



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

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CHURCH COUNCIL

CELEBRATIONS AT THEIR JULY 21ST MEETING:

- seeing Ron & Diane Ray and family in worship
- the poster in the narthex that Christie Rice made of youth & children's activities through the year
- Lela telling the School of Christian Mission how the FGUMC United Methodist Men's group was recently formed
- the poster in the narthex that Cricket Luczkow made of artwork found in the children's activity bags
- Thanksgiving for all those who quietly, and often without fanfare, do so much around the church

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

GARAGE SALE THANKS

Many thanks to all those who helped to make our UMW/Wesleyans garage sale a real success. We especially want to thank Lois and Ted Oakberg for hosting; the ladies who worked hard on the sale; the gentlemen who graciously transported tables and heavy objects, and most importantly, folks who so generously donated goods to be sold. Bless each of you!

Submitted by *Virginia Heald*

BUS TRIPS PLANNED

Be thinking about a trip to Fort Clatsop in September and another to a hymn-sing in Alton C. Collins Retreat Center in October. Exact dates & times will be announced later.

Submitted by *Marilyn Carr*

BACK TO (CHURCH) SCHOOL

Newspaper ads are filled with Back to School specials. Have you noticed that? It means that the time is approaching for the start up of the Church School year as well.

This year - starting on **September 12th** - children from K - 6th grade will meet during worship time. Class will begin following Pastor Dan's "time with the children" (about 10:20) and run a full hour. The time will include music with Betty and crew, as well as regular lessons from the Live B.I.G. curriculum - the format this year is the one room school with plenty of adults to make it appropriate for all ages.

September lessons are about God Choosing Ordinary People to make a difference in the world; Bible stories will be about Moses, Samuel, David and Matthew.

Watch for more information and plan for your children to be there.

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*
503-357-3998; 503-201-1233 (cell)

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

August 14th will be our regular work party at church. We meet at 8:30 a.m. and work until noon, or until it gets too hot. Bring your garden tools; refreshments will be furnished.

Submitted by *Margaret Hoerber*

SECOND MILE GIVING

Second mile giving is always welcome to support *Family Fiesta* beyond what is budgeted.

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

PASTOR'S PAGE

...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:21, NRSV

What do you treasure? We hear and speak about treasure chests, treasure hunts, treasured family heirlooms. Rings, gold, photographs, homes, pets, and more are some of the things we human beings name as treasure.

The Apostle Paul said:

But we have this treasure in jars of clay...

2 Corinthians 4:7, NRSV

The treasure to which he refers is the very light and glory of God, shining in Jesus Christ. This is the treasure, the scripture says, that is contained within jars of clay. Some Bible versions translate "jars of clay" as "earthen vessels." And you remember what other vessels were made of clay, made from the earth:

then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7, NRSV

Living beings, human beings, become God beings when the breath of life of the living God is breathed into us. We are the earthen vessels made of clay, made of the dust of the earth. God is the potter; we are the jars of clay made by God.

Into these vessels, these jars of clay, God has placed a treasure. God has placed God's very light, glory and Holy Spirit breath of presence. We, each of us, have within us that light, that spirit of God. And it is a treasure that is to be...well, what? Guarded? Shared? Put to use? Given away? Shine on a hill? Covered up with a basket or lampshade? What do you do with the light that is within you?

There's a very important note about this treasure in the clay vessels that we are. Clay vessels, when fired or dried and ready for use, are fragile. They are extremely useful, often decorated beautifully -- but they are fragile. A slight bump incurs no damage, or perhaps just a chip on the surface. A larger knock may crack the vessel, and its usefulness may be compromised. A big hit will, of course, render that clay jar useless and broken, turned into shards of pottery.

In our kitchen at home, we treat very carefully the dishware we have that is made out of pottery or ceramic. Sometimes we mistakenly bump one of those pieces and a chip or crack appears. And every once in awhile, we, through carelessness, or because we lose our balance or are jostled by an unexpected force (read: dog, other person), or because it slips unexpectedly out of our hands, a treasured piece of pottery will break. It happens rarely, but it has happened. And those are not happy moments. Sometimes the broken vessel can be pieced back together; sometimes it cannot.

