



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Messenger

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January Sermon Series:

## ENOUGH! DISCOVERING JOY THROUGH SIMPLICITY AND GENEROSITY

It's been over a year since the most recent financial crisis hit so dramatically last fall. There continues to be much uncertainty, pain, and financial struggling. Many people are personally feeling the effects of these changes, and we as a church are feeling its effects.

Pastor Dan will explore, through this sermon series, the invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom on prudent financial practices, finding the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. Join us as we address our relationship to joy, to money, to each other, and to God in this upcoming sermon series: *Enough!*

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

It is inspiring to see your generosity of giving through the Christmas Eve offering which totaled \$2195.

The offering was divided in half with one half being sent to WESTCO, which provides assistance to persons at risk of losing their housing in western Washington County. The other half will be sent to *Living Water International* ([www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc)) an organization that, as they say, "exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and to experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst." Thank you very much for your very generous sharing for the sake of others in this way.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

## WESLEYANS' MEETING

All women are invited to meet with us on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM in the Garden Room. *Betty Ludlam* will present a program on the Habitat Re-Store. Please join our group for fellowship and refreshments. Welcome!

Submitted by *Virginia Heald*

## WE DID IT!

At our December Church Council meeting we adopted a new Mission Statement. We have been working on this since the 10-member group came back from Kansas City, and now we have it. Our goal was to have a statement short enough that everyone could remember it, and it would fit on a t-shirt or bumper sticker. A sub group of *Ted Oakberg, Ian Rice, Patti Rose* and *Dan Wilson-Fey* met many times, trying many versions. What everybody got excited about was Micah 6:8b. When Micah said what God required of us he said it was simple: Do Justice, Love Kindness, and walk humbly with your God. At Church Council we loved it too. So to personalize it just a bit, we adopted: Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly With God. The energy generated by this was very evident. People excitedly started sharing ideas about how we could carry this out. I hope you will be as excited as we are and join us in carrying out our new mission statement in the community, and the world.

Submitted by *Dave Rose*

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Do justice.  
Love kindness.  
Walk humbly with God.

This is the new mission statement of our church that was adopted by your Church Council in December. These are the words of the prophet Micah. The prophet's words are prefaced with other words, in *The Message* version of the Bible, as follows:

*But [God's] already made it plain how to live, what to do,  
what God is looking for in men and women.  
It's quite simple:*

There is beauty in simplicity. There is comfort in knowing that we *already* know what to do, even when it's sometimes very hard to figure out what to do. We can trust that we will be led in the right direction; that God's Word has already been placed on our hearts to guide us in the ways of justice, kindness, and humbleness. These are the ways of Jesus. And these actions, your church leaders pray, would be OUR way together.

I have, for a long, long time, been drawn to this scripture verse. I do seek to be fair and just. I work at kindness, though I am not always as kind or compassionate as I could be. And I try to be humble; arrogance (which is different than confidence) is abhorrent to me.

As a church, what would it look like if we were just, kind, and humble? How would you paint such a picture?

Let's start painting pictures.

Brush in hand,



Pastor Dan

## FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

**I**n the years I have served among you and in the classes and discussions I have led, one theme often repeats itself and is met with the same stubborn determination to avoid it. The theme is forgiveness. There seems to be a tenacious characteristic of human souls that, simply put, does not want to forgive. Maybe that is why the subject of forgiveness is among the most noted subjects in the Bible and certainly with Jesus.

I have long been an admirer of Nelson Mandela and am fascinated with the far ranging results of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the years after the ending of apartheid in South Africa. So when I read about the recently out movie “*Invictus*”, which tells the story of the beginning of Mandela’s presidency in the mid-nineties, I had to see it. I would heartily recommend it to you also.

Mandela’s first act on the first morning in his office was to call together everyone present and assure them that if that they chose to remain, they were welcome in the building of a new democratic nation. Also early in the presidency, the new head of Mandela’s personal security team asked for more men and was appalled when the persons he was sent were Afrikaners who had protected deKlerk. He went to Mandela and demanded a change because they were the “enemy.” Mandela’s response was “Reconciliation begins now. Forgiveness begins now.” The Afrikaners remained.

