



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

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SUMMER SERMON SERIES

MOSES: continued



In this 8-sermon series we'll follow Moses, one of the most important figures of the Old Testament, from his birth to a slave woman in Egypt to leading God's chosen people to the Promised Land.

From his rise to power in Egypt to his call from God to set God's people free, we'll learn the lessons the Bible has for us through the life of this reluctant prophet and servant of God:

August 3rd: **Guest Preacher, Bobby Tabb**

August 10th: **Giants in the Land: Fear & Faith**
(Numbers: 13: 1-2, 17-18, 25-33)

August 17th: **Moses Final Instructions: Choose Life!** (Deuteronomy 30: 11-20)

BUSY WEEK AHEAD

The week of **August 4 - 8** will be a busy one at Forest Grove United Methodist Church, filled with cooks, kids, shepherds, teachers, songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible learning and environmental studies. Yes, it's the 7th Annual **Day Camp!**

The week will begin with an **Ice Cream Social** Sunday afternoon **August 3 from 3 - 5 p.m.** If you still need to register your kids you can do it then, or just come and meet others and visit with various staff members.

Rhoda Pittman Markus

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

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### BUS TRIPS COMING UP

Tillamook Forest Center is the destination for an August 2<sup>nd</sup> outing. The bus will depart from the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Lunch plans TBA; expect to return by mid-afternoon. Call Marilyn Carr to sign up.

Also, Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we plan a trip to go to Oktoberfest in Mt. Angel. We will be leaving at 1:00 from the church. Watch for more details in the next issue.

*Marilyn Carr*

503-357-2622

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YOUTH PARENT'S MEETING

August 3rd

12:00 p.m. at Mark & Delva Johnson's home, 513 S. 10th Ave. in Cornelius.

For more information, call **Emily Tabb** @ 503-844-7694

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

I have questions.

At July's Church Council meeting, I asked all the leaders if they would be willing to answer these questions:

1. The *(your committee or work area)* exists so that:
2. Why do people need Jesus Christ?
3. Why do people need the Church?
4. Why do people need this particular church?

Nearly everyone has responded in a written form. I will be sharing a summary of the responses and some thoughts about this in the near future.

I also alerted the Council that at the August meeting, I'll be asking them these questions:

1. What are you reading these days
 - a. For pleasure?
 - b. For work?
2. Why do you give (money, and also time, talents, presence) to the church?
3. How do you feel about giving these things to the church?
4. What is special about this church?

I think it's important to pause at times (and summertime often provides those times for many people) to think about who you are, why you do what you do, what and who influences you, and what you truly want out of life. Though we shouldn't be constantly "taking our temperature," to ponder why you are here and what really matters to you at the end of the day is not a bad thing to consider once in awhile.

Jesus took some vacation:

The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. (Mark 6:30-31, The Message)

I want to encourage you in these days, if you can, to take some moments to ponder the larger picture of your life. When you, with Jesus, "take a break and get a little rest," this may be the perfect time to do just that.

I'm doing that this summer. I would encourage you to do likewise in some small or large way. I look forward to sharing what I discover in these days, and likewise look forward to hearing from the Church Council and from you what you may discover when you "take a break and get a little rest."

As I thank God for the gift of these days of summer, may God continue to bless you in these days so that you may continue to be a blessing to others in Jesus' name.



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

Several years ago I was at an event where the 5 district superintendents were sharing little vignettes of life and ministry. One of them said that he worried about becoming irrelevant. That thought has stuck with me and fits in with what Bishop Hoshibata is asking of us in seeking to understand youth and the unchurched of many ages. Whose language do we speak and what needs do we address – is it the world of my teens or something else? That brings me to “Lessons from a Novice Crossworder.”

I’m new to doing crossword puzzles and I have learned some things about myself in the process. One of them, from my Myers-Briggs profile, I’m a “J” and need to finish things, so sometimes I go to great lengths and expend a lot of time before I fold the newspaper up and lay it aside. That’s just an observation that has amused me. But here is what I’ve learned.

I run into problems I can’t get around when I **fail to consider alternative meanings**. Sometimes, for example, I see a one word clue as a noun and nothing I come up with fits. Suddenly, I may remember it is also a verb, or an adjective, or has a meaning that is vastly different and then the answer is clear. Most life situations are ambiguous and multi-faceted. If my view is a one-faceted life I’m headed straight to irrelevancy.

Something else that gets me into difficulty are the vertical clues. I can’t seem to fill in the blanks from the vertical perspective. I have to write it out horizontally in the margins of the paper. Some answers come to us only when we look at the question from **a new perspective**. We need to get into the others’ shoes. Church life from the young or the unchurched might dismay us.

These learnings seem to be a little like talking to a person who doesn’t have the language of the church or Bible. I am the one who has to adapt and find language that works to convey eternal concepts. One friend of mine frequently holds an adult class where church language is not allowed. It is really hard, but participants have to search for new ways of stating old truths. Nothing much is cut and dried.

