



## FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Messenger

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### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

We will commemorate the Last Supper with the celebration of communion at 7:00 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross service at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 1660 Elm St., Forest Grove, 12:00 noon.

Later, join us in the Sanctuary for the *Service of Tenebrae* in which we will read the passion story with successive extinguishing of candles. The service is at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

### EASTER CROSS DECORATION

As we did last year, we are asking the congregation to bring flowers to church on Easter Sunday, where we will all join in with "decorating" before worship as we come in and are seated. . If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-357-2596 or by e-mail, [rosepad76@comcast.net](mailto:rosepad76@comcast.net).

Submitted by *Patti Rose*,

### WESLEYANS MEETING

The Wesleyans will meet on Tuesday, April 6th, at 7:00 PM in **Room 7** of the Education Wing of the church. (**Note the change in location for this meeting**). Community Action representatives will present the program, to include an update on happenings with WESTCO. All women are welcome to join us for good fellowship and refreshments!

Submitted by *Virginia Heald*

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m. at the home of *Earl* and *Mary Jane Nordgren*, 47777 Ihrig Rd., just off Stringtown Rd. The church bus will leave the church at 6:30 a.m. Call the church for a ride.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast, organized by *Lois Oakberg* & *Patty Davie*. Come join the feast!

9:00 a.m. Children's Easter egg hunt, in place of Sunday School.

Watch the Sunday announcements for new details.

10:00 a.m. Festival Worship with hand-bells and choir celebrating the Resurrection.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

### EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

On Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, please join us for an Easter breakfast from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be good food as well as a chance to visit with your friends before the service at 10 AM.

As in the past, an assortment of egg-based breakfast casseroles, sausage and ham will be provided. If you wish to contribute food we ask that you bring **baked goods** or **fruit/fruit juice**. Or, if you don't contribute food, you may make a donation to help cover the cost of the casseroles and meat.

Sign-up lists for baked goods, fruit and juice and for preparation (Saturday) and clean-up Sunday will be provided. If you have questions please call *Lois Oakberg* at 503-357-8129 or *Patty Davie* at 503-357-3185. We hope to see you there!

Submitted by *Ted Oakberg*

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

**Y**ou will receive this newsletter just before Easter, the time we celebrate in a grand way the Resurrection of Jesus, God's enduring Word that death is not the final word, it is not the period at the end of our lives. Rather, death is but a transition, and Easter a time of flowers, triumphant music, and a sense of both humility and celebration amidst the mystery of this life we know and the one that we don't yet know.

I've been privileged to lead a class during this Lenten season based on a curriculum by Bishop Rueben Job, titled: *Living Fully, Dying Well*. In the class we've shared about death, living life fully, practical preparations for our final days here on earth, and what it means to be a person of faith as we all face our death. It's been a very rich and meaningful class for me. We, like Jesus, have our stories about life, death, and resurrection, and it is toward that holy mystery we will turn our focus this Holy Week.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus said: "Remember me."

On Good Friday, Jesus said: "It is finished. Into thy hands I commit my spirit."

On Saturday, there was waiting.

On Easter Sunday, there was surprise when Jesus said: "I am going ahead of you, back to where you live your life now: I'll meet you there."

This great mystery of life and renewed living that comes out of death is amazing. It catches us by surprise, and when it does, there is a greater, deeper, more profound sense of the meaning of life and in life than we knew before. In other words, death enriches our life.

As you ponder this mystery this Holy Week and beyond, may the gifts of life and living God has in store for you in these days, bless you as you continue to bless others in your living.

A blessed Holy Week to each of you,



Pastor Dan

## FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

It's time for the 3<sup>rd</sup> word in our new mission statement. I, of course, am taking a look at them all out of order, so today it is **Kindness**. What a lovely word! Kindness is something most of us are pretty comfortable with and we practice it in our daily lives with our friends and families. Some of us make a conscious and deliberate attempt to "practice acts of random kindness" as we are out in the world. This part of the mission statement seems pretty much a no-brainer. Who doesn't like kindness?

I'm a little reminded of my elementary school teaching days, though; working with vocabulary building with children whose favorite (and only?) adjective was "nice." Nice became a word that wasn't very helpful when it was the primary word to describe just about everything. That can happen with adults and the word kindness as well.