In the same spirit Mandela initiates a relationship with the South African Rugby Team – The Springboks - as an entry point into the difficult task of uniting all of the people of South Africa. The Springboks had been the epitome of oppression. The newly formed sports authority, made up of all black persons, unanimously decided to change the name of the team, change the colors and everything else that stood for them. Mandela saw things differently, and after telling them it was a new world and revenge would not help to create a new nation, a revote was taken and the Springboks remained the Springboks. Mandela invited the team captain to “tea,” and out of their relationship the team proved themselves worthy of winning the 1995 World Cup of Rugby. Team Captain Francois Pienaar, after the win against the unbeatable Australian “All Blacks,” is congratulated on uniting the hearts of the 60,000 in the stadium. Pienaar replies that they did not unite 60,000 through their playing and their win, but 43,000, 000 – the population of South Africa.

It’s that time of year when we make New Year’s Resolutions. Why not put working at forgiveness at the top of your list? I know there are some scenarios of my life where the power of forgiveness could leave my soul in better shape. Let’s begin the year together.

Your servant in ministry,  
*Rhoda Pittman Markus*

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

A huge **thank you** to all who donated money and/or time to the Christmas Baskets Project this year. Wow... you did a great job. We sent out 30 Christmas baskets to very needy and appreciative families. Thank you, thank you, **thank you!**

for the Christmas Basket Committee,  
Submitted by *Betty Pritchard*

## PIANOS AVAILABLE

The church has several upright pianos that need a new home. If there are any people in our church family or extended family interested in a piano, please talk with *Edythe Westlund* or *Betty Pritchard*, 503-359-9340.

Submitted by *Betty Pritchard*

## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.”

For some reason this simple five-line hymn (# 328) has been running through my mind for the last two or three weeks. What is the Lord saying to us? Are we just a “bill paying” church or is the “presence of the Lord” calling us to take a giant leap of faith, to become a church with a new mission? Are we being called to have a new vision of what the Forest Grove United Methodist Church is all about?

Maybe this New Year will be a time of change, a time of new challenges and new opportunities. Our church council has chosen three focus areas for 2010: hospitality, spiritual growth, and mission. They were selected at our retreat and planning session in October. There were lots of thoughts, ideas, and suggestions, but many of them seemed to fall into these general categories.

These focus areas offer opportunities for each of us to participate in projects, programs, study groups, and activities that help all of us grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Focus team leaders will help guide these groups as they seek to follow where the Spirit is leading. This exciting new concept offers opportunities for everyone to be part of a “team” emphasizing one of these focus areas. What thoughts and ideas do you have about our church family’s hospitality, our spiritual growth, or our church’s mission? There is a special place for you on a team!

2010 can be a year when we will “feel God’s mighty power and God’s grace.” Because “surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.”

Submitted by *Ann Ulum*

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## IN MEMORIAM FOR MARY CRAIG - 88 YEARS

Kay Paterson Craig’s mother-in-law passed away peacefully Tuesday November 17, 2009. She belonged to the Florence United Methodist Church and for many years sent birthday and get-well cards, and phoned house-bound members in spite of her own health problems. She was very dear to her family and friends and is missed.

Submitted by *Lucy Paterson*

## TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY....

The Celebration of Life in *LeRoy’s* memory will be a treasure for us to keep forever. We want to thank our church family for surrounding us with your love and concern. The many messages, cards, and gifts to the Memorial Fund are a tribute to the memory of our precious husband, father and grandfather and we love you all for caring so much.

The Wesleyans arranged such lovely tables and refreshments for our guests. We thank you.

And to Pastor Dan who gifted us with home visits early in *LeRoy’s* illness and then comforted us all that last day into the evening ... “thank you” for blessing us with compassion and love.

Love from *LeRoy’s* family.

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## GRATITUDE FOR OUR GREETERS

Hi Greeters! Our church has progressed in many ways and you need to know you have played a large part in this accomplishment. Your hand shakes and smiles make people feel welcomed and glad they came. Yes, greeters are important people and I thank all of you for volunteering. I wish each of you a happy, healthy New Year and may God be near you every day.

