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FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

I read an opinion piece in the Oregonian last week after the snowstorm and school closures that was an eye opener to me. It addressed hunger and the implications for children and families on days when there is no school. It reminded me that families on low incomes depend on free and reduced-price school meals to make sure their children get enough to eat. For some, lunch is the main meal of the day and when there is no school there is no food, or the already precarious budget gets thrown into disarray.

With that thought in mind I attended a conference Saturday for church leaders as part of the process of implementing the Bishops Initiative to End Hunger. Much information about hunger was presented, but for the moment, I'm sticking to the situation discussed above. These figures are startling. In the Forest Grove school district, 6 of the schools have an extremely high percentage of children on free and reduced-price meals – 76%, 67%, 74%, 61%, 55%, 57%. That says to me that on no-school days there are substantial numbers of hungry children.

Last summer Forest Grove participated in the summer food program and lunches were distributed throughout much of the summer at Joseph Gale and Cornelius Elementary – free lunches for any child through age 19 who can get to the site. The program ended the week our day camp began, so our day camp meals covered part of the gap for a small number of children – a wonderful ministry to kids. I'm struggling with the weeks at the beginning and end of summer, spring break and Christmas vacation, in-service days and emergency days and wondering about a role this

church alone, or in cooperation with other Forest Grove churches, could play in closing the gap.

If your heart is with mine, let us talk.

Your servant in Christ,
Deacon *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

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CELEBRATING A NEW BIRTH

We celebrate with *Kristi Thomason* the birth of her new granddaughter on December 28th, 2006. Kristi's daughter, *Casey Spangler*, and *Richard Miramontes* are the proud parents. *Madalyn Leigh Miramontes* came into this world weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz., and Grandma says "She is a sweet pea!" Congratulations to all the family!

VALENTINE'S DAY POTLUCK

Come to the 4th Annual Valentine's Day potluck after church on Sunday February 18th. Come even if you don't have a Valentine—maybe you'll find one! There will be good food, as only United Methodist potlucks can provide. (Bring your favorite dish to share with others.) There will also be singing of old favorite songs and lots of good fellowship. The Valentine Quiz this year will be based on Biblical Couples. There will be prizes! For more information, contact *Lois Oakberg*, 503-357-8129.



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

As I drive about Forest Grove, I still see Christmas lights up on peoples' homes, even homes of some of our members (you'll have to guess who). With that in mind, it has caught me by surprise that the season of Lent will begin just three weeks from now!

We mark the beginning of Lent on February 21, Ash Wednesday, with a worship service at the church at 7:30 p.m. We use the ashes created from the burning of the palm fronds of last year's Palm Sunday celebration.

The suddenness with which this realization has come makes me glad for the time I spent last week creating a long-range preaching plan. I spent last week at the Mount Angel Abbey planning all the sermons of Lent and beyond – actually, through the end of 2008. Let me say a few words about that.

Up until now, I have been what's known as a "lectionary preacher." The lectionary is a series of set readings from the Scripture based on a 3-year cycle. For any given Sunday there are four assigned readings: one from the Old Testament, one from the Psalms, one from the Gospels, and another one usually from the New Testament. Each Sunday, I choose one of those 4 pre-determined texts as my preaching text. Many churches use the lectionary as a guide for church programming, worship planning and more. It is a fine, though sometimes arbitrary way of planning sermons. It does call one to consider parts of scripture that one might otherwise neglect.

What I am moving toward, and many churches are doing this, is thematic preaching and sermon series. I want to share with you what this means for me and how I have come up with the tentative series.

I spent four days last week in retreat. I took with me and prayed about the theme suggestions I solicited from you all, I considered the present state of the church, where we believe we are headed, what's happening in the lives of the people at FGUMC and in our world, what people are celebrating, concerned about, hurting over, and hoping for. I reviewed all the prayers lifted up in worship over the entirety of my time here (I keep track of this) and prayed that God would guide me in coming up with a preaching plan that would touch hearts, allow God to speak to the congregation, and fill, inspire, challenge, and bless all.