I looked up Micah 6:8 in the Interpreters' Bible. The commentary tells us that kindness is translated from the Hebrew word *hesed*, that is very common in the Bible and for which the English language has no good substitute. Kindness is often used. So is mercy; The Message says "be compassionate and loyal in your love." The Interpreters' Bible says it has to do with love, loyalty, and faithfulness and can be used to describe the key element in relationships, whether in marriage or between human friends or between God and humanity. There is an absence of an overlay of duty or fear of punishment or resentment. It cannot be manipulated or coerced by another. I remember learning that the word "mercy" carried with it the ability to "walk in the shoes" of the other, seeing life from the other's perspective and responding accordingly. When we evaluate everyday things we do in the church by an expanded notion of kindness, I'm wondering what we would be called upon to change.

Be blessed through this mission statement so that we may as individuals and as the church can be a blessing to the world and to our community.

Your Servant in Christ,  
*Deacon Rhoda Pittman Markus*

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, April 25 at 12:00, with a pot luck lunch and meeting. The program will be announced. We welcome all women interested in Missions and Outreach to join us for these meetings.

Several members attended the Every Member Enrichment meeting in Woodburn and found the Western District United Methodist Women alive and inviting to all who want to work for Missions through this organization.

Submitted by *Lela Baskins*

## SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

We'll meet on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and go home no later than noon. Bring your work gloves and garden tools. There will be a few treats to keep you going. Come and share the camaraderie!

Submitted by *Margaret Hoerber*

## FIRST AID CLASS

A Red Cross First Aid and CPR class is planned for sometime in April. Please let me know if you want to attend. Thanks!

Submitted by *Chuck Pritchard*  
503-359-9340 or [b2c2\\_2@verizon.net](mailto:b2c2_2@verizon.net)

## LOST

Lost: Oak finished TV tray on Feb 21 – left outside fellowship hall. It is part of matched set. If seen, please contact Janet Hummel at 503.359.1799 or leave in church office with Liz – Thank you!

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

## AL & KRISTI THOMASON GOODBYE APRIL 18

The boat is almost done and Al and Kristi will be "dropping the mooring lines" and setting sail this month. They're due to embark on their voyage hopefully April 21<sup>st</sup>. Come say goodbye to them on their final Sunday with us!

## ANNUAL DINNER

Spring is here . . . . and it's time for the Swiss Steak Dinner.

Plans are well underway for the All-Church Dinner on April 24th. We will have the usual delicious menu and look forward to a fun time with the cooperation of church members.

If you can help by making a poster about the dinner or putting out advertising signs, that would be great! We will need a lot of help so look for sign-up sheets soon.

Last years dinner was very successful and we hope for the same success this year.

Submitted by *Edythe Westlund*, Chair

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## BOOK SALE

Time to recycle your old books and buy some new ones at the Swiss Steak Dinner April 24th. Everyone needs some fresh reading while you rest from your labors this Spring. And it's a great way to help our church!

We have limited storage, so please bring your books a week or so before the dinner.

See you at the book sale!

Submitted by *Edythe Westlund*, Chair

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## GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION!

As part of our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner, we will be having a silent auction, and we need your donations! In past years we have had great success with a variety of auction items: Artwork, Quilts, Bath Sets, Antiques, Vacation home time, Plants, Firewood, and Carpentry items. Other great auction items come from our local business, so if you frequent a local business, please take the time to ask if they might be willing to donate to the auction.

Last year we had massages, golf games, gym memberships and gift certificates and more. Let's see if we can have even more to offer this year! Don't forget you can also donate your personal services. Last year the bidding was enthusiastic for both the Youth Group and Pastor Dan's landscaping labor. Maybe you might offer to host a dinner for 4, or provide a "designated driver" for a wine tasting tour. How about babysitting time? Be creative.

Let's have some fun, and raise money for the church's mission and objectives.

If you have questions or want to make a donation to the silent auction, contact *Laura Dionne* at:

[fglld@hotmail.com](mailto:fglld@hotmail.com) or 503-357-5934.


