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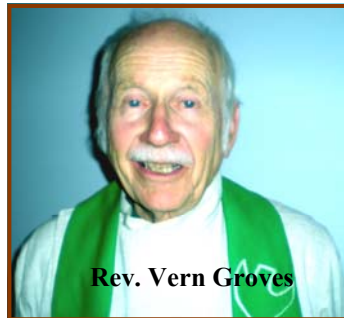
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GUEST PREACHERS IN JULY

July 4th: **Rev. Vern Groves** is a retired pastor in our Conference, residing in Aloha with his wife, Betty. He served 43 years as pastor of Methodist Churches mainly in Oregon. He is involved in advocacy to help eliminate war; stewardship of caring for the earth, and reaching out in support of the homeless and otherwise excluded persons in our society. We look forward to hearing Rev. Groves!



Rev. Vern Groves

July 11th: **Cesie Delve Schauer** is the Conference Lay Leader of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. She gave some very engaging and inspiring talks at our Annual Conference session in June. She is a member of Salem First UMC, and works at Willamette University. You won't want to miss hearing Cesie!



Cesie Schauer

Submitted by **Pastor Dan**

UMW MEETING

On June 3rd, the United Methodist Women went to Salem to furnish cake, birthday cards and fun for the residents at the Methodist Retirement Home. We visited and sang many songs and hymns with **Dorothy Pietz** at the piano. The next meeting will be on July 25th; a pot luck lunch and meeting at 12.00 noon. See you there.

Submitted by **Lela Baskins**

BROWNIE SUNDAY

Don't forget to bring your favorite brownies, Sunday, July 4th!

Submitted by **Janet Hummel**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

walking humbly

A Contemporary Praise Worship, led by Bobby Tabb, begins Friday July 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 6, the former Coffeehouse. The service will include contemporary praise songs, a short drama, scripture readings, prayer and a message focusing on the relationships between God and ourselves, ourselves and others, and God and others. The service will be very family friendly with options for children to worship with us or take part in engaging, child-focused activities in our nursery, and an ending time early enough to meet most bedtimes. If this sounds appealing to you, I hope you will join me and invite a friend who would be blessed by it. Contact Bobby Tabb, bobbyfgumc@teleport.com or Carole Heun, ccheun@verizon.net for additional information.

Submitted by **Carole Heun** and **Bobby Tabb**

GARDEN PARTY

Our next Second Saturday work party at the church will be on **July 10th**. We meet rain or shine at 8:30 a.m. and quit no later than noon. Bring your gardening tools. Come even if you can spend only an hour or two. Refreshments will be served – no charge!

Submitted by **Margaret Hoerber**

LAY LEADER'S PAGE

“SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE.”

The spirit of God is moving in the Forest Grove United Methodist Church. Can you feel it? Can you see new things happening?

Our three focus groups are up and running. Their get-togethers are filled with new, exciting ideas. Folks are stepping up to bring these ideas to life.

The Mission team will be concentrating on two areas for the next few months. One will be a focus on local mission work. This includes activities and projects in the context of the community around our church, like the vegetable garden that grows produce for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. The other is global: we hope to send out two Volunteer In Mission (VIM) teams in 2011. There's plenty of room for volunteers in both projects. Watch the Messenger for the Mission Corner. Caroline Dau is the Mission team leader. Thank you Caroline; you are a good facilitator.

New things are happening in the Spiritual Growth team, too. How about the youth (plus others) band, Apostlips? The spirit of God is surely moving in the lives of these folks. Thank you, Ian Rice, for all your help with our senior high young people. And to Marion Gustafson for your help with the junior high youth group this year. And thank you, Emily Tabb, for your leadership. Seeing the spiritual growth of our young people is a joy to us all. There are exciting things happening this summer. Watch the Messenger for this news. Carole Heun is the Spiritual Growth team leader. Thank you, Carole for stepping up.

And speaking of the Messenger isn't our monthly newsletter great!? Patty and Ed Davie do a fantastic job every month. A huge thank you to you two.

The Hospitality Team has enough things going on to keep an army of concerned, caring Christian folks busy every day. Do you appreciate the warm welcome they offer to visitors and members on Sunday morning? Do you enjoy a cup of coffee after church each Sunday? You can support the Hospitality team by helping with these and other projects. Janet Hummel and Lois Oakberg are the co-leaders of this team. Thanks to you two for your leadership of this focus group.

