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2006 GRADUATES

(Continued from the June Issue)

Andrea Edgerton is graduating from Riverdale High School in Portland. During her time in high school she's been on the ski team and this last year was on the crew (rowing shell) team. She has attended Wallowa Lake Horse Camp every summer since 1997 and enjoys the camp immensely. She plans to enroll in Oregon State University this fall to study microbiology. Congratulations, Andy!

Alletta Sue Brenner, daughter of Richard and Nellie Sue Brenner, graduated from the University of Oregon on June 17, with Honors in Latin, Bachelor Degrees in History and Women's and Gender Studies, and a Minor in Political Science. During her years at U of O, she was involved in a wide range of projects, including an extensive paper on women in early modern England (which won an Undergraduate Research Award). Most recently, she completed an undergraduate thesis on human trafficking and migrant workers in the United States, which she hopes to publish someday. Congratulations, Alletta!

On June 24, Alletta married her high school sweetheart Ryan O'Sullivan. In September, they will fly to Edinburgh, Scotland, where Alletta will be studying at the University of Edinburgh on a Marshall Scholarship for the next two years. Her dream is to attend law school in New York and go to work for an international human rights organization.

Alwyn Hites-Clabaugh recently graduated from Forest Grove High School. While there, Alwyn was a member of the water polo and swim teams. This past year he was a member of the swim team's state relay squad. He was also recognized for his leadership as swim team captain. Alwyn will be attending Pacific University where he will pursue a career in film. Congratulations, Alwyn!

Three grandchildren of **Jackie Bafaro** and her late husband **Chuck** graduated recently.

Amy McMullin received her B.S. in Biology and Chemistry at Southern Nazarene University; she has been accepted by the Oklahoma Medical School. Congratulations, Amy!

Kary McMullin graduated from Kingfisher High School and will attend Oklahoma State University. Congratulations, Kary!

Amy and Kary are daughters of Jackie's daughter Julie (Bafaro) McMullin and Dr. Gerald McMullin, who were married here in this Church.

Malia Bafaro graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.A. in Communication Disorders and Sciences, and a minor in Special Education. She is the daughter of Jackie's son Brad and his wife Janet. Congratulations, Malia!

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

At the Annual Conference Session held in Nampa, Idaho in early June, **Bishop Robert Hoshibata** announced that he has appointed me to serve as pastor of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church for a second year beginning July 1. He also announced the appointment of **Rhoda Markus** to her ministry as a consultant in Christian nurture. I am thrilled both to be re-appointed here and for the opportunity to continue to work with Rhoda as clergy together here and as the ministry of Christ we share is connected and extended from this congregation out into the world.

There is other news and newness around the church. First, we have available to us now in worship, a new **video projection system** which we first used last Sunday to project the words of the Scripture as it was being read. We also saw a very brief presentation set to music of what the youth have been doing together under **Bobby and Emily Tabb**'s leadership over the last year. It was very well done, and I find myself grateful not only for the commitment of Bobby and Emily, but also for the huge amount of work **Dave Rose** and **LeRoy Gamble** have done to help get the projection system installed and running. If you have any comments, ideas, or would like to help, please speak to Dave Rose or myself.

We also introduced, in a somewhat chaotic but hopefully fun way last Sunday, new nametags to wear. These have our first names printed in **Large Type** so they can be easily read. There will be baskets each Sunday left at the three main exit doors for you to place your nametag in as you leave. The following Sunday, your nametag will be available in alphabetical order for you to easily find as you enter the church. I want to encourage you as much as I can to wear your nametag each and every Sunday. It is an issue of hospitality for our guests, and we have been having a lot of guests lately! Many thanks to **Patti Rose** for organizing this project.

You may have noticed new lighting in the front of the sanctuary. When the bank of lights fell down some months ago, **Rob Edgerton** stepped up to the plate to suggest and help carry out the procurement of some new lights in a new placement. **LeRoy Gamble**, as always, helped out tremendously with that. While adjustments are still being made, and further lights will be installed, we are grateful both for the light that shines in the darkness, and for *The Light* that shines in the darkness.

It is, indeed, The Light and the Life abundant in Jesus Christ that we are called and commissioned to share with the world. You are doing that! For the ways in which these new changes mentioned above help make that sharing more possible and effective, I give God and those involved greatest thanks. What they and so many others do, inspires me and makes me glad that I am returning for another year (and, God willing, years) of ministry among and with you.

