

The Faith Connection

A Newsletter of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

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Greetings,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back for the Winter Term! I hope that you had a restful break and are feeling refreshed for this new school term.

While Christmas day might already seem like a distant memory, this Monday, January 6, is the "official" end to the season as it completes the twelve days of Christmas. This day is called "epiphany," from the Greek for "manifestation." Epiphany is a day of great joy for all Christians as we celebrate the continual revelation that God has come to be with us in Jesus. The arrival of the Magi, or Wise Ones, from a foreign land reminds us that Jesus has come into the world not just for a select few, but for all of humanity.

Now on the first day of the Winter Term, as you excitedly (I hope) begin new classes and activities, epiphany will probably be the last thing on your mind!! And still, that sense of a new beginning, of a fresh start – that is a part of our epiphany celebrations. What has been, has been. What will be is yet to come. Here, in the present moment, God has been revealed to us in the life of Jesus. God *is* with us, here and now.

As you jump into this new term, I wish you God's richest blessings!

Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen
Campus Pastor



Join Jeremy for dinner, a movie (video), and conversation about the images and questions the film raises for our faithful living.

**Tentative Dates and Times:
February 7, 2003 6-9 PM
March 7, 2003 6-9 PM**



**Winter Term
Student Planning Meeting
Monday, January 6, 7 PM
Pizza and Drinks provided!**

Wednesday night topics! Volunteer activities! Retreats! Social activities! Come share your ideas and energy for the new term. All students welcome!

*Do Something Different for Spring Break!
Join the Wesley Foundation Mission Trip to...*

SAN FRANCISCO!
March 22-28, 2003

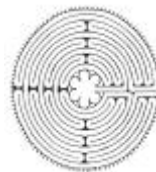
Looking to do something radically different for Spring Break? Interested in serving others through volunteer work and experiencing a city as you've never experienced it before?

For a week, we will volunteer at local agencies that serve the poor in San Francisco. We will learn from those on the front lines who are addressing the social challenges that arise in an urban environment. We will worship like we've never worshipped before at churches that may be quite different from what we've experienced in the past. Reflection will be an important element of the experience as we share together how what we've seen and heard intersects with our Christian faith.

Oh, and did I mention FUN?! We'll also allow plenty of time for visiting some of the most memorable San Francisco sights - like Chinatown, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the waterfront.

INTERESTED? Talk to Jeremy soon! (346-4694)

Journey to the center. Walk the...



LABYRINTH
March 5 and 6
9 AM – 5:30 PM

The labyrinth is an ancient form of prayer that has been revived in recent years. By walking to the center, and then out by another path, you are invited to get in touch with the God who lives at the core of your being. Come to the Wesley Foundation to walk the labyrinth at any time during the above hours. If you are unsure of what it is – or how it works – explanatory materials will be available.

UMSM Winter Retreat!

Tentative Dates:

January 24-26, 2003

Wesley Foundation, University of Oregon!



Join us for a weekend of fellowship, service, and conversation with students from campus ministries around Oregon and Washington. We'll get started with dinner together on Friday at 6 PM and end after worship and lunch on Sunday.

If you would like to help plan this event, let Jeremy know!

Opportunities

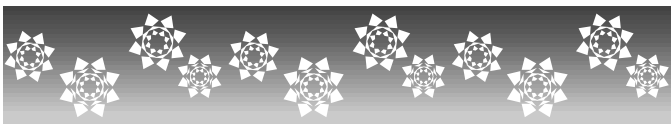
Wesley Night Fellowship begins on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:15 PM for dinner in the Fellowship Hall and 7 PM for singing, sharing, and a program in the lounge. Come join us by the fire!

Mark your calendar now for the Wesley Foundation Open House scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2003 from 11:00 - 2:00. Stop by for delicious snacks and fellowship with all of our friends and supporters!

Want to start your weekend on the right foot? Looking for a lively conversation? Join us for our "Food for the Soul" Lunchtime Fellowship. Bring your lunch and an open heart. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Fridays, 12:00 PM. Feel free to come by early. Stay as long as you like! *Begins January 10.*

Are you seeking a church home for worship? **First United Methodist Church**, 1376 Olive Street, worships at 8:45 AM (Contemporary) and 11:05 AM (Traditional). **Wesley United Methodist Church**, 1385 Oakway Road, worships at 8:30 AM (Contemporary) and 10:30 AM (Traditional). **First Congregational Church**, 1050 23rd Avenue, worships at 10:00 AM. If you have questions, talk to Jeremy!

First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity house! Stay tuned for opportunities to help contribute your own time and sweat in the effort to provide affordable housing.



Come and find your peaceful center...

**Music,
Candles,
Singing,
Silence.**



Taizé Service

Sunday, January 12, 2003

Sunday, March 2, 2003

8 PM – Ben Linder Room EMU

Taizé is a style of prayer and meditation that uses musical chants, silence, and short readings to create a space in which one may simply rest. There is no preaching, blaring music, or flashy gimmicks – just you, the music, and the beauty of the present moment. The whole atmosphere is relaxed, peaceful, inspiring, healing, and worshipful.

People in the News

Many thanks to our Book Keeper and Administrative Assistant, **Sherry Lader**, who marks 8 years at the Wesley Foundation this month! *** A special thanks to the **Board of Directors** for their hard work over the last year, and in anticipation of a great year to come! *** **Annie Schneider** spent her break on a road-trip to California. **Margaret McGladrey** traveled to Costa Rica over her break. Ask them about their travels! *** We welcome two new friends: **Chris Porter** and **Andy Cobble** (along with Caitlin Gamble and Annie Schneider, they attend First Congregational Church).

We must meet hate with creative love.

– MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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