

BRIEFLY

Church Women United meet Thursday

MILTON-FREEWATER — A salad luncheon is planned during the upcoming Milton-Freewater Church Women United gathering. The theme of the meeting is Kindling New Fires Of Love. Everyone is invited to the event, which is Thursday, May 4 at noon at the First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For more information, contact Helen Richartz at 541-558-3969 or helen_jack@columbiainet.com.

Fundraiser supports Global Exchange

PENDLETON — A dinner and auction will help raise money to send Mary Davis of the First Presbyterian Church of Pendleton to the Global Exchange to Indonesia. Every three years, a group of Presbyterian women travel to another part of the world to listen to the pain and the joy of their sisters in faith and to share their stories with each other. Upon their return, Global Exchange participants share their experiences with Presbyterian women's groups across the country.

The fundraiser to support Davis will feature an Indonesian Friendship Dinner, which includes rice and a selection of delicious sauces. The event is Sunday, May 7 at 5 p.m. at the church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. The cost of the meal is by donation. An auction, featuring baked goods, jewelry, vacations, artwork and more, follows.

In addition, tax-deductible contributions can be mailed to the church. For more information, call 541-276-7681.

Evangelist to speak in Pendleton

PENDLETON — Richard Green, an evangelist born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, will minister in Pendleton. Green will share from God's word Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave. In addition, he will share nightly Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. A light meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. There is no charge and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.pendletonbaptist.com.

Service features singing of old hymns

HERMISTON — Food, fun and fellowship are featured in the upcoming Hymnspiration. The public is invited to share in the singing of old hymns with new and old friends. The event is Sunday, May 7 from 5-6 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St. Hermiston. For more information, call Chris Finely at 541-571-2516.

Trump doubles down on criticism of court that halted first travel ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is once again taking aim at a federal appeals court district that covers Western states, saying he is considering breaking up a circuit that is a longtime target of Republicans and is where his first travel ban was halted.

Yet it would take congressional action to break up the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Republicans have introduced bills this year to do just that.

Asked Wednesday during a White House interview by the *Washington Examiner* if he'd thought about proposals to break up the court, Trump replied, "Absolutely, I have."

"There are many people that want to break up the 9th Circuit. It's outrageous," he told the *Examiner*. He accused critics of appealing to the 9th "because they know that's like, semi-automatic."

The comments echoed his Twitter criticism of the court Wednesday morning.

Democratic Congressmen John Conyers Jr. of Michigan and Jerrold Nadler of New York, members of the House Judiciary Committee, responded in a statement Thursday that Trump would "rather attack the judiciary than defend his inhumane and unconstitutional executive orders."

"The Muslim ban is unconstitutional, the so-called 'sanctuary cities' order is unlawful, and the path forward on these issues does not involve recycling a tired proposal to dismantle the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals," the congressmen said.

Trump called U.S. District Judge William Orrick's preliminary injunction against his order stripping money from so-called sanctuary cities "ridiculous" on Twitter. He said he planned to take that case

to the Supreme Court. However, an administration appeal of the district court's decision must go first to the 9th Circuit.

Republicans have talked for years about splitting the circuit into two appellate courts, but earlier legislative proposals have failed, most recently in 2005. Those battles have often pitted lawmakers from California against members from smaller, more conservative states.

Critics say the court has a liberal slant, a high caseload and distances that are too far for judges to travel. The circuit is the largest of the federal appellate courts, representing 20 percent of the U.S. population. It includes California, Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The circuit has 29 judicial

positions, many more than the 5th, which is the next largest circuit with 17. The 9th Circuit was created in 1891 when the American West was much less populated.

Democrats have opposed the split. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California was a leading opponent in the 2005 push, which she said was politically motivated. She has suggested adding judges to the court instead.

In March, 9th Circuit judges appointed by both Democratic and Republican presidents told lawmakers that breaking up the court was a bad idea.

The 9th Circuit in February refused to immediately reinstate Trump's ban on travelers from seven predominantly Muslim nations, prompting the administration to release a new, narrower ban. That also has been held up by the courts.

Pope warns powerful to act humbly or risk ruin

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis is warning the powerful to act humbly or risk ruin, using the first-ever papal TED talk to urge the world to show more solidarity with the poor and the weak.

Francis delivered a videotaped talk to a TED conference in Vancouver on "The Future You." TED, short for Technology, Entertainment and Design, organizes conferences around the world aiming to spread ideas through short talks.

The Vatican released the video Wednesday. In it, Francis outlined his vision of the interconnectedness of humanity, saying that with age he has grown increasingly convinced that "none of us is an island."

"Please allow me to say it loud and clear: The more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more you are called to be humble," he said. "If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin others."

He cited a saying from his native



Pope Francis salutes at the end of his weekly general audience in St. Peter square at the Vatican, Wednesday.

AP Photo/Andrew Medichini

Argentina about the effects of drinking gin on an empty stomach: "You feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance and you will end up hurting yourself and those around you if you don't connect

your power with humility and tenderness."

Francis pleaded for greater solidarity in political, economic and scientific endeavors.

"How wonderful would it be,

while we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters orbiting around us," he said. "How wonderful would it be if solidarity — this beautiful and sometimes inconvenient word — were not simply reduced to social work and became instead the default attitude in political, economic and scientific choices."

Francis' participation in the TED conference marked a new era for the Vatican's communications operation, which has increasingly sought to get the pope's message out via social media and nontraditional news sources.