In deepest gratitude,



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

WOW! Congratulations! Thanks for the wonderful support with loose change for the “Change Hunger” campaign for the Annual Conference mission project. It was delightful to see the eagerness with which many of you sought out the young people who were in charge of collecting all those Sunday mornings between Easter and Pentecost. We were able to take a check to Annual Conference for \$555.25!

That’s not the end of the story. At last report the Annual Conference offering total had reached \$20,474.97. Those dollars will buy \$215,000 worth of food for the Idaho Food Bank. That’s an amazing outpouring of love and makes a huge dent in hunger.

REMEMBER
Deadline for August
Messenger
July 20th

There are continuing opportunities for involvement in hunger issues right here in our own community. Please continue to bring your donations of food items. The need is continuous throughout the year. We are doing a good job in this regard.

There will be a summer food program in Forest Grove and Cornelius this summer. There are a high percentage of free and reduced lunch students in our schools. When summer comes that food source is gone. The summer food program helps to alleviate that. There are opportunities for one-time volunteering for a few hours through volunteer spots lasting all summer long. Please remember hungry children in your summer plans. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information or contact Liz Swenson.

Direct aid for hungry people is important. So is Advocacy. Dollars and food items, volunteering for a food program and driving for Meals on Wheels are direct aid. Advocacy includes such

things as reading/learning about hunger, understanding the extent of hunger in our community, discovering contributing factors, writing letters to legislators and so on. Those of you who use the Internet can go to www.umpower.org and find help for letter writing to your legislators and to newspapers! Makes it easy.

I remember hearing the story of a church in the San Francisco area that not only celebrated communion around the Communion Table, but when they distributed food into the community they did it from the Communion Table. Even though we may not literally stack food up on the Communion Table and distribute from there, when we, who are so blessed, engage our hearts and minds and hands on the grave problem of hunger, that is symbolically what we are doing.

Deacon Rev. *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Thursday July 6th 2:00-5:00
Messy Olympics / Water Games

Tuesday July 18th 4:00-10:00
Golf Scramble / Cookout at Dionne’s

Saturday July 22nd – 8:30-12:00
Cooking Breakfast for the Church

Friday August 11th
Indoor Rock Climbing

Monday August 14th – Friday August 18th
Vacation Bible School (9:00-3:00)

Saturday August 19th – 8:30-12:00
Cooking Breakfast for the Church

Saturday August 19th – 12:-1:30
Planning Meeting

**Greetings to all
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CAMPERS**

Thank you so much for participating. We had lots of good times and lots of fun. We went clam-digging with Pastor Dan Sunday morning, played softball, and enjoyed a game of "Bunco" which we all could play. The best part was that everybody got a prize so we all won! Thank you for all the volunteer help in the kitchen, which made it easier for all of us. Monday clean up was great, too. Hope to see you and more next year. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

Sue Brenner & Janet Hummel,
Camp organizers

**YOUTH SPONSORED GOLF
SCRAMBLE**

So, do you have any plans for Tuesday, July 18th yet? If you do, that's too bad. If you don't, then the Forest Grove Youth Ministries Team invites you to join other members of the congregation in our Summer Golf Scramble.

The Summer Golf Scramble is going to be an afternoon filled with fellowship, fun, fitness, and hopefully fantastic shots, as youth and adults are placed in foursomes for nine holes of golf. In addition to the benefits of just playing golf, a couple of skilled participants will drive home with some cool prizes.

For those who would like to participate but have never played before, we will be scheduling some outings to the driving range in the weeks prior to the event. If you do not wish to, or are unable to play, you can still join in the excitement by donating a prize or sponsoring a hole. The event will culminate with a cookout at the Dionne's. Be on the lookout for announcements during worship.

For more information or to register please contact *Janet DePooter* at 503-844-7621 or: jdepooter@comcast.net

I'm looking FOREward to a great event.

Bobby

SECOND MILE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Each year the day camp budget depends upon second mile giving. Now is the time for those of you who want to give scholarship money. Camp costs average about \$25/child and we want all children to be able to attend. Please give according to the generosity of your heart and mark your checks for **day camp scholarship**.

Rhoda Pittman Markus

WOODWORKER NEEDED

I'm looking for someone with woodworking skills to prepare tree branch rounds for Day Camp Name Tags.