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## SUNDAY MORNING LIBRARY CLASS RESUMES

The class that usually meets in the Library on Sunday morning will start up again on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will finish *The Jesus Priorities* book, picking up where we left off in January at "Jesus Priority 8" on page 109. We'll probably take the rest of April with that chapter and the concluding one about "Making the Jesus Priorities Our Essential Habits". See you there!

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

# F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2010

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**WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNINFORMED...  
2 CORINTHIANS 1:8**

Our church recently conducted a stewardship campaign. Many of you returned your *2010 Estimate of Giving* cards. For this we are most grateful. This will help us develop a responsible spending plan for 2010. A few facts:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<i>Estimate of Giving</i> cards returned	89	83	81	70
Total dollar amount on those cards	167,557	173,892	178,040	161,314

This is a decrease in the number of responses. However, the good news is that more persons have increased their estimated giving and there are new persons supporting our church's ministry. Based on our church's pattern of giving over the past few years, we can project our overall giving at \$203,000. In 2009 we projected \$192,000 and received \$198,000. The message we infer from this is that our church continues to be engaged in vital ministries as Christ's hands and feet in our world. Each of you, our church family, continues your generous, faithful, and often sacrificial support of these ministries. **Thank you very, very much.**

You should know a few facts about our spending plan (budget) for 2010.

- After having received no salary increases in 2009, all the staff were given a salary increase of 3% for 2010. This amounts to a dollar increase of \$7300.
- The Trustees are attending this year to much needed deferred maintenance on the parsonage and church facility. This has increased their projected 2010 maintenance expenses to \$19,500 compared to \$6000 spent in 2009.
- Last year we balanced our budget by taking \$20,000 from our Contingency Fund and \$15,000 from our Grant Fund.
- This year, after Church Council's recent approval of \$23,500 thus far from the Contingency Fund for our operating budget, the balance remaining in our Contingency Fund stands at \$16,500.
- The current balance in our Grant Fund is \$17,500. If we continue past practice, there will soon be a call on some of these funds for student scholarships.
- We paid 75% of our apportionments in 2008 (\$31,000) and 2009 (\$34,000) for support of shared ministry and mission of the United Methodist Church beyond our local church. The amount we are apportioned (100%) for 2010 is \$48,673. What we'll be able to pay in 2010 is under discussion.

A final 2010 budget has not yet been approved by the Finance Committee or Church Council. Given the above figures, your Finance Committee is still looking for something in the neighborhood of \$29,000 if we pay our apportionments in full.

We just wanted you to know where we are as your Finance Committee and Church Council continue to strive to be the best stewards of the funds entrusted to us for our ministry together. We continue to fulfill our mission as a church to ***do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.***

With faith and love,  
**David Rose**, Church Council Chair  
**Ann Ulum**, Lay Leader

## CREATION VACATION 2010!

You are invited to volunteer as a Family Friend this summer for Creation Vacation, a three day camp experience for low-income families in Western Washington County. WWC CV dates are July 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> at Camp Magruder, near Rockaway Beach on the coast.

A cooperative effort between Camp and Retreat Ministries, local UM Churches and non-profit housing organizations, CV allows families that wouldn't ordinarily have the time or resources for a vacation to spend some time in a beautiful, restful place together, and provides an opportunity for United Methodists to build relationships with great families from their own communities. Last year's WWC participants were the families of promotores (community liaisons) at Bienestar, an organization that provides housing and comprehensive services for low-income Latino families. Thankfully, we'll be working again this year with this *great* agency!

While at camp, each family is assigned a Family Friend, a volunteer who spends time with that family and is as present with them during their time at camp as the family would like. This means that you, the Family Friend, might accompany them at meals, in the craft cabin, or on walks on the beach. You might help a kid with archery or walk alongside a donkey carrying a little one. You might visit with a mom or dad over coffee or sing songs around the campfire. You'd stay in a cabin with other volunteers, not with kids.

Family Friends are invited to contribute toward room and board costs to help subsidize the participation of families, but no contribution is *required* for your participation! All levels of camping experience and Spanish language ability are welcome--from zero to 100% fluency! :) Creation Vacation has become one of my favorite times of the year! I guarantee that you will be changed by the families and that they will be changed by you! **Please let me know as soon as possible** if you'd like to reserve your place as a Family Friend, and pass this invitation on to others in your congregation that would make great Family Friends.

