

March 14th – 20th This Week's Schedule

Today, March 14th

10:45am First Churchmen Rehearsal *Choir Room*
7:00pm Lenten Prayer Service—Journey of Prayer *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, March 16th

10:00am Made with Love *Rm 425*
7:00pm Kaleo *Rm 426*

Wednesday, March 17th

10:00am Focus Women's Bible Study *Rm 428*
5:45pm Dinner *260A*
6:00pm Handbells *Sanctuary*
6:15pm Prayer Gathering *Rm 428*
6:30pm Children *3rd Floor, Nursery, Room 6*
6:30pm Junior & Senior High Youth Group *Youth Center*
6:45pm The Gift of Years Adult Class *260DE*
6:45pm Nooma Discussion Adult Class *260B*
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir *Glen Room*
8:00pm Local Board of Administration *Conf Rm A*

Thursday, March 18th

11:30am 3rd Thursday- "Up Up and Away" *Fine Center 260B*



Journey of Prayer

Lord, open our eyes to your presence,
open our ears to your call,
open our hearts to your love;
that we may give ourselves to you
and walk before you as children of light;
through him who is the Light of the World,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For information on children, youth & adult classes being offered each Sunday, visit one of our welcome centers— either in the Sanctuary foyer or back corner of the gym— for an information packet.



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Life In The Church

The Eden Reforestation Project

Eden Reforestation Project recreates healthy forest systems that restore hope, alleviate suffering, empower people, and build local economies in impoverished communities. For every \$1 donated, 10 trees are planted! That means just 10 cents plants a tree to help heal lives and lands in impoverished countries by:

Controlling erosion, increasing soil fertility, providing food for humans and animals, providing natural resources such as fuel and construction wood, releasing clean drinking water, and renewing desertification (the process of healthy land becoming desert). These projects also bring:

- *Employment.* Providing local jobs is the single greatest and immediate benefit that Eden provides.
- *Agro-forestry.* Eden plants one agro-forestation tree (fruit, fuel, and construction trees designated for human use) for every 10 reforestation trees. In this way the local community prepares to have many of its long-term needs met.
- *Dignity.* With the coming of employment the local people begin to take care of themselves. Many parents are now sending their children to school, providing a healthy diet to their families, and affording medical needs.
- *Hope.* As the trees begin to grow again, and the erosion lessens, hope is restored as the people see the land restored to health.

The Eden project is a ministry of the Free Methodist Church and is supported by FFMC through our world missions fund.



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PLANT TREES. SAVE LIVES.

A Worshiping Community Extending Christ's Invitation to
Become and to Live as His Disciples.

Community

News and Notes

Believers Baptism by Immersion

Baptism will occur on Easter Sunday, April 4th. If you would like to receive baptism at the end of the Sanctuary service, please contact Pastor Mark (Mark@ffmc.org).

Prayer Pal Magnets

If you haven't yet, please come pick up your prayer magnet with the name of your "pal," located on the table in the Fine Center foyer on the 2nd floor. Thanks for including FFMC kids in your Prayer Journey!

FFMC Cookbook- Order Now

For only \$20, you will get hundreds of recipes from all the great cooks of FFMC. You can request out of town shipping for an additional \$4 per copy. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the H. Mark Abbott Preaching Lectureship Endowment at Seattle Pacific University. Drop your order form in one of the boxes provided in the foyers or order online through the link provided at www.ffmc.org. Look for your cookbook by the end of April!

First Church 101

This membership orientation seminar will be held in Conf Rm A on March 21st, at 5pm. (Please note time change!) For more information, call the church office 206-281-2240.

A Memorial Service for long-term member Harry Tindall is this Monday, March 15th at 2pm in the Sanctuary.



Journey of Prayer

Lenten Prayer Service Tonight

As we continue on our churchwide Journey of Prayer, you are invited to join in an evening of Lenten Reflection tonight at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The evening will include moments for personal prayer and reflection, a meditation by Pastor Abbott and guided prayer for the future of our church. Childcare available. Please RSVP today to Jan@ffmc.org.

Connect

Opportunities to Get Involved

3rd Thursday- "Up, Up and Away"

This Thursday, March 18th at 11:30am in the Fine Center. Mission Aviation Fellowship unveils information about its new plane via a presentation by Norm Edwards. And Bob Schaper shares about his life-long love of flying and numerous trips around the Puget Sound. \$5 for lunch. Please RSVP via the communication card or Sunday School class sign up sheets.



Love & Logic Parenting Class- Register now

A certified *Love & Logic* instructor will lead this 7-week Wednesday night course, starting April 7th. Be more confident, relaxed, and have more fun as a parent or grandparent with these practical skills for kids of all ages. Cost for the 7-week course is \$40 per person or couple (compared to at least \$100 in other venues). Registration forms can be found at www.ffmc.org or in the front office and returned with registration fee to the office or to Jan. (Some scholarships available; please contact jan@ffmc.org.)

Women's Retreat at Warm Beach

Now is the time to sign up for Women's Retreat! The women of FFMC have saved a room in the Mt. Baker cabins. Registration is \$183 for the full weekend experience with Babbie Mason. Contact Jeanette Fiess (206-660-7748 or hockeyfiess@gmail.com) with questions. To register, call Warm Beach at 360-652-7575 and request lodging with Seattle First Free.

Easter Eggstravaganza! Invite Friends!

Pick up a postcard in either foyer today and invite young families to this great event on April 3rd, the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome to the pancake breakfast at 9am (donations appreciated); activities for ages 3-8 begin at 10am. Please contact jan@ffmc.org with questions or to be part of the team!