Please give Rhoda a call for specific instructions if you are able to volunteer in this way. 503-357-3998 or revrpm@earthlink.net

DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE WALKS?

Sally Green needs a walking & talking companion. Please call Sally at 503-357-4223 if you can help her out with this.

HARVESTING PEACE

The United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission offers 3 classes July 13-16 at George Fox University in Newberg. Choose one or two among Shalom-Peace-Salaam, Globalization, or Mission in India-Pakistan.

For more information or to register, contact *Lora Boone* at 503-557-4896 or loradanb@msn.com.

UMW MEETINGS AT JENNINGS-MCCALL

UMW meetings at Jennings-McCall on Friday afternoons are on summer hiatus. They will resume in October.

Marilyn Carr

THANK YOU
Please accept my sincere appreciation for the concern and compassion expressed by the people of the United Methodist Church during my lengthy illness.
The visits by the people and the prayers by Pastor Dan were especially heart-warming. I'm on the mend!
Mary Jo Uecker

UMC CALENDAR, JULY 2006

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Conference 2006



Breakfast with Rhoda, Dan Thompson-Aue, Bert Hanson, Steve Lewis and Liz Swenson (back to camera)



Our Bishop, Rev. Bob Hoshibata



The Ordinands, new ministers to be ordained as Elders.



District Superintendents, Bishop, Ordinands.



Ron Ray, speaking at the Retirement Service. Ron is from our church, he and wife Diane have been missionaries in Kenya.

COME AND HELP HARVEST

Volunteers are needed to help harvest 6,000 pounds of produce. If picking ripe juicy strawberries and crisp snow peas, pruning trees in the orchard, setting up compost beds, clearing weeds for new beds, planting squash starts, or more, appeal to you, then please contact WestSideGarden@oregonfoodbank.org and let them know you heard about them through Family Bridge. All abilities are welcome.

Rhoda Pittman Markus

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

During the week of June 4, *Pastor Dan* and *Deacon Rhoda* went to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference in Nampa, Idaho. *Ted Oakberg* and *Liz Swenson* were also there as lay members.

Ted and Liz would be happy to report on Annual Conference, and what happened there, to groups or individuals in the church or outside. They can talk on workshops and worship, or on the legislative agenda and action requests for General Conference in 2008. They can tell you about appointments (where is your old pastor now?) and about the Conference budget (where do those apportionment numbers come from?).

Contact the church office, or contact Ted or Liz directly:

Ted Oakberg
503-357-8129
brewinbruin@comcast.net

Liz Swenson
503-628-5638
ejswenson@att.net

Missing!!!
The kitchen is short 4 coffee carafes.
Do you know where they are? Prompt return of items borrowed from the Church is much appreciated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2006 Operating Budget

Annual Budget:	\$243,865
Income through May 31, 2006:	\$94,016
To come from Grant Money:	\$7,593
Total Resources:	\$101,609
Expenses through May 31, 2006:	\$90,042
Balance:	\$11,567

Submitted by *Dan Gustafson*

Finance Committee Report, June 2006

The Grant Committee reported that requests are continuing to be filled. So far expenditures of \$28,639.38 have been paid for eight projects which include:

- Debt removal for Parsonage Fund
- Install lights on new Church sign
- Office computer upgrade
- Six tables for Fellowship Hall
- Multicultural Day Camp
- Child Care for Church Functions
- Sanctuary Video Projection System
- Eight tables and Heavy Duty Chair Caddy for Fellowship Hall

Three of the above items cost less than the Grant request for a savings of \$1,063.89, which will be put back into the Grant Fund for future use.

The Scholarship Committee reported that there had been no applications turned in by the deadline. The Finance committee voted to put the \$400.00 back into a CD and save it for next year, at which time it will be offered again.

MOVING DAY!

A huge, warm, THANK YOU to everyone who came to help us pack and move from the parsonage to our new home. You made a huge job much easier, and a lot more fun! Thanks for the use of your pickups, boxes, dollies, back muscles, packing talents, scrubbing skills and good humor. And a big thank you for the snacks and lunch spread prepared for the crew--yummy and hearty! What a great gift to us of community and love...