Another friend quoted someone talking about theology as doing crosswords in either pen or in pencil. My theology is done in pencil. God is always teaching me new things. Life needs to fit the clues, but I may stumble around a bit to work it out and that eraser comes in real handy. My teen-age theology, although part of the foundation, is inadequate for today. Even my theology of 20 years ago has been refined by mistakes and experience and sometimes fire. What about you – is your theology written in fountain pen and ink, or in pencil? Do you keep your eraser handy? It is my hope that we all want to be relevant in matters of faith. We **are** called to be and make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Your Servant in Christ,
Deacon **Rhoda Pittman Markus**

BARBECUE SEPT 7TH

September 7th is the Sunday School Kickoff and Grandparents’ Day! Everyone is invited to come for burgers & hot dogs with all the fixings.

Do you have a grill that you’re willing to loan for this event? If it could be transported to the church, please contact Jan or Luther Schrock at 503-357-8709 or ljschr@aol.com.

Jan Schrock



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Fall Sunday School classes will begin on September 7 at 9 a.m. There will be classes for children, youth and adults. Nursery care is available for children younger than Kindergarten. A barbecue, sponsored by the Education Committee and the Sunday morning Adult Class, will follow worship. Watch for more details on the website, in church bulletin announcements and in the September newsletter, but be sure to get the date on your calendar now.

Rhoda Pittman Markus
503-357-3998 home; 503-201-1233 cell

FIRST AID/CPR TRAINING

Dr. Chuck Pritchard will be offering First Aid and CPR classes again this fall in September or October. Anyone working with children or youth should take this class, which is also open to anyone else who wants to take it!

Anyone interested please call Dr. Chuck Pritchard at 503-359-9340 and we will set up a time that is good for everyone. The cost will be divided among all participants so the more people, the lower the cost!

Chuck Pritchard
b2c2_2@verizon.net

UNCHAINED

All 29,000 chains have been sold! The youth group has raised over \$4,000.00 for World Vision from chain sales and 30 Hour Famine pledges. Thank you to all who contributed to this effort to end world hunger!

Bobby Tabb

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

August 9th will be the second Saturday of the month and we all know what that means - a garden party at Church. Bring your gardening tools; everything else is furnished. Start at 8:30 AM and finish no later than noon. Goodies will be available.

You-all come.

Margaret Hoerber

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Insights into the 23rd Psalm by Ethan, Micah, Matthew and Sarah:

I shall not want? "If God is your shepherd, he knows everything you need."

Green pastures? "Hey, grass is what sheep eat!"

Still waters? "Not tumbling over rocks or waterfalls, so the sheep won't be scared to come and drink."

Table in the presence of my enemies?
"Well, what happens when you sit down at a table? You eat, you talk and you make friends."

Submitted by **Mary Jane Nordgren**

GRANT REQUEST

The Grant Committee has received a request from **Janet Hummel** and the FGUMC Scholarship Committee for \$3,750.00 to support 6 Undergraduate Scholarships and 1 Graduate Scholarship for young adult members of our congregation. The Grant Committee will be reviewing this request for a funding decision at our meeting on August 14th. A copy will be posted on the grants bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any comments or questions about this grant request, please send one of us an email, or drop a note in the Grant Committee mail box before August 14th.

Grant Committee Co-Chairs

Ted Oakberg (brewinbruin@comcast.net)
Alisa Hampton (alisa.hampton@intel.com)

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

The Education Committee is looking for someone to teach Kindergarten on alternate Sundays, beginning in September. If you are interested, or desire more information, please contact me at 503-357-3626 or mjnordgren1@juno.com.

Mary Jane Nordgren

F. G. U. M. C. Calendar for August 2008

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MUSIC AT FGUMC

Choir Rehearsals begin soon.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir is open to anyone who wants to sing with us, grade 7 and above to infinity is welcome! Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. - 8:30 pm. We will be welcoming our new organist, Ray Anderson, and look forward to working with him! Our first rehearsal will be August 28th; come and join us.

Bell Choir

Bell Choir is open to anyone who wants to play the bells, grade 5 and above. Rehearsals are in the Craft/Bell room on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm-7:30 pm. Our first rehearsal will be September 3rd. Come and try ringing the bells! We bet you will love it.

Chime Choir

Chime Choir is in transition this year. We will practice Thursdays at 6:15 - 6:45 pm. We may need to make it an intergenerational choir so if you would like to try playing the chimes, join us for our first rehearsal on Sept. 4th at 6:15 pm. This rehearsal time is flexible so let us know if a different time or day of the week would be better for you.

Children's Choir

The Children will be singing for some important Sundays this year. We will practice in the Nursery Rooms following the "Time with the Children" during the Worship Service. All children ages 1-grade 4 are invited to join us. We will begin practicing Sunday, September 7th. Hope to see you then.

We have a lot of fun music planned for the remainder of the year and would love to have you join us for any or all the choirs.