There is a new United Methodist Men's group getting started, too. This is a great opportunity to get to know other guys in our church family. Ask Cal Clayton or Dale Heun what's going on.

We can't forget the new United Methodist Women's organization (UMW). They have a noon potluck on the fourth Sunday of each month. The UMW is part of a world wide organization of Methodist women, focused on global mission.

Although some former committees in our church are now part of the three focus groups, we are required by the Discipline to maintain separate committees like Trustees and Finance. We are grateful for those who serve us so faithfully on these committees.

If any of these focus groups, organizations, or committees interest you, contact Dave Rose, Chair of the Church Council, or Pastor Dan. We all grow in our faith when we work with and support others on our journeys of faith.

Can you feel the spirit moving here? Give thanks and praise to God for all the things God is doing through our church.

Ann Ulum, Lay Leader

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

I love change! Do you? I know that it makes lots of people skittish, but I love the possibilities that arise when there is a willingness to change and make something new out of the foundations laid in previous times.

Several of us had an energizing planning meeting for Family Fiesta (formerly Day Camp) the other day. In fact by the time you read this there will have been another meeting. Out of reflecting on the underlying purpose of the original day camp and its subsequent years, our thinking began to center around family and relationships with one another and within the larger community. We affirmed that the closing night last year when around 100 people showed up for dinner and worship was the direction we'd like to go. So here is a bit about the bare skeleton for 2010. There are a lot of details to be filled in yet.

This year will be 3 evenings for the entire family – August 8th, 9th & 10th (that's Sunday, Monday and Tuesday). Exact times have not been determined yet, but something like 5 – 8. There will be intergenerational activities that include both service and others of a more crafty nature. There will be a simple common meal. There will be a group time that develops a theme (a couple of themes are under discussion) and will include singing, skits, talk and a "campfire."

Now, what exactly do we mean by family? The community of FGUMC is our **church family**, so really anyone. There's the **nuclear family** and the **extended family**. There are **singles** in search of a family of their own choosing. So anyone is welcome. There are families all around us in the neighborhood and we'll be doing some intentional invitations to them. It will also include the Cornelius community as **Eric** and **Mira Conklin** are a vital part of the experience.

Now is the time to mark your calendar, invite your friends and neighbors and plan on being here. Every evening will be of a stand-alone nature, so if you can't make all the nights, that's just fine! Young and old – all are welcome.

We will be outside in the park as much as possible as a visible reminder to the community that **we are here and something exciting is going on!**

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

THANK-YOU NOTES

From **Erma Heisler**

It's good to be back home again, but all your visits, cards, and phone calls made my five weeks away much nicer. I still appreciate your visits, so drop by whenever you can. It makes time go faster and keeps me informed on the events outside my small world. Friends and family are wonderful to have and I seem to be fortunate to have a lot of both.

Thank you for caring!

Submitted by **Erma Heisler**

From **Rachel Bailey**

My heartfelt thanks to you all for your continued prayers, cards, visits, and concerns. They have meant and do mean more than I have words to say. I feel blest to be a part of such a caring church.

My love and thanks to all.

Submitted by **Rachel Bailey**

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Each month, the youth have Destination Unknown (a.k.a. DUnk). I ask the youth to trust me by not telling them where we are going but informing them of what they need to bring, such as tennis shoes and a warm jacket. Each month I try to provide them with an experience they may not have a chance to do on their own. Well, I was the one surprised on our June Destination Unknown

I was so ecstatic because I had planned an awesome DUnk to Pacific City, where the youth could play on the sand dunes, make S'mores over a fire, watch the sunset, and reminisce about our time with the graduating seniors. As we pulled away from the church in the bus, I said a prayer that we'd reach our destination safely and God would be with me as I drove. It's inevitable something unexpected happens on our DUnks (usually it's me getting lost). About 20 miles before Tillamook, I had this feeling to be very attentive to the road. I expected a deer to jump out of the bushes; instead, we heard a loud bang, the bus shook, and I realized something had happened to one of the tires. Luckily, we were right by a small turn-out on the side of the road so I pulled over. A police officer from the Sheriff's Department changed the tire and we ended up not making it to the beach.