Thanks to (in no particular order) *Janet DePooter, Frank and Ella Colcord, Dan Gustafson, Janet Hummel, Ella Mae James, Lois and Ted Oakberg, Edythe Westlund, Patti and Dave Rose, Marion Gustafson, Tom and Jan Stewart, Karl and Liz Swenson, Ken and Nancy Bond, Rhoda Markus, Ken and Ellen Bump, Heidi and Will Hartman, Patty Davie, Gerry Hill, Scott and Thomas Wilson, Nancy Tropic, Greg and Becky Wilson, Margaret Hoerber, and Martha Tunall.*

Muchas gracias!

Kathy and Dan Wilson-Fey



RRE

Our RELIGIOUS RECYCLING EVENT in June brought in \$1380.00 net for the church.

After the sale, over 80 pieces of clothing were delivered to "Dress for Success" in Portland. "Dress for Success" is a non-profit organization that provides interview-appropriate clothing and other resources to low-income women transitioning into the workforce.

So in addition to the amount given to the Church our sale was truly an example of RELIGIOUS RECYCLING.

Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.

Edythe Westlund

2006 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We honor and give thanks for each of those listed below who have given faithfully of their time and their knowledge. May God bless you all.

<i>Laurie Bond</i>	<i>Lois Oakberg</i>
<i>Laura Dionne</i>	<i>Ted Oakberg</i>
<i>Marion Gustafson</i>	<i>Meagan Potter</i>
<i>Beth Hall</i>	<i>Betty Pritchard</i>
<i>Adam Hampton</i>	<i>Amy Scott</i>
<i>Alisa Hampton</i>	<i>Liz Swenson</i>
<i>Margaret Hoerber</i>	<i>Bobby Tabb</i>
<i>Janet Hummel</i>	<i>Emily Tabb</i>
<i>Rhoda Markus</i>	<i>Dan Wilson-Fey</i>
<i>Winona McKinnon</i>	<i>Kathy Wilson-Fey</i>



Tote that barge!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Wes Stinman	July 3rd
Van Burrus	July 3rd
Betty Clayton	July 4th
Derek Rose	July 7th
Shirley Embree	July 9th
Pat McClelland	July 11th
Lois Brewer	July 14th
Ralph Todd	July 14th
Ann Ulum	July 14th
Beth Hall	July 14th
Hugh Gapay	July 16th
Jessica Haney	July 20th
Corinne Scott	July 20th
Carl Traub	July 23rd
Patricia McLeod	July 23rd
Jean Aull	July 28th
Dorothy Berglund	July 29th
Bill Sefler	July 30th

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Cliff & Mildred Kennedy	July 8th, 1943
Mac & Pat McClelland	July 24th, 1945



Lunch Break on Moving Day

SERVING IN JULY

Liturgist	Linda Raycraft
Altar Guild	Lois Oakberg
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, 503-357-1141
Bus Drivers July	Rhoda Pittman Markus
Ushers	Dick & Trudy Sundstrom Bob Francis & Ann Ulum
Greeters	Ted & Lois Oakberg Pat Gilman & Marion Gustafson
Coffee Coordinator	Edythe Westlund
Fellowship Time	
July 2nd	John & Janet Hummel
July 9th	Archie & Virginia Heald
July 16th	Ruth Reese & Mary Ellen Mellbye
July 23rd	Betty & Merrill Ludlam
July 30th	LeRoy & Shirley Gamble
Nursery Attendant	Position open
Childcare Coordinator	Beth Hall
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Acolytes July 2nd - July 30th	To be announced
Kitchen Elves	Ella Colcord & Pat Gilman
Sound Ministry	Sound Team
Tape Ministry	Tape Team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CONGREGATIONAL CARE-EDUCATION CORNER Amy Scott

The fourth of five children (and second daughter) of a social worker and a botanist, Amy claims she has a brown thumb. Her interest is in children, not plants.

Born in Ohio, Amy moved with her family to Iowa and New Jersey before coming to Oregon when she was a freshman in high school. Her B.A. is from O.C.E. in elementary education. Her Master's in Human Development was earned from University of Maryland.

After 7 years in Maryland, Amy got an opportunity to return to Oregon. She substitute teaches for the F.G. school district. She was the care giver in FGUMC nursery for about 5 years before switching to the older children in Prime Time.

Interested in sewing and knitting, Amy lives with her mother Corinne and older brother Tom in the house in the country they have occupied since 1969. Presiding there are Beagle Geneveve and black cat Sambeau.

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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