The reaction in Rome was positive.

"These days, communications and the Ted Talks are very powerful," Bob Livingstone, a tourist from Brisbane, Australia said after Francis' Wednesday general audience in St. Peter's Square. "Every politician does (it) and he is a politician for the church."

PENDLETON

Group warms the soul with quilting outreach

East Oregonian

Members of the Pendleton First Christian Church are serious about helping and serving others in need in the community.

As part of its mission, the Faithful Comfort Crafters come together to create quilts for people needing warmth and comfort. Since forming in 2009, the group has given away more than 250 handcrafted quilts.

"The Lord gives us all time, talents, and treasures, and challenges each of us to use our gifts

wisely," said Melissa Woodbury. "We are using our time and talents to create something that shows God's love for all people."

Some of the quilt recipients include local students identified by school counselors as needing additional warmth and love. In October, 22 quilts were given to students at Sunridge Middle School.

Also, every girl who stays at Tonya's House in Pendleton receives a quilt because of the mission that was started by the FCC group. Others receiving quilts include patients and clients

of Davita Dialysis Center, Pioneer Relief Nursery, Domestic Violence Services and "anyone else who needs the love we have to offer," Woodbury said.

In December, the Giving Tree at Hamley's included a request for a blanket. The quilters made and donated a quilt, following their informal motto: "Blankets can warm the body, but quilts can warm the soul."

The group uses an annual pie sale to pay for quilt batting, and fabric is donated by quilters in the area. Thimbles Fabric-N-More

allows the group to use their long arm quilting machine and connects the group with others in town that want to help finish the quilts.

The group invites all community members who want to help to join them. The Faithful Comfort Crafters meet the second and fourth Friday of each month at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall at the Pendleton First Christian Church, 215 N. Main.

For more information, call Woodbury at 541-215-5077 or Penny Gavette at 541-276-7855.

Worship Community

<p>First United Methodist Church Pendleton 352 SE 2nd Street, Pendleton OR Sunday Worship 9am • 541-276-2616 Worship Broadcast on KUMA 1290 @ 11am Worship Livestream at www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton/ Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors Rev. Dr. Jim Pierce, pastor</p>	<p>Redeemer Episcopal Church 241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809 www.pendletonepiscopal.org Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Holy Communion Noon Weekly Adults Spiritual Life Group All Are Welcome</p>	<p>The Salvation Army Center for Worship & Service Sunday Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study COME AS YOU ARE 150 SE EMIGRANT (541)276-3369</p>	<p>St. Johns Episcopal Church Join Us On Our Journey With Jesus. <i>Scripture, Tradition and Reason</i> Family service 9am Sunday N.E. Gladys Ave & 7th, Hermiston Fr. Dan Ledward, Priest, PH: 367-6672 <i>We are an all inclusive Church who welcomes all.</i></p>
<p>Peace Lutheran Church 210 NW 9th, Pendleton ELCA Join us Sundays 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class <i>~Come and be at Peace~</i> on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday</p>	<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH <i>in Mission for Christ LCMC</i> Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM Red Lion Hotel (Oregon Trail Room) www.faithpendleton.org</p>	<p>GRACE AND MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOOR www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided) Fellowship, Refreshments & Sunday School Check Out our Facebook Page or Website for More Information 541-289-4535 Tom Inch, Pastor Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, ELCA (First United Methodist Church) 191 E. Gladys Ave./P.O. Box 1108 Hermiston, Oregon 97838</p>	<p>Seventh-Day Adventist Church Saturday Services Pendleton 1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882 Sabbath School 9:20 am Worship Service 10:45 am</p>
<p>Living Word Christian Center Sunday Worship 10:00am Wednesday Healing School 6:00pm Youth Classes: Nursery - 6th grade Sun & Wed Jr & Sr High Discipleship Program Wed Overcomer's Outreach Tuesday at 6:00pm - Annex A Christ-centered, 12-Step Recovery Support Group Pastor Sharon Miller 401 Northgate, Pendleton 541-278-8082 www.livingwordcc.com</p>	<p>Grace Baptist Church 555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497 <i>Nursery provided for all services</i> Sunday School - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM "Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"</p>	<p>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LCMC Sunday worship at 11:00 AM 420 Locust St. • Boardman, OR 541-481-6132 Colin Brown, Pastor</p>	<p>Community Presbyterian Church 14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250 Worship: 10 AM Sunday School at 11:30</p>
<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -Presbyterian Church (USA)- 201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton Service of Worship - 10:00 am Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am Fellowship - 11:00 am www.pendletonpresbyterian.com Open Hearted... Open Minded</p>	<p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) 215 N Main • Pendleton, OR 97801 Behind These Stone Walls Beat the Hearts of Some of the Warmest Most Sincere, Most Caring People in Pendleton We Invite You to Come Get Acquainted! Sunday Worship: 10:40am Sunday School: 9:30am Office 276-5358 M-F, 8:30-12:30 www.fccpendleton.org</p>	<p>PENDLETON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD FIRST SERVICE 8:30 AM SECOND SERVICE 10:30 AM 712 SW 27th ST. 541-276-1894 www.fcogpendleton.com</p>	<p>Faith Center Church Worshiping God Loving People 108 S. Main • 276-9569 Sunday Worship 10:30 am Sr. Pastor, Ray O'Grady pendletonfaithcenter.org</p>