On our way back, I was frustrated and bummed out that the amazing trip I had planned didn't work. Then I realized the correlation between what had happened to my well-laid plans and my faith. We can plan our lives all we want and think we've scheduled in the ups and downs until the unexpected happens. Whether it's having a kid, losing someone, graduating, becoming a high-schooler, whatever it is, the unexpected will come.

While I was driving, I didn't know the tire was going to explode but I felt God preparing me for something. Through the unexpected, unplanned experiences, God is longing for us to cling to the security He provides instead of our own agendas. We constantly have to make the choice of sticking to our own plans regardless if it's the best for us or surrendering our lives to God's plan. Fortunately, God continually provides opportunities to decide. I've experienced this in my life too, when God has been right there, helping me expect the unexpected and loved ones have given me tools to deal with the situations once they arise.

So, what choice are you going to make? Proverbs 16:9 says, "We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps" (NLT).

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

GARAGE SALE

The Wesleyans and UMW garage sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 16th and 17th, at the home of *Ted & Lois Oakberg*, 504 Meadowview Road, Forest Grove. Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Donations would be much appreciated, and may be brought to their home on July 13th. For your convenience, we also will be happy to pick up items. We welcome household items, clean clothing in good condition, tools, small appliances, books, toys, etc. Please, no large furniture or appliances. Unsold goods (except books) will be given to Goodwill unless we are instructed otherwise. This is an opportunity to shop for great bargains and contribute to our mission projects! Questions? Call Lois (503-357-8129), or Virginia (503-357-7281).



Submitted by *Virginia Heald*

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

ANNE HALL grew up in Ashland, OR and has been part of the Christian and UCC Churches over the course of her life. She's been a teacher, and a school librarian in North Plains. Now living in Forest Grove, she spends a lot of time with her children and grandchildren. She transfers her membership



Anne Hall

to us from the Forest Grove UCC, and we're glad to welcome Anne!

JANET CRAIG grew up in California along with her two brothers. Her Dad was a Methodist minister, as is one brother, now retired. She got her nursing degree from Arizona State, and practiced nursing, among other places, in California, Arizona, Delaware, and Oregon. She recently retired from nursing in the mental health unit at St. Vincent's. She transfers her membership here from Westside UMC in Beaverton, and we're glad to know and welcome Janet!



Janet Craig



Harold and Pearl Jensen

HAROLD JENSEN grew up with Methodist ministers in his background, and has been a part of the Methodist Church in both Forest Grove and Hillsboro. While serving in the military, and moving around for his job, he and Pearl were members of the Pres-

byterian Church. They lived, among other places, in New Jersey, New York, Ireland, Singapore, and Indiana. Harold was the superintendent of pharmaceutical production plant remodels for many years. He transfers his membership to us from the Presbyterian Church in Succasunna, New Jersey. Welcome, Harold!

PEARL JENSEN grew up in Taiwan under the influence of Christian missionaries. After meeting and marrying Harold, their lives took the same general trajectory with Pearl working primarily as a homemaker, and we're glad to welcome Pearl!

LEAH BALL HENRIKSEN grew up in Newport, Oregon. She was involved in the nearby Toledo UMC. Leah and Mat's daughter, Freya, just turned one year old recently, and we celebrated her baptism



Leah Ball Henriksen

on Mother's Day. Leah is a bilingual teacher at Cornelius Elementary, and we celebrate her presence among us as she transfers her membership from the Toledo UMC. Welcome, Leah!

SARAH VANCE grew up in the Hillsboro UMC, where she was confirmed. She graduated from high school there, and now works for Washington County. She is due to be married in August, and we're most glad to welcome Sarah to the church!

YOUR MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

The Food Pantry is one of FGUMC's local mission works to which members donate packaged foods, produce from the Church garden, our own gardens, and money. When the containers at Church get full of food it is taken away by Mac (in the Mac Truck) or by Karl Swenson. But where does it go and how is it used?

It is taken two blocks down the street to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, located at the St. Anthony Catholic Church. This Food Pantry is an emergency food relief center that has been serving one thousand people each month in the Forest Grove, Gaston, and Gales Creek area for over twenty years. It is a source of food for families after Food Stamps and other sources have been used. The Pantry distributes packaged goods and fresh produce to families that pick it up at the Pantry. The working room has many shelves and racks to hold the food, seven large refrigerators, packing tables and an office, all operated by 50 to 55 volunteers. They are open five days a week.

