



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

# Messenger

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Sermon series continued:

## Go Ye Into All the World

In this series, we'll learn about some of the world's major religions and how we, as Christians, relate to people of other faith traditions.

July 29 *Into the World of Hinduism*  
August 5 *Into the World of Christianity*

Join us in worship!

## IT'S SUMMER AND TIME TO GOLF!!

Please join us for a Youth Golf Scramble on Friday, August 10, at 2:30 pm at McKay Creek Golf Course in Hillsboro. There is a \$15.00 fee. **All** golfers – new or experienced – young or old **are welcome!** Great BBQ at the Dionne's following golf. Prizes for everyone! Sign up at the church office or email [janet.hummel@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hummel@verizon.net) by August 1<sup>st</sup>!

*Janet Hummel*

## DAY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Second Mile Giving for Day Camp Scholarships is still needed. If this is your way to participate in Day Camp, please mark your checks with Day Camp Scholarship and place it in the collection plate on Sunday or mail/leave it in the church office. Thank you for helping these children!

503-357-3998 home; 503-201-1233 cell

*Rhoda Markus*

## MORE TRIPS COMING UP

Two more trips have been scheduled. We will be going to the new Stub Stewart Park near Vernonia on Wednesday, August 8th. We plan to leave around 9:30 am and start home about 2 pm. We decided it would be easier if everyone packed their own lunch, so that we don't have to worry about dishes and keeping leftovers chilled.

There are hiking paths to explore, and everyone can do that at their own pace; or bring a folding chair and simply enjoy the out-of-doors in a new place.

The other trip is planned for Tuesday, September 18th. We will be leaving about 10:30 am -- after the Lectionary class -- and go to the zoo for Senior Day, which means that anyone 65 or older will get in free. I believe there is a luncheon available there -- check with Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129, to confirm the fee, which I think she said was \$7.50. There are also restaurants at the zoo, and I believe snacks will be available in various locations. Again, bringing your own lunch is also a possibility. We expect people will want to move at their own pace, so details such as check-in time for the return trip will be announced later.

These ideas are in the early stages, so if anyone has any questions or suggestions, they can connect with either me or Lois.

*Marilyn Carr,*  
503-357-2622

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

*Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Work six days and do everything you need to do. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to GOD, your God. Don't do any work—not you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your servant, nor your maid, nor your animals, not even the foreign guest visiting in your town. For in six days GOD made Heaven, Earth, and sea, and everything in them; he rested on the seventh day. Therefore GOD blessed the Sabbath day; he set it apart as a holy day.*

Exodus 20:8-11 (*The Message* version)

**T**here. I think that's about one-seventh of the page. The blank area below is to remind you to allow room for God to work with you the other six-sevenths of your life as well as resting with you on your Sabbath.

Opening space,



*Pastor Dan*

## FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

Ever since I began to write this piece for the newsletter I've concentrated on the World side of the equation – directing our thoughts to various ways of living out faith in relation to community needs and uncomfortable places.

This month I'll be talking about **The Altar** in the sense of the continuous need to be grounded in faith. Worship is clearly a part of that grounding, but so are study and the kinds of relationships that sprout in groups grappling together with issues of faith.

The Education Committee has begun to outline fall activities. As our children's church school grows, the way we are organized is impacted. Starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be 2 groups for children on Sunday morning. K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade children will continue in the learning stations program we have been using the past several years. For our lively bunch of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders there will be something new. This is **Live-BIG** (Belief in God) a new curriculum with a multimedia approach. If you are interested in checking it out go to [www.iLiveBIG.com](http://www.iLiveBIG.com). We are excited about doing our best for this group of children.

The Youth will have exciting things in store for them and you will hear about them from Bobby and Emily. What about adults? We're hoping to expand Adult offerings. Here are some things I have been thinking about for Sunday morning and/or throughout the week. An intriguing approach is FaithLink, a study for those who want to apply their United Methodist beliefs to current faith issues, world events and contemporary issues. Check out a sample lesson at <http://www.cokesbury.com/Pdf/curriculum/Samples/FL080606.pdf>

Brand new from Cokesbury is "Living the Good Life Together." This curriculum is a 12 week study with the first 6 weeks using Scripture, video, study & reflection – "Come and See" and the second 6 weeks is "Go and Do" where the group creates and implements an action plan.

This also can be viewed at [www.LivingTheGoodLifeTogether.com](http://www.LivingTheGoodLifeTogether.com)

Maybe you'd like to be in a small Discipleship Group such as all members of Annual Conference experienced this year and last – a great Wesleyan tradition! The format is pretty simple with some simple prayers, singing if you are so inclined, a scripture to focus on, checking in with one another and some questions to think about related to the scripture and your walk as disciples of Jesus.

The Sunday morning class's favorite author Ellsworth Kalas gives us "The Grand Sweep: 365 Days From Genesis Through Revelation." The study book, Daily Response book and leaders guide for group study help adults read through the whole Bible in a year.