*Erma Heisler*, Worship Committee

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## THANK YOU FROM PASTOR DAN AND FAMILY

Pastor Dan, Kathy, Max and Noah would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all in this congregation who have extended your hospitality, grace, and generosity to us in these Advent and Christmas days through your cards, gifts, and words of encouragement. We thank you so much for your support shown in this way!

Submitted by: *Pastor Dan*

### VISIT TO BILAL MOSQUE

Our visit to Bilal Mosque has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. We should meet at the mosque at 4 pm. This means leaving Forest Grove no later than 3:15 p.m. I will provide a map and directions; it's easy to get to, but you have to know exactly where you are going as there is no sign.

According to our host, *Shahriar Ahmed*, the evening prayer is called Maghrib. We will meet for discussions about 4 p.m., break for prayer about 5:15, then reassemble for more discussion. Please dress modestly out of respect for our hosts. Please note you will remove your shoes before entering the prayer rooms, which are nicely carpeted.

Submitted by *Ted Oakberg*

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### QUILTERS GET READY!

Plan to attend a quilters and crafter extravaganza, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Friday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – noon (or later) in the Garden Room.

Come and get that project done! Pizza dinner-potluck Friday night and continental breakfast on Saturday.

Beginners welcome, basic instruction will be provided. Stash and sewing notion sale.

Questions? Contact Janet Hummel  
[janet.hummel@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hummel@verizon.net)

### FAMILY CAMP PLANNING

Family Camp Magruder families – please plan on attending a camp planning meeting after church on January 17, 2010. See you there. Questions? Contact *Janet Hummel* or *Sue Brenner*.

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

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### WESTERN DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The 2010 Western District Leadership Training will take place at FGUMC on **January 9<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at **12:30 p.m.** It will offer practical guidance for leaders of church committees, explore what comprehensive lifelong Christian Education looks like "outside the box" of Sunday morning classes, as well as how becoming a learning-teaching congregation can build up the church as a community of faith and mission.

Workshops will be offered on Worship, Evangelism/Witness, Youth, Trustees, Finance/Stewardship, Education, Outreach, SPRC, Lay Leaders, Ad Board/Church Council, and Communications. **Who should attend?** Chairpersons and members of these committees; Church Lay Leaders; Youth Group Leaders; persons who are responsible for church newsletters, websites, and other communications; pastors; and everyone who is interested in the mission and ministry of their congregation!

Brochures are available in the church narthex. Please let the office know if you want to go by noon of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

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

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| <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship: Communion</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Youth Parents' Meeting</p>   | <p>6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p>   | <p>7:00 p.m. Wesleyans</p>                          | <p>2:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Grant Committee</p> | <p>6:00-7:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal</p> <p>7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>  | <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>Dunk TBA</p> <p>12:30-4:00 p.m. Western District Leadership Event @ FGUMC</p>  |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
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| <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Outreach Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Book Study</p>  | <p>6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p> <p>6:30 Worship Committee</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Finance Committee</p>                          | <p>7:00 p.m. Investment Committee</p>               | <p>2:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. SPRC</p>            | <p>6:00-7:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal</p> <p>7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Have committee minutes in office</p> | <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> <p>9:00 a.m. Youth Winter Retreat @ Suttle Lake</p> </div> |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
| 17  | 18   | 19  | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23  |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>← Winter Retreat →</p> </div>  |  | <p>7:00 p.m. Trustees</p>                           | <p>2:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>  | <p>6:00-7:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal</p> <p>7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>  | <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
| <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Education Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Book Study</p>   | <p>2:00 p.m. Gathering @ Jennings-McCall w/ Pastor Dan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February Messenger articles due</b></p> |   |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
| 24  | 25   | 26  | 27   | 28   | 29   | 30  |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
| <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>12:00 p.m. UMW potluck &amp; meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Book Study</p>  | <p>6:00-8:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p>   | <p>2:00 p.m. Gathering @ The Elms w/ Pastor Dan</p> | <p>2:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group</p>                                  | <p>6:00-7:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal</p> <p>7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>3:30 p.m. UMW @ Jennings-McCall</p>                                     | <p>5:00 p.m. Visit to Bilal Mosque</p>  |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |
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**UMW MEETING**

The United Methodist Women will meet on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the Church Library, at 12:00 p.m.. We will have a potluck meal before the program and a business meeting. Families of members are always invited to eat with us. This month's program will be planning for 2010.