Questions? Please call Betty at 503-359-9340.

Betty Pritchard, Music Director

ITEMS NEEDED FOR ROOM 7A

We'll be fixing up classroom 7A for our Kindergarten-First Grade class this fall. If you have some of these items crowding your storage space (where things you don't know what to do with live), we would be grateful for them.

- ⇒ DVD player - simple is fine, just for showing videos
- ⇒ Area rug
- ⇒ Large floor pillows
- ⇒ Bean Bag chair
- ⇒ CD player - simple model, no need to record or do anything except play CDs.

Rhoda Pittman Markus

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

COFFEE HOUSE

Forest Grove UMC is starting a new program called the Coffee House. We will be offering coffee, entertainment, games, and God to young adults and senior high youth from our community. The Coffee House will take place once a month on a Friday evening from 7-9. We are trying to create a very welcoming environment and that is where you come in. To keep our costs down, we're asking for items to be donated.

Here are the items-new or used:

- Baked Goods
- Coffee Mugs
- Books (for youth and young adults) for a library to check out,
- Games (checkers, cards, chess, coffee shop type games),
- Puzzles,
- Fabric for curtains and slip covers for two sofas.

To donate please let Emily or Bobby know @ 503-357-2689 or bobbyfgumc@teleport.com.

Thanks, *Emily Tabb*

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

MESSENGER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the September Messenger is August 18th. Late items will be carried over to the following month's issue. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Patty Davie, editor

DRIVERS STILL NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed for September, November and December. Women are welcome, and a special driver's license is not required.

We have quite a few older members who depend on this service to be able to attend worship, and are grateful for drivers who can help make this possible for them.

Linda King, Bus Coordinator
503-522-1215

WESLEYANS MEETINGS TO RESUME

All women are invited to join us for our first meeting of the fall on Sept.2nd, the day after Labor Day, at 6:00 pm. As is our custom, the September meeting will be a potluck supper, followed by a short program; dessert will be provided. Plan to come & find out what goes on at our meetings!

Patty Davie
503-357-3185



BIRTHDAYS

Mable Compton	August 2 nd
Linda Powers	August 2 nd
Sue Brenner	August 2 nd
Carole Heun	August 5 th
Christa Bond	August 8 th
John Heun	August 11 th
Dale Heun	August 13 th
Deborah Weekley	August 13 th
Dan Gustafson	August 15 th
Tom Rannells	August 16 th
Jacquie Haney	August 16 th
Randy Cobb	August 16 th
Alwyn Hites-Clabaugh	August 18 th
Ben Pritchard	August 21 st
Noah Wilson-Fey	August 22 nd
Dick Brenner	August 27 th
Gerry Zabel	August 27 th
Bob Francis	August 28 th
Chase Tabb	August 28 th
David Rose	August 30 th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Laurie Bond	August 1 st
Ken & Martha Tunall	August 14 th
Dale & Carole Heun	August 18 th
Glen & Lynn Anderson	August 28 th
Frank & Ella Collins-Colcord	August 31 st

SERVING IN AUGUST

Liturgist	Liz Swenson
Altar Guild	Lois Oakberg
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
Bus Driver:	Adam Hampton
Ushers	
August	Arleigh & Donna Berget Ted Oakberg, Eunice & Chanté Gustafson
Greeters	
August	Ken & Nancy Bond Sam & Carolyn Judah
Coffee Coordinator	
Team: *August	Carole Heun, Delva Johnson & * Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
August 3 rd	Sue Brenner & Cecilia Brungard
August 10 th	Lela Baskins
August 17 th	Maurine Scott & Mac & Pat McClelland
August 24 th	Volunteers needed
August 31 st	Volunteers needed
Nursery Attendant	Lindsay Marsh
Childcare Coordinator	Delva Johnson
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Margaret Ann Cox, Terri Jones & Patty Davie
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CHOIR CORNER — KATHY WILSON-FEY

"A bridge between cultures" is how Kathy sees her role in mental health for the Hillsboro School System.

With her fluency in Spanish, acquired during the Wilson-Feys' years in mission in Honduras, Kathy is able to speak directly to the 70% of her case load who are Hispanic. Because the Hispanic culture often views mental health issues in such a different light, Kathy's ability to hear not only the words but to understand where the people are coming from makes an enormous difference in how well their problems are met. Kathy's work in Honduras was similarly a bridge, because she was coordinating visitors and was also able to soften the differences in expectations.

Chuckling, Kathy mused about expectations visited upon a pastor's wife. What other "job" would ask a spouse to visit the other's job site every week and know everyone's name as well as where the mop and dust pan are kept? But she bridges that gap in roles with love and grace as well, thoroughly enjoying teaching Sunday school this last year, active in choir and the youth ministry team, and grateful for the community of FGUMC.

Kathy enjoys quilting and singing. Her brother is a college professor in Rochester, N.Y. They were the children of an Air Force father, whose work caused them to move every four years or so. "It was good training to be in a United Methodist family."

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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