They get their food from organizations like us, buy from the Oregon Food Bank at the rate of ten cents per pound, some free food from the USDA, unsold goods each week at the Farmers Market, and from local farmers. Money donations are accepted, this helps pay the cost of food from the Oregon Food Bank. One dollar provides ten pounds of food.

Families are allowed to receive food once per month and it is free of charge. Each family must meet the minimum income requirements of the US government to be registered and data of each family is maintained on the Pantry computer. Families call in the morning for pickups, volunteers pack boxes based on the family data and food availability during mid day, and the families go to the Pantry in the afternoon to collect their boxes. It is a very smooth operation that serves about 230 families per month.

During the past nine months, July to now, FGUMC has given 1,250 pounds of packaged goods, 1,850 pounds of fresh produce, and \$590. With the money being used to buy food from the Food Bank, we provided 9,000 pounds of food to 1,000 people during the nine months or one pound per person per month. Their President John Moore wants to thank us for all the support and remind us that their lowest inventories are during the months of November and December, just when we are having our holidays.

I heard a story that the Pantry could not give away one type of squash one year, until a person provided a cooking recipe in Spanish. To me this is true "missions in action", and relates to the real needs of the people, not what you or I might think they want.

Submitted by our *Mission Ministry Team*

MISSION TEAM NEWS

We have a Helper Box in the office with supplies for people in need as they come for help to the church. Donations of Tri Met tickets, McDonalds Gift Certificates or Fred Meyer Gift Certificates for gasoline would be gratefully accepted.

Please sign up to help with the next Family Bridge. This project does not require much of each of us but gives enormous help to homeless families.

July 24-31 the youth will be going to San Francisco to serve with the Glide Meal Program. Half of the group will be up early serving breakfast, the other half will serve lunch and all of us will serve dinner. This will be a very meaningful experience for our young people and we wish them well and safe travel.

August 9, 2010 will be the kick off for the Forest Grove United Methodist Mission to Team to Honduras. Watch for lots of activities and information! Let us know if you want to join the team! The trip will be August 9-17, 2011 and open to all youth and adults in our church.

Submitted by *Chuck and Betty Pritchard*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LELA'S VIEW

When I was asked to be a lay member of Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, I readily said yes. Now I am trying to make sense of all I received with that membership. The Conference was exciting, enriching and enjoyable. The highlights for me of meetings such as this are the worship services with the great music, the messages and the prayers for all the persons in our area. The Bell Choir at the Ordination service was excellent and the Taize chant which followed are the top memories for me.

Other memorable moments include: a short five-floor elevator visit with Bishop Hoshibata; one of the persons at my table was the pastor at Banks UMC, Dan Benson, whose first words to me were: "Were you one of the group that invited our women to dinner last week?"; a few words with Adam Hamilton because he used a video of churches very close to me in Missouri; and a short visit with a pastor that I knew in Missouri, but had not seen for many years--she recognized me before I recognized her!

Submitted by *Lela Baskins*

A NEW VENUE

The 2010 Annual Conference was held in a new venue this year: the Salem Conference Center. For a long time the Annual Conference has been held on the campus of Willamette University in Salem, or occasionally in Idaho (e.g. Northwest Nazarene University in 2006).

Housing this year was at the Grand Hotel, attached to the Conference Center, or in Willamette University dormitories, ½ mile away. Buffet breakfasts were provided at the residence locations and lunch and dinners in the Conference Center (or in nearby restaurants, if one chose).

There were many advantages to the new venue. The plenary sessions in the conference center ballrooms were more pleasant than the sessions in the gymnasium at Willamette. The rooms for meals and small group meetings (e.g. Laity Workshops and the Western District Luncheon) were close by. This was much easier for many who have difficulty getting around. In the past years, a lot of time was spent getting between the gymnasium, university classrooms and the dining hall.

Overall, meeting in the Conference Center was a success, although the formal evening worship services were not as effective in the new venue. The Annual Conference will be meeting there again in June 2011.

Submitted by *Ted Oakberg*

UMVIM

(UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION)

Western District

Two mission trips coming up this year and next **want more volunteers!** October 27 - November 10 2010, Glenn and Donna Waltman will lead a construction team to Los Angeles, Chile, to repair earthquake damage to the Los Angeles Methodist Church.