Submitted by *Lela Baskins*



**SIGNS OF HOPE  
SEEN BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

At their December 16 meeting, your church leaders mentioned these signs of hope seen around the church:

- **Sue Brenner** and her son providing the sanctuary Christmas tree
- The amazing leadership of the youth in worship Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Cal Clayton's** commitment and resolve as he shepherded the repair of a major leak in the main water line to our church – thank you Cal!
- Seeing old friends here at church in these Advent days
- **Marilyn Carr** taking people to the Pittock Mansion recently
- **Ian Rice** and **Marion Gustafson** who volunteer every week with the youth
- **Edythe Westlund** in the very good work she is doing in the time-consuming task of Trustees chair – thank you so much, Edythe!

**BIRTHDAYS**

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Virginia Wells    | January 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Kathleen Brown    | January 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Margaret Anne Cox | January 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Ethan Jones       | January 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Tom House         | January 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Pauline Hert      | January 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Leota Trofitter   | January 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Linda Raycraft    | January 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bonnie Cameron    | January 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jan Stewart       | January 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Betty Weekley     | January 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Donna House       | January 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Anne Brown        | January 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tracy Gulacy      | January 27 <sup>th</sup> |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dan & Kathy Wilson-Fey | January 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
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**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 JANUARY

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Liturgists                              | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| Altar Guild                             | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| Bus Coordinator                         | Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129                           |
| Bus Drivers                             | Delva Johnson  |
| Ushers: January                         | Jack Murphy<br><b>Volunteers needed</b>              |
| Greeters: January                       | Mac & Pat McClelland<br>Maurine Scott & Marilyn Carr |
| Coffee Coordinator                      | Janet Hummel   |
| Fellowship Time                         |  |
| January 3 <sup>rd</sup>                 | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| January 10 <sup>th</sup>                | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup>                | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup>                | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| January 31 <sup>st</sup>                | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| Nursery Attendant<br>& Childcare Coord. | Adrienne Dionne                                      |
| Web Master                              | Jenny LaCombe  |
| Kitchen Elves                           | Carolyn Ashton & <b>Volunteer<br/>needed</b>         |
| Sound and Media                         | Steven Wong  |
| Parish Nurse                            | Patti Rose   |

## BELL CHOIR CORNER—LIANNE BAILEY

Now a junior at Pacific University majoring in environmental studies, Lianne has been nearly as active in FGUMC as she always was at her home church in Gresham. Mom, Dad, 22-year-old brother and their dog (an Australian cattle dog aged 14 years or more) live in Gresham, which Lianne says is far enough away to allow her independence but close enough that she could get there by MAX if she needed to. In fact, her mother drove to Pacific to steal her away from campus in December long enough to ring bells for their church. Lianne grew up in a family of bell ringers. Once when relatives visited, they had enough to perform as their own bell choir.

Growing up, Lianne attended camp at Magruder and Suttle Lake since she was a little girl. Last summer she joined the staff at Suttle Lake, cooking, cleaning and running challenge courses for the campers to teach them team building and communication.

In Gresham high school, Lianne played baritone saxophone in the band and was active in a dance group. She studied under the International Baccalaureate program which would have meant that her credits would have been recognized had she gone to college in Ireland or Italy. But she wanted a small college and her mother's parents met at Pacific, so there was another tie to family. Here at Pacific she relaxes with her painting (especially acrylics), arts, crafts, and ballet. Lianne has been active in church dance since childhood and may be able to help set up a church dance group here at FGUM if anyone is interested.

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Love kindness.  
Walk humbly with God.

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| <b>Rhoda Markus</b>      | 503-357-3998 | Deacon                      |
| <b>Emily Tabb</b>        | 503-707-4971 | Youth Pastor                |
| <b>Liz Swenson</b>       | 503-357-2689 | Administrative<br>Assistant |

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Bless you for getting your articles to me  
by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month!

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