Which one of these sparks your interest? Talk to me or Pastor Dan or Mary Jean Nordgren. Let this be the year to Dig into Our Faith.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Deacon *Rhoda Markus*

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

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

*Ella Mae James,*  
Church Secretary

### MESSENGER SCHEDULE

Please note that the **cutoff date** for the **September** Messenger is **August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Late items will be carried over to the following month's issue. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

*Patty Davie,* editor

## WHAT IS FAIR TRADE COFFEE?

'Fair Trade' is the description given to coffee that is part of a network of companies and individuals who believe that coffee farmers should receive a higher percentage of profit for their crop. 'Fair Trade' is a certification process that is monitored by a third party to ensure that members are following the rules. Joining this network costs the coffee farmer money to join -- sometimes more than he can afford. Some companies (such as Starbucks) help these farmers in other ways by building clinics and libraries for their communities. But without the certification, their coffee cannot be sold as 'Fair Trade'. Other coffee retailers have similar programs beneficial to the coffee farmer and their families.

Historically coffee farmers have had little control of how much money their beans would fetch 'at market'. Coffee beans are often sold to middlemen (known as coyotes in South America) who make huge profits at the expense of the coffee farmers. These farmers are exploited by being forced to sell their beans cheaply, often taking a loss on their crop. An estimated 25 million coffee-producing families still cannot rely on a decent income. Many families give up and turn north to the 'land of opportunity'.

Perhaps you can think of 'Fair Trade' as one solution to our country's 'immigration problem'. Most people who migrate here would rather live in their homeland— if only they could survive there. When we use 'Fair Trade', we empower the coffee farmers to make their own decisions. They can begin to take pride in their communities and to help make them safer, healthier, and better educated.



Take, for example, an experiment by one Presbyterian pastor who, with about \$20,000, helped launch "Just Coffee", an organization that works with a group of coffee farmers from Southern Mexico. Coffee beans are picked and shipped to Douglas, AZ where they are roasted, packaged, and shipped worldwide. Within just a few years of operation, the "Just Coffee" community has become self-sufficient—it even has health care for its

families.

Many of the coffee beans grown for 'Fair Trade' are organically grown. Pesticides are expensive, and, quite frankly, I don't care for the taste. Besides, who knows what is being sprayed on a crop? Well, whatever it is it can't be all that great for you. In addition to being organically grown, many 'Fair Trade' coffees are 'Shade Grown'. Many larger coffee plantations 'clear-cut' large areas of land —beneficial neither to the taste of the coffee, nor to the migratory birds whose habitat is lost. So, if you can't tell if the coffee you buy is 'Fair Trade', at least try organically grown or shade grown.

The members of the Outreach committee aren't asking you to give up your regular coffee, but we want you to know why it is important to us to serve 'Fair Trade' coffee during the fellowship time. It must have some importance to the church, for in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (paragraph 163D), it is stated that "buying 'Fair Trade Certified' products is one sure way consumers can use their purchasing power to make a contribution to the common good."

'Fair Trade' coffee may be purchased locally at [BJ's Coffee](#) and Fred Meyer. Organic/shade grown and other coffees that have programs to benefit coffee farmers are available at Safeway, Winco, Grande Foods, [Starbucks](#), and other local locations. Several companies also offer their coffee through the Internet—see links below.

*Adam Hampton*

Look for this article, along with clickable links, on the FGUMC website, ([www.forestgroveumc.org](http://www.forestgroveumc.org)), under "Outreach".

# FOREST GROVE UMC CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
July		September					
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Office Closed Pastor's Day Off		Office Closed Pastor's Day Off					4
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← Day Camp →							
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
10:00 <b>Worship:</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b> 1:00 p.m. <b>Outreach</b> 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group Worship</b>		10:00-11:00 a.m. <b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>Big event 11:00-?</b> TBA	11:00 a.m. <b>Staff Meeting</b>  7:00 p.m. <b>Church Council</b>		Office Closed <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  2:30 p.m. <b>Youth Golf Scramble</b>	8:30 a.m.—Noon <b>Second Saturday Garden party</b>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
10:00 <b>Worship</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b>	6:30 p.m. <b>Education Committee</b>	10:00-11:00 a.m. <b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>Big event 11:00-?</b> TBA	NO SPRC		Office Closed <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	9:30-11:00 a.m. <b>Youth Breakfast Club</b>  <b>Choir Retreat at the Coast!</b>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
10:00 <b>Worship</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b>	11:00 a.m. <b>Have committee minutes in office</b>  2:00 p.m. <b>Jennings-McCall Gathering w/ Pastor Dan</b>  <b style="color: red;">Messenger articles due today!</b>	7:00 p.m. <b>Trustees</b>	11:00 a.m. <b>Staff Meeting</b>		Office Closed <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  2:00 p.m. <b>UMW &amp; Friends Jennings McCall</b>		
26	27	28	29	30	31		
10:00 <b>Worship</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b>		2:00 p.m. <b>The Elms Gathering w/Pastor Dan</b>  7:30 p.m. <b>Finance Committee</b>					

**BABY CARRIAGE WANTED**

Wanted as a donation or will buy: Single baby carriage with pneumatic tires, for a Mexican family in central Mexico (streets in this small town are dirt and very uneven). Larean Hodge's son and wife live there and come to visit her here in Forest Grove each summer. They will be returning to Sayulita in October by car and will deliver the carriage to their friends. Please call Larean at 503.359.8877 or Mary Ann at 360.450.9573.