For more about Creation Vacation, check out the OR-ID Conference camping website: [gocamping.org/creationvacation](http://gocamping.org/creationvacation).

What else do you need to know to make the choice? Let me know! We'd love to have you! Peace to you,

*Mira Conklin* 503-828-7444  
[miraconklin@yahoo.com](mailto:miraconklin@yahoo.com)

## GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF

The Great FGUMC Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Sunday, May 2. Entrants are encouraged to decorate a table to "sell" their chili. Everyone else plan on coming to a fabulous, fun, final fundraiser for family camp and be ready to vote for your favorite chili and table! Entry is easy – just send an email or call Janet Hummel – [janet.hummel@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hummel@verizon.net) 503.359.1799 with the name of your chili.

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholastic Scholarship Entries for 2010 are due April 30. Any student or prospective student, please pick up your application at the church office or contact [janet.hummel@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hummel@verizon.net) for an electronic version.

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

## LOOSE CHANGE FOR HUNGER OFFERING

It's time to collect your loose change and bring it to church starting Sunday, April 11th and continuing on any Sunday through June 6th. Each year churches throughout the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference collect loose change that is then taken to Annual Conference and presented for use in Hunger Related Ministries. Over \$13,000 was awarded to local churches in 2009 in the form of grants to support hunger related programs. You can read about these programs by going to [www.umo.net/our-ministries/eliminate-hunger](http://www.umo.net/our-ministries/eliminate-hunger).

Look for someone with a container at the doors as you leave worship or a container somewhere in the narthex on the designated Sundays.

*Rhoda Pittman Markus*  
503-357-3998; 503-201-1233 (cell)  
[revrpm@verizon.net](mailto:revrpm@verizon.net)

### "CHRIST ROCKS!...ROCK STAR!"

If you hear this being chanted, don't be alarmed. Inspired by the band that played last December for Youth Sunday, Ian Rice invited our youth to form a band. One of the ways Ian gets the band members fired up and on fire for God is shouting, "Christ Rocks!" and in response the band members yell back, "Rock Star!".

I would like to announce the formation of *Apostlips*, the new youth band. Currently, there are 11 members-Ian, Max, Noah, Chante, Alexis, Adam, Henry, Connor, Rachel, Fletcher, and John.

The band name has a couple of different meanings. First, there is a reference to the Apostles, and their goal is to have at least 12 members. Second, the name sounds similar to "apocalypse", which they consider not the end of the world but the end of music as they've known it. Ian is providing the opportunity for the youth to find Christ in the world we live in today and express their faith authentically through the music they listen to and play. Lastly, "lips" are the band's tool to create a worshipful, God-filled experience for their own personal faith and those who will listen.

Sunday afternoons from 11:30-12:30 the band meets to be inspired through music, expressive in new ways, shout their faith, and connect to Christ and each other. There are plans to turn room 8a into "The Studio" where the band will meet, practice, and praise God.

I want to thank Ian for providing this opportunity for the youth! Be watching for live performances from *Apostlips*!

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

### HEALTH KIT REPORT

We have met and exceeded our goal of sending 300 health kits. At present we have sent 306. When we started this, we had just received word of an earthquake in Haiti. While doing this, we learned of earthquakes in southern Chile and in Turkey. Now, it's just been reported that there have been three more earthquakes in central Chile. What started out as a unique situation has blossomed into a recurring theme of need.

Our 300+ health care kits have been collected and sent in just over two months. If this seems like a lot, it averages out to just under one and one-third health kits shared by each man, woman, and child of our congregation. But when it is combined with health kits of other congregations in Oregon, Georgia, Minnesota, New Mexico, Kansas, and from across the United States, the outpouring has been so generous that the two warehouses and distribution points, one in Salt Lake City and the original one in Louisiana, have both asked us to put our giving of health kits on hold for a short while.

