face masks will be provided to those who do not have them.</li> </ul>
<b>MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning, fellowship (adult, children and youth) and leadership opportunities will continue to be offered online.</li> <li>• Small groups Christian education classes (adult, children and youth) of 10 or less will be allowed in church building authorized rooms or outside settings.</li> <li>• Encourage outdoor home or park-based fellowship gatherings with all Safety Actions guidelines enforced.</li> <li>• Outreach ministries (e.g. Boy Scouts, ARC, addiction support groups, etc.) gatherings allowed with Physical Distancing and Safety Action compliance.</li> </ul>
<b>BUILDING USE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited essential crisis services offered outdoors.</li> <li>• Limited to staff, volunteers and selected services.</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND OUTREACH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual.</li> <li>• Limited essential crisis services offered outdoors.</li> <li>• No building access will be granted to Outreach Services at this time. Should Outreach Services resume, they will held to the general Physical Distancing and Safety Actions guidelines as anyone else entering the church</li> </ul>
<b>ESSENTIAL SERVICES</b>	<p>The Room At The Inn (e.g. Room At The Inn Women's Shelter housed in the Community Center and Unity Shelter micro-shelters housed on church campus) has made a formal commitment to the church that they are/will follow(ing) all FUMC, State, County and local guidelines.</p>

<b>OTHER MINISTRY SETTINGS</b>	Church groups meeting off campus must adhere to Safety Actions.
<b>CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor childcare will not be available.</li> <li>• Outside game gatherings at a park and group bike rides.</li> <li>• Group shall not exceed 50 participants.</li> <li>• Event will be supervised by a trained safety person responsible for compliance at each approved gathering.</li> <li>• Social distancing (6' minimum) will be strictly enforced.</li> <li>• No building access.</li> <li>• Participants over 12 years of age will be required to wear a facemask. Younger children will be encouraged to wear facemasks, if developmentally appropriate. Extra facemasks will be available for those without.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes will be supplied.</li> <li>• No food or drink provided or shared - individuals may bring their own for their own consumption.</li> </ul>
<b>Room At The Inn Emergency Amendment July 18, 2020</b>	
<b>ESSENTIAL SERVICES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Room At The Inn (RATI) staff, volunteers and guests will only be granted access to the main building on extermination treatment dates.</li> <li>• Main building room use will be limited to the Martha Room (room 119), adjoining Martha Room service kitchen, the first level north restroom, outdoor courtyard and access ramp.</li> <li>• Shelter staff and residents will access the space via the northwest courtyard door (adjacent to the access ramp).</li> <li>• RATI staff will be responsible for reporting the number of RATI related people in attendance and will keep their own record of name, out of safety concerns for the shelter guests.</li> <li>• RATI guests in the main building will wear a mask and practice Social Distancing. They will continue to follow State, County and City guidelines for shelters.</li> <li>• RATI staff will be responsible for sanitizing the space when they leave.</li> <li>• All commercial grade cleaning supplies will be provided for the space.</li> <li>• A hand sanitizer station, disinfecting wipes, single use masks and gloves will be available in the room.</li> </ul>