So too with us.

Be careful. Be care-full. Be full of care. For the treasure we have in the fragile, yet strong, jars of clay inside you and all around you, is none other than the light, the presence, the glory of God.

See you in worship,



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

Jesus responded by telling still more stories. 'God's kingdom,' he said, 'is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out servants to call in all the invited guests. And they wouldn't come!'

He sent out another round of servants, instructing them to tell the guests, 'Look, everything is on the table, the prime rib is ready for carving. Come to the feast!'

They only shrugged their shoulders and went off, one to weed his garden, another to work in his shop. The rest, with nothing better to do, beat up on the messengers and then killed them. The king was outraged and sent his soldiers to destroy those thugs and level their city.

Then he told his servants, 'We have a wedding banquet all prepared but no guests. The ones I invited weren't up to it. Go out into the busiest intersections in town and invite anyone you find to the banquet.' The servants went out in the streets and rounded up everyone they laid eyes on, good and bad, regardless. And so the banquet was on – every place filled.

Matthew 22:1-10 (The Message)

The invitations to the party have been sent! Will you come? I'm talking about **Family Fiesta 2010**. The dates are August 8, 9, 10 and the time is 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

We're planning on you being there! There will be crafts and service projects. There will be dinner and fellowship. There will be Bible stories, singing and much more.

Everyone is invited. Families with children, families with teens, couples, you and your best friend, singles, someone in search of family – all are welcome. Come one night or come every night. The feast is ready – we will be waiting for you.

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY

There is a wonderful sense of opportunity in the Spiritual Growth Ministry Team. We have only just begun to set some goals for our church in the area of spiritual growth, but we are very excited.

We have been asked "What do you mean by spiritual growth?" and in turn we ask the question "When do you feel closest to God?" For me personally, I always feel closest to God when I am singing, so of course I joined the choir. This is a small group of people who share that same tug of the Holy Spirit that I do, and by joining with them the spirit is magnified.

By this example one of the first goals we have as a team is to be sure that everyone in the church has a small group to be part of that fills them up with the Holy Spirit. We already have many small groups within the church: Wesleyans, Guitars, and Youth, to mention a few obvious ones. But some people still feel the Spirit calling to them from other places.

Bobby Tabb recently attended a praise concert and was so filled with joy that he felt driven to come back and share that with us. We now have the opportunity to worship with contemporary music and praise on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Gather with us in room 6 (the former coffeehouse) in the education wing - and a new small group is born.

Please join us and help magnify the Spirit in our church. Ask yourself, "What is the Spirit drawing me to?" and bring your thoughts to the Spiritual Growth Ministry Team on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Ultimately, our goal is to fulfill these tugs of the heart and soul so to fill the church with the Holy Spirit to overflowing. Can you feel it?

Submitted by **Carole Heun**, Team leader
503-992-0744

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Thank you so much for your support for the youth mission trip to San Francisco, California! By the time you read this, the group will have already gone on the trip and shared their amazing experience with us.

Many of you helped to support 16 people, 10 youth and 6 adults, through generous donations, attending Breakfast Clubs, car washes, offering opportunities to raise money through yard work, and through your prayers.

When we decided to go to San Francisco and serve the hungry, we needed to raise \$6160, including a deposit from each participant. As of now, we have raised about \$4200! Thank you so much and as you can see we still have some money to raise. We will be having another car wash, Breakfast Club, a golf scramble, and will still be available to do yard work or other jobs. So, please watch for other opportunities you can continue to support our youth mission team. Thank you again!

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

MISSION MINISTRY TEAM CORNER

We hear about mission trips, what people have done and how much they enjoyed the experience. But how did they get started on their trip? Which comes first, those who want to go out and help (a chicken) or some group wanting some help (an egg)? The answer is, both came first.