I personally would like to thank the Christmas Baskets committee elves, the youth of our church, and all those who helped to stuff the bags for sending. I would like to thank the members of this congregation who gave of them selves and their money and the congregation as a whole for their help, prayers and their financial contributions that allowed us to buy the supplies for the health kits, the money to buy fresh toothpaste and the money to distribute the health care kits. I would also like to thank everyone in the congregation for their help and aid in supplying not only the health kits but for any thing they have contributed for the continued survival and health of these individuals so drastically affected by disasters. Thank you, again.

Submitted by *Chuck Pritchard*

### REQUEST FOR MAGAZINES

Do you have any magazines you're planning to recycle? We need them at the church. Any kind will do. We have a special project in mind and would appreciate any donations.

Thank you.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

### OFFICE VOLUNTEER WANTED

Can you help in the church office one or two mornings a month on a regular basis? Jobs include things like folding bulletins, shopping and running errands (needs a car), printing computer files, or entering attendance data in the computer. If you're interested, please call the church office at 503-357-2689, weekdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Submitted by *Liz Swenson*

### IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP OFFERED

**Bill Mefford**, Director of Civil and Human Rights for the General Board of Church and Society, will conduct two workshops on immigration in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. The first workshop will be on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hillview UMC in Boise, Idaho followed by another at Hillsboro (Oregon) UMC on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – both from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The workshops are for individuals and churches ready to move beyond “justice ministries that consist of institutional statements and education,” to engagement, advocacy, and authentic relationships with immigrants. The training will focused on church-based organizing to help churches become more involved in advocating for and working with immigrants.

A \$15 registration fee will cover the costs of the workshop and lunch. Deadline for registration is April 15. To register, contact **Ron Whitlatch**, Director of Hispanic/Latino Ministries, at 503-941-5215 or [ronwhitlatch@gmail.com](mailto:ronwhitlatch@gmail.com).

There is a flier with more detailed information on the announcement board near the church office.

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

### BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Reese	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
Ted Oakberg	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Priscilla Stinman	April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Ed Davie	April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Logan Anderson	April 12 <sup>th</sup>
Rachel Hampton	April 12 <sup>th</sup>
Connor Dionne	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Matthew Hampton	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Olson	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Oliver Cobb	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Frank Colcord	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Lindsay Tovey	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Buzz Brown	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Alyssa Bond	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Marion Gustafson	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Ryan Jones	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Dionne	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Lloyd Uecker	April 29 <sup>th</sup>

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please be sure that the church office has your new address as soon as possible. Thank you.

*Liz Swenson*  
Church Administrative Assistant

## SERVING IN APRIL

Liturgist	Andrea Jones
Altar Guild	Marilyn Carr
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Drivers	Fred Raycraft
Ushers & Greeters	Hospitality Team
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dionne/Westlund families
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hampton family
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Gamble
Nursery Attendant & Childcare Coord.	Adrienne Dionne
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Pat McClelland & Ann Ulum
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

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Do justice.  
Love kindness.  
Walk humbly with God.

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<b>Liz Swenson</b>	503-357-2689	Administrative Assistant

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## CHURCH CORNER -JUANITA KAUTZMANN

“Middle child” with 4 sisters and 5 brothers, Juanita finds little that will stop her. Her daughter Toni was impressed when Mom moved to Texas to be with her and arrived driving the huge truck and hauling her car.

“Dad worked for the Milwaukee RR and was gone a lot” from their home in Marmarth, N.D. So Juanita learned from her mother how to cope. When Juanita was ten, Mom, Dad and eight of the children lived in a 2-bedroom house in Baker, MT.

Marrying at 17, Juanita and her husband later moved to Washington, where they adopted Toni. With her mother-in-law dying, the little family moved to Billings to help out. Her husband went to college and the couple adopted second daughter, Jami. After graduation, they moved back to N.D. where Juanita earned her owner/operator beautician’s license. She pursued her own college degree in Billings, needing to stop hours short of obtaining her bachelor’s degree in human resources.

Juanita, now divorced, moved between Texas and Mississippi. Her daughter Toni was killed in an auto accident. She drew strength from her Methodist church in Texas, and transferred membership to FGUMC when she moved to Oregon in 2004. She’s been active in Hospitality. When not at work as receptionist at the FG Senior Center, she loves to write, knit, work puzzles and golf and is learning to play her new guitar. Her four grandchildren and 1 great-grandson plus two kittens are her joy.

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