And March 29 – April 13, 2011, the Waltmans will lead another team to the Latin American Biblical University in San Jose, Costa Rica.

For further information on either trip, contact Chuck and Betty Pritchard at 503-359-9340 or b2c2m2@gmail.com, or Donna and Glenn Waltman at dgwaltman@juno.com or 503-622-3226.

Also, Dallas UMC will be sending a Mission Team to Lewis County Long Term Recovery Organization in Lewis, Washington July 21-27, 2010. They do not need more volunteers; their Team Leader is Don Myers.

Submitted by *Chuck and Betty Pritchard*

SECOND MILE GIVING

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

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

SIGNS OF HOPE

Signs of hope the Church Council mentioned at their June 16 meeting:

- Trustees' foresight of keeping church bus well-supplied with all tools needed when there was a flat tire.
- Church people hiring youth as they raise \$ for mission trip.
- The joy of the new church youth band: *The Apostlips*.
- The women who attended the ecumenical luncheon at the Christian Church.
- Youth presence at Annual Conference with strong, articulate voices, and willing to initiate action.
- Our UMW going to the United Methodist Retirement Center in Salem to celebrate birthdays with cards, flowers, and music with *Dorothy Pietz* playing.
- Banks UMC's UMW expressing thanks for invitation from FGUMC's Wesleyans/UMW for a joint luncheon.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

Don't forget the garage sale!



START A CLUB

Interested in starting a club? How about a church photography club, a book club, a garden club, a dahlia club, a tennis club, a golf club, a car club, you name it. If you are interested we can help you get started. Contact Janet Hummel – 503.359.1799 or janet.hummel@verizon.net

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

BIRTHDAYS

Fletcher Johnson	July 2 nd
Rebekkah Anderson	July 5 th
Elizabeth Larsen	July 7 th
Derek Rose	July 7 th
Carson Ashton	July 9 th
Shirley Embree	July 9 th
Noah McGee	July 11 th
Pat McClelland	July 11 th
Lois Brewer	July 14 th
Ann Ulum	July 14 th
Beth Hall	July 14 th
Hugh Gapay	July 16 th
Corinne Scott	July 20 th
Patricia McLeod	July 23 rd
Cecilia Brungard	July 26 th
Jean Aull	July 28 th
Bill Sefler	July 30 th

ANNIVERSARIES

Cliff & Mildred Kennedy	July 8 th
Matt & Terry Jones	July 21 st
Mac & Pat McClelland	July 24 th
Mat & Leah Henriksen	July 26 th

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 JULY

Lay Leader	Ann Ulum
Liturgists	Liz Swenson
Altar Guild	Shirley Gamble
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Driver:	Rhoda Pittman Markus
Ushers & Greeters	Hospitality Team
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
July 4 th	Brownie Sunday
July 11 th	Anne Hall & Marilyn Carr
July 18 th	Caroline Dau
July 25 th	Volunteers needed
Nursery Attendant & Childcare Coord.	Adrienne Dionne
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Virginia Heald & Carolyn Judah
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

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Love kindness.
Walk humbly with God.**

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CHURCH CORNER – LUTHER SCHROCK

Luther could not speak English when he entered 1st grade. Surrounded by Amish relatives, he spent his first 10 years in Berne, IN, a Swiss-German community. His name is registered in a small Swiss town where, if he returns destitute, the town must take him in and care for him.

During five years as an apprentice machinist, he realized that many fellow workers had been at their same machine for decades. Although neither parent had completed high school, the three Schrock brothers opted for education. Luther married Jan and earned his Master's in engineering at Purdue U. "One brother is a retired surgeon; the other is a Nobel Prize-winning chemist teaching at MIT."

Luther worked for the Dow Chemical Co., in Michigan for 20 years, and then in Texas for 23 years. As part of his work, he traveled to Europe 20+ times, sometimes being able to bring Jan along. He and Jan have also traveled to Japan and Sweden.

Upon retirement, the Schrocks settled in F.G. because one son and grandsons live in Beaverton. Their other son lives in Kentucky. Luther enjoys wood-working and has created a sand table for the FGUMC nursery and the candle stand for the altar. Luther believes the most important event in his life was meeting Jan in the basement of the Methodist church in Decatur, IN. Their first 'date' was the Sunday evening service that same day. "We've been attending Methodist church together ever since."

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