A church or a nongovernment organization will have a need, will define the need and get it organized. At the same time, helpers at a church, somewhere, may get an idea that they want to do a mission and start to define what they want to do and where. Now we have two dreams that need to come together; this is where UMVIM, United Methodist Volunteers In Mission, gets involved.

UMVIM, part of the Methodist US Board of Missions, was established thirty years ago, and they provide the coordination. They also provide training material, procedures, and guidance to both the host location and mission teams, so that we can be assured that the project is needed, will be effective, efficient, and of good quality. UMVIM provides guidelines for the Host and the Team to work together smoothly, coordinates insurance, housing and contacts with the host nation if needed. In short they assist in connecting the Teams and the Hosts and help the planning move along. As a result of this service, volunteer mission work under UMVIM is one of the most cost-effective works done by any volunteer organization in the US.

There are many types of mission trips. Some are very specific, such as providing library skills. Others are more low skilled, like preparing emergency supplies for shipment from the US when an emergency occurs or doing general building work with local people. One woman in her eighties went with a construction team to take care of the children of the local families during the day while the adults were working on the project. A mission team can be one or two people or a larger team. A project may be located within fifty miles of our Church or in another nation. The key to being a volunteer is to be flexible, patient, and relaxed, and to let your actions be your good word. The UMVIM motto is Christian Love in Action.

There are no limits or walls for mission work. It is an opportunity to meet others and do good works. UMVIM helps make the experience more enjoyable. Next month we will discuss being a volunteer.

Betty and Chuck Pritchard are organizing a mission trip to Honduras for August next year. Their plan is for a team from the Forest Grove Methodist Church only. This will allow the team members to know each other before departing so the work can go smooth and the team members will get to know each other much better during the trip. But more importantly it will be a wonderful total Church experience. If you are going or not going, you may be a part of the joy of this mission experience - preparing, sending, and returning.

Submitted by *B. A. Mission*

F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2010

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MUSIC AT FGUMC

Rehearsals for choirs at Forest Grove UMC will begin soon!

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir is open to anyone who wants to sing with us, grade 7 and above to infinity are welcome! Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. - 8:30 p.m. Our first rehearsal will be September 2nd. Come and join us!

Bell Choir

Bell Choir is open to anyone who wants to play the bells, grade 5 and above to adult are welcome! Rehearsals are in the Craft/Bell room on Thursday evenings from 6 pm-7:00 p.m. Our first rehearsal will be September 2nd. Come and try ringing the bells! We bet you will love it! Come and ring with us!

Chime Choir /Children's Choir

The Children will be singing and chiming for some important Sundays this year. We will practice in the Garden Room following the Time with Children during the Worship Service. All children K - 4th grade are invited to join us! We will begin practicing Sunday, September 12th. See you then!

Guitar Group

We hope to resurrect the guitar group this year. We invite anyone who plays the guitar, beginners to semiprofessionals, to join us. Please let us know if you are interested and we will set rehearsal dates that work out best for the player!

Recorder Group

Our newest musical group is the recorder group. We welcome new players of any age! We practice twice a month, usually Sunday afternoons. Our next rehearsal will be September 12th at 2 p.m. in the Library. Come and join us!!

Last but not Least: APOSTLIPS Youth Band

Any youth who have not been active in this great group please come and join the fun. They practice Sundays 11:30 - 12:30 and Wednesdays 4:15-5:30 (this time may change when school begins) in the Youth Rooms.
CHRIST ROCKS!

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

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

Submitted by *Betty Pritchard*

First Aid/CPR Classes

We will be offering the following First Aid/CPR Classes:

September 18, 2010, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Full Course

April 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. CPR Only (Unless someone needs First Aid).

If interested please contact *Chuck* or *Betty Pritchard* at 503-359-9340 or b2c2m2@gmail.com for a registration form.

LOST & FOUND

Lost - Pastor Dan's over-the-ear wireless microphone is missing. Have you seen it? Know where it is? Please call the church office.