This week, the Worship Committee meets to hear and comment on the plan, and I will begin meeting every week with a creative worship design team to add flesh to the themes planned. We may change plans and themes as the Holy Spirit moves among us, but I pray that through this whole process, God will touch the hearts of those who come to worship to hear the Good News, to look for hope, to listen for what God wants to say to us all through my preaching and our worship together.

I am excited, and a bit nervous, about this new way of planning worship! And I look forward to working together with other creative, God-inspired minds and hearts.

By the way: the sermon series for Lent will be: "24 Hours that Changed the World." Over the six Sundays of Lent, we will immerse ourselves in the depths of the story that changed the world and the lives of billions, as we retrace the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!

In faith,



Pastor Dan

CHURCH PUBLICITY

In their fall planning retreat, the Church Council adopted, as one of its goals, better informing the community of events and activities of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church. **Ted Oakberg** has accepted the responsibility for this task. He will write brief articles for the Forest Grove News Times and Hillsboro Argus newspapers and occasionally other media.

If you have an event or activity in the church that you think should have community exposure, please contact Ted. If it is an announcement of a Sunday event, two weeks lead time is required for writing up the article and meeting the newspaper deadlines. Mid-week events require more lead time than that. Ted may be reached at 503-357-8129.

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**THANK YOU CARDS**

Community Action's Westco Emergency Fund gratefully acknowledges the gift of \$1917.00 from FGUMC. As you know, winter is a time of great need for families in our community. Your gift will go toward helping families throughout Washington County with basic needs and a promise of a brighter future.

With your help, we offer help, hope and change for families struggling just to make ends meet. Thank you for helping us to change lives for the better.

**Jerralyn Ness**, Exec. Director

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The December 17th Benefit Concert for *Habitat for Humanity* was very successful! \$1806.00 was raised to help build two homes on 21st Place.

Thank you to all who helped; **Betty Pritchard** and our choir, our new bell choirs, **Dace Horn**, and **Martin Horn** for his beautiful piano solo. Many thanks to all the cookie makers, the donators, the servers and clean-up crew, and to **Frank Colcord** for taking pictures of this wonderful event.

We were happy to host the concert last year. This year it will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Church; watch for it in December.

Betty Ludlam

LETTER FROM BOBBY

Talk about Super Bowl hype! I came across a story on the internet about a man securing one of the 2.5 million dollar Super Bowl ads, so that he can ...propose to his girlfriend. Apparently the guy tried to raise enough money to buy his own ad, but his \$75,000 fell a little short. So, he donated the money to charity and was lucky enough to get a company that had already bought a slot to give him theirs. Crazy.

In searching online chat rooms talking about the topic, I have found lots of differing opinions. Some people think it's a waste of money. Others think it is a scam. Still others find it to be "creative" and "romantic." Regardless, it is no doubt an extravagant proposal.

It reminded me of another extravagant proposal. There was this person named Jesus. In the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, many of Jesus' followers had their own opinions. Some wanted him to gain political power. Others had doubts about whether Jesus really was the Christ. Still others had a hard time believing that this was really how it would end. And just like the Super Bowl guy, Jesus' death was an extravagant proposal, one that in the end wasn't purchased, but rather it was given. It was a proposal for us to be forgiven, to be redeemed, and to be restored.

The question has been asked.
The answer is for us.

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**CAMP FUND RAISER  
MARCH 18**

Mark your calendars for one of the best luncheons of the year – the annual St Patrick's Day Camp Fund Raiser!!! Plan on staying for a lunch of beef and lamb stew, bread, salad, dessert and a great program including the famous Bobby and Emily Tabb and Talent Show. All you need to bring is yourself and your appetite.

**Janet Hummel**

503.359.1799 office or 503.341.2182 cell

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please be sure that the church office has your new address. It costs us 75 cents for each item of returned mail.

*Ella Mae James,*  
Church Secretary

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KITCHEN SUPPLIES

After organizing supplies in the kitchen pantry, I find we have an abundance of some items.

When planning events in the future, **please do not purchase items until after you have checked with me.**

At the present time we have huge supplies of sugar and artificial sweetener packets, cocoa mix and plastic cutlery.

Storage space is limited, but donations of coffee, decaffeinated as well as regular, are a recurring need and always appreciated.

Edythe Westlund

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DELAYED

The Finance Committee meeting was delayed past press time due to inclement weather.