*Mary Ann Hodge*



**THANK YOU RECEIVED**

Dear Members of FG United Methodist Church, Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul food cupboard at St. Anthony's. In the months of April, May and June our records show your congregation donated 632 pounds of food items. During those three months we distributed food items and toiletries to 572 households. These households consisted of 2,383 individuals. Thank you on behalf of the clients we serve.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Chapman*

**SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY**

A gentle reminder that Saturday August 11th is our regular work party at church. We meet at 8:30 AM and quit no later than noon. Bring your own gardening tools as there is a lot of weeding, pruning etc. to be done. There will also be an opportunity for caloric and liquid replacement.

Hope you can join us.

*Margaret Hoerber*

**STEVE SMITH VISITS FGUMC**

Steve and Vickie Smith were married in 1971 when they moved to Hillsboro and became active in the FGUMC working with the youth group. They moved to Portland in 2000.

Vickie was also active in the nursery program, and painted the nursery signs which still hang on the walls directing everyone to its location.

Steve stopped by the church Sunday afternoon, June 24, with his grown son Joel and daughter Becky, as they came back to the church that was meaningful to them in their earlier years. They were glad to see that the signs were still in place.

He informed me that Vickie had passed away Thursday, June 21, 2007 after a year of fighting health problems.

They were pleased to be able to walk into the sanctuary and spend a few minutes in this beautiful setting.

A memorial service was held Sunday, July 8, 2007, at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church.

*Dan Gustafson*

**BRING YOUR WORK TO CHURCH**

On Labor Day Sunday, September 2, our worship will be focused on our labor and work are related to our lives as Christians. You are invited on that day to dress in your work clothes (you'll be surprised by some!) and bring a tool or symbol of your work or labor that we can place on the altar as we dedicate our lives and labor to God's purposes.

*Pastor Dan*



**DAY CAMP IS NEXT WEEK:  
JULY 30 TO AUGUST 3**

This is an exciting week for our church as we share God's Word with children in a special way. I'm not sure what all help is needed in the kitchen or in the way of supplies, but if you feel so moved, contact *Patty Davie* or *Rhoda Markus*. I know they'd appreciate it!

*Pastor Dan*



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Mable Compton	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Linda Powers	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sue Brenner	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Christa Bond	August 8 <sup>th</sup>
Deborah Weekley	August 13 <sup>th</sup>
Dan Gustafson	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Rannells	August 16 <sup>th</sup>
Jacquie Haney	August 16 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Cobb	August 16 <sup>th</sup>
Alwyn Hites-Clabaugh	August 18 <sup>th</sup>
Ben Pritchard	August 21 <sup>st</sup>
Noah Wilson-Fey	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Dick Brenner	August 27 <sup>th</sup>
Gerry Zabel	August 27 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Francis	August 28 <sup>th</sup>
David Rose	August 30 <sup>th</sup>

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Dave & Laurie Bond	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Ken & Martha Tunall	August 14 <sup>th</sup>
Loyd & Virginia Wells	August 24 <sup>th</sup>
Glenn & Lynn Anderson	August 28 <sup>th</sup>
Frank & Ella Collins-Colcord	August 31 <sup>st</sup>

## SERVING IN AUGUST

<b>Liturgist</b>	TBA
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Edythe Westlund
<b>Bus Coordinator</b>	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Rhoda Markus (substitute) Marilyn Carr
<b>Ushers</b> August	TBA
<b>Greeters</b>	Ken & Nancy Bond Sam & Carolyn Judah
<b>Coffee Coordinator</b>	Tracy Gulacy
<b>Fellowship Time</b> August 5th August 19th	The Bonds The Hummels
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Lindsay Marsh
<b>Childcare Coordinator</b>	Delva Johnson
<b>Web Master</b>	Jenny LaCombe
<b>Acolytes</b> August	TBA
<b>Kitchen Elves</b>	Ella Colcord-Collins & Pat Gilman
<b>Sound Ministry</b>	Media operators
<b>Tape Ministry</b>	Media team
<b>Parish Nurse</b>	Patti Rose

## CHOIR CORNER - ALEXIS GARDNER

Our pretty and pert, soft-spoken soprano will be a sophomore at FG High School this fall where her favorite classes are choir and reading workshop. She enjoys movies, especially comedies such as "Evan Almighty." Robin Williams' antics make him her favorite comedian.

Alexis loves staying at Chante's house to help take care of little Taylor. But she takes time to be with our Youth group, helping at the Breakfasts, acting in the Mystery Dinner and playing pool as well as growing in worship and service projects. Alexis joined our church this summer through confirmation – Awesome!

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church is to welcome all people, wherever they are on their journey of faith, into nurturing relationships with Jesus and with one another, through worship, small group fellowship and service to others.

## Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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