Submitted by *Liz Swenson*

UMW MEETING

The United Methodist Women will meet on August 22nd, with a pot-luck lunch at 12:00 noon. The program will be on the GREEN items that are being considered this summer, church wide. Also, there will be a report from the Conference School of Christian Mission.

Submitted by *Lela Baskins*

A REMINDER

The Board of Trustees is charged with the responsibility and care of the Church buildings, grounds and property. Please remember that property must not be removed from the buildings or grounds without the consent of the Trustees. Certain items, such as medical equipment and kitchen items, may be loaned out, as long as they are signed out properly on the applicable sheet. Other items can be loaned with trustee permission. Borrowed items should be cleaned and returned promptly when no longer needed, and don't forget to sign them in again!

Submitted by *Edythe Westlund*
Chair, Board of Trustees

**DRUMMING FOR DOLLARS
FOR FAMILY BRIDGE**

You are invited to a Festival of the Healing Arts on **Saturday, August 28th**, at the RoseSprings Center for the Healing Arts, 5125 NE Elam Young Parkway West, Hillsboro, OR. Activities for kids & adults, including classes, sample massages, music & entertainment, food booths and more will be offered from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Drumming for Dollars, a fundraiser for Family Bridge, will run from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** The Center is 1.5 blocks north of Hawthorne Farms MAX Station.

Please call the Center (503-693-9101) or Family Bridge, (503-844-2919 for more information.

Submitted by *Patty Davie*

BIRTHDAYS

Mable Compton	August 2 nd
Sue Brenner	August 2 nd
Carole Heun	August 5 th
Christa (Bond) Whaley	August 8 th
John Heun	August 11 th
Dale Heun	August 13 th
Dan Gustafson	August 15 th
Randy Cobb	August 16 th
Tom Rannells	August 16 th
Jacquie Haney	August 16 th
Terri Jones	August 17 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
John Luczkow	August 29 th
Mackenzie Hancock	August 29 th
David Rose	August 30 th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Laurie Bond	August 1 st
Ken & Martha Tunall	August 14 th
Earl & M.J. Nordgren	August 16 th
Dale & Carole Heun	August 18 th
Glen & Lynn Anderson	August 28 th
Jan & Luther Schrock	August 30 th
Frank & Ella Collins-Colcord	August 31 st

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 AUGUST

Lay Leader	Ann Ulum
Liturgists	TBA
Altar Guild	Lois Oakberg
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Driver:	TBA
Ushers & Greeters	Hospitality Team
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
August 1 st	Nancy Bond
August 8 th	Trudy Sundstrom
August 15 th	Volunteers needed
August 22 nd	Volunteers needed
August 29 th	Volunteers needed
Nursery Attendant & Childcare Coord.	Volunteers needed
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Ruth Reese & Mary Ellen Wirtz
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

MISSION STATEMENT

**Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly with God.**

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by the 18th of each month!

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CHURCH CORNER – Maurine Scott

Born and raised in Nebraska, Maurine has written tenderly about life on their farm, the smells from the kitchen, the swing hanging from the big tree in the yard, the animals and the awful day the family auctioned off everything and moved into town. “Unfortunately, Dad, who wanted to be a farmer, had three daughters—no son to help him with the heavy work of sowing and reaping.”

The family moved to Oregon the summer between Maurine’s freshman and sophomore years of high school.

Maurine worked in a bakery attached to a hotel in Hawaii while her husband attended U. of Hawaii. Several movies were filmed on location while they were there and Maurine got to see a number of glamorous movie stars staying at the hotel. But Oregon has happily been home for her own family. Her son Doug lives in Hillsboro; the grandson is a fireman in Hillsboro and the granddaughter is a recent honors college graduate. Maurine’s daughter-in-law has worked 20+ years in the Hillsboro School District.

Maurine loved reading, until her eyes began bothering her. But she has blossomed as a writer with Writers in the Grove. She also loves to play bridge once or twice a week.

With characteristic wry humor, she worked as the FGUMC secretary both in the old building across the street and here in our new church. She has hosted rummage and craft sales for us, is active in women’s groups in the church and heads the Prayer Chain.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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