Look for the report in a forthcoming issue.

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TABLES FOR 7

Current *Tables for 7* groups!

This is the last month for your group to meet.

Enjoy your last gathering soon ...

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### NEW TABLES FOR 7 GROUPS

Come join the fun!

Sign up by Feb. 25th for the next Tables for 7 cycle that starts March 4th.

See your bulletin for information and sign up sheet.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

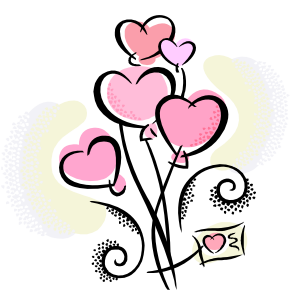
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| Jenny Coy LaCombe | February 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Emily Tabb        | February 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Vic Albro         | February 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Edythe Westlund   | February 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Linda King        | February 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Betty Pritchard   | February 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Maxine Nichols    | February 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Earl Nordgren     | February 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lois Zumwalt      | February 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jan Schrock       | February 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Val Miller        | February 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lilly LaCombe     | February 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Amanda Garland    | February 27 <sup>th</sup> |

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Carl & Doris Traub | February 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Tom & Donna House  | February 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bill & Lyn Boysen  | February 27 <sup>th</sup> |



# FGUMC CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 2007

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">4</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>PowerXpress</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Worship, Communion</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b></p> <p>11:30 a.m. <b>Covenant Group</b></p> <p>2:30 p.m. <b>Connecting Mission</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. <b>Youth Superbowl Party, Dionnes</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Disciples Bible Study</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">5</p>                                                                                             | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">6</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <b>Wesleyans</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <b>Church Council</b></p>                                                                                                  | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">8</p> <p>6:00-7:00 p.m. <b>Open Room/Guitar Lessons</b></p> <p>7:00 — 8:30 p.m. <b>Choir practice</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">9</p> <p>Office Closed<br/><b>Pastor's Day Off</b></p>                                                                  | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">10</p> <p><b>Breakfast Club</b><br/>Youth: 8:30 a.m.<br/>Serve: 9:30-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.<br/><b>District Training Event at Hillsboro UMC</b></p> |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">11</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>PowerXpress</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Worship</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Disciples Bible Study</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group</b></p>                                                                                                       | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">12</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <b>Education Committee</b></p>                                                | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">13</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">14</p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Staff Meeting</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. <b>SPRC</b></p>                                                                    | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">15</p> <p>6:00—7:00 p.m. <b>Open Room/Guitar Lessons</b></p> <p>7:00 — 8:30 p.m. <b>Choir practice</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">16</p> <p>Office Closed<br/><b>Pastor's Day Off</b></p>                                                                 | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">17</p> <p><b>Destination Un-known</b></p>                                                                                                                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">18</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>PowerXpress</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Worship</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship &amp; Valentine's Potluck</b></p> <p>11:30 a.m. <b>Covenant Group</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Disciples Bible Study</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group</b></p>                                     | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">19</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <b>Jennings McCall group</b></p>                                              | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">20</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library</p> <p>7:15 p.m. <b>Trustees</b></p> <p>7:30 p.m. <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b></p> <p><b>St. Bede's Pancake Dinner</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin-top: 10px;"><b>Messenger articles due today!</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">21</p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Staff Meeting</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. <b>Worship Committee</b></p> <p>7:30 p.m. <b>Ash Wednesday Worship service</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">22</p> <p>6:00—7:00 p.m. <b>Open Room/Guitar Lessons</b></p> <p>7:00 — 8:30 p.m. <b>Choir practice</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">23</p> <p>Office Closed<br/><b>Pastor's Day Off</b></p> <p>2:00 p.m. <b>UMW &amp; Friends</b></p>                       | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">24</p> <p><b>Kaleo Conference</b><br/>Emily &amp; Bobby Tabb</p>                                                                                                   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">25</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>PowerXpress</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Worship</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b></p> <p>12:30-2:30 p.m. <b>Confirmation Class</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Disciples Bible Study</b></p> <p>6:00 - 8:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group</b></p>                                                         | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">26</p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Have committee minutes in office</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. <b>Outreach</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">27</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library</p> <p>2:00 p.m. <b>The Elms</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">28</p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Staff Meeting</b></p>                                                                                                 | <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">February                      March</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 5px auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |                                                                                                                                                                  | S                                                                                                                                                                                                           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M | T | W | T | F | S |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |  |  | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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**CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH!**

**Magruder Choir Camp  
Feb 16-19 (Fri.-Mon.)**

Activities include singing in a 100-voice choir, barber-shop quartets, vocal coaching, learning new instruments, exploring beautiful Camp Magruder and much more. Open to all levels of musicians. Cost: \$172. To register or learn more, go to [www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org).

**Magruder Hammer Camp  
Feb 16-19 (Fri.-Mon.)**

Lend your skills to improvement projects at the camp. Tasks vary from carpentry and electric work to trail clearing and wood splitting. Contact **Pat Ryan**, facilities manager, to determine how we might best utilize your abilities. . Bed space is limited, so register early. Cost: Donations accepted. For more information, go to the website listed above or contact **Sue Brenner**, 503-357-5409.

**Coming up:**

**Camp Magruder**

**March 9-11:** Western District Youth Retreat

**March 25 (Sun.):** Magruder  
Open House & Reunion

**March 25-30:** Magruder Spring Break  
Overnight Camp

**March 25-April 1:** Magruder Spring Break Family  
Camp

**Suttle Lake**

**March 9-11:** Metro District Youth Retreat

**March 23-25:** Safe Spaces  
**March 25:** Open House

**Alton L. Collins Retreat Center**

**March 30-31:** Entering Holy Space: Preparation for  
Holy Week

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT**

Estimated Giving Cards returned  
(through 1/31/07):

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| 2007 | 85 cards | \$163,153.00 |
| 2006 | 97 cards | \$154,446.00 |
| 2005 | 63 cards | \$126,129.00 |

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BEYOND THE WALLS

A Regional Gathering of United Methodists
Featuring Bishop **Robert Hoshibata**
Saturday, February 10, 2007, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at Hillsboro United Methodist Church

Come worship! Be Inspired! Be motivated to move
“**Beyond the Walls!**”

Cost (includes lunch) is \$15 per person.

Also, 3-4 p.m., there will be a meeting for Lay
Leaders, Finance, Budget, and Administrative
Council Chairpersons.

For more information, contact your pastor
or Lay Leader.



Guess the Occasion?



SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Liturgist	Emily Tabb
Altar Guild	Diane Long
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
Bus Driver	Craig MacKinnon
Ushers	The Dionne Family
Greeters	Mac McClelland Pat McClelland Maurine Scott
Coffee Coordinator	Edythe Westlund
Fellowship Time	
February 4th	Laura Dionne
February 11th	Linda King
February 18st	Ann Ulum
February 25th	Chuck & Carolyn Ashton
Nursery Attendant	Hillary Hawkins
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Acolytes	
February 4th	Noah Wilson-Fey & Henry Gulacy
February 11th	John Heun & Fletcher Johnson
February 18th	Noah Wilson-Fey & Henry Gulacy
February 25th	Rachel Hampton & Connor Dionne
Kitchen Elf	Marilyn Carr
Sound Ministry	Media operators
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

EDUCATION CORNER

Rhoda Pittman Markus

Our Deacon Rhoda can write mirror-image. Our deacon also mirrors the best of the changes of her times. In the late '60's her family was quietly doing revolutionary things: her brother adopted a Black child and a half-Chinese child to raise in love. Rhoda herself married cross culturally.

Raised in a strong Methodist background in Albany, OR, Rhoda had long decided she would serve as a missionary in Africa. Then John F. Kennedy's call came: "Ask... what you can do for your country." Rhoda responded, realizing that with her new Master's in Religious Education from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, she would spend her life in the church. But first, she wanted to experience the layman's world. She took her bachelor's in Home Economics from Oregon State and her 4-H skills to work in the Peace Corps in Central America.

Grandson Zachary and son Mark are her closest family, though she is now of the eldest generation of cousins, nieces and nephews. The Pittman family reflects, as it has always given Rhoda, the realization of the beauty of diversity.

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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