



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

June 2008

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Summer Sermon series

Moses



In this 8-sermon series we'll follow Moses, one of the most important figures of the Old Testament, from his birth to a slave woman in Egypt to leading God's chosen people to the Promised Land.

From his rise to power in Egypt to his call from God to set God's people free, we'll learn the lessons the Bible has for us through the life of this reluctant prophet and servant of God:

Moses

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| June 8 | <i>Saved by Compassion</i>
Exodus 1:8-22, 2:1-10 |
| June 15 | <i>A Burning Bush</i>
Exodus 3 & 4 |
| June 22 | <i>Guest Preacher: Bishop Hoshibata</i>
preaching by video recording – Annual Conference Sunday. |
| June 29 | <i>The Red Sea and God's Miracles</i>
Exodus 14:1-4, 10-14 |

(The rest of the series will be listed in future Messengers)

BUS TRIP JUNE 2ND

Visit Schreiner's Iris Gardens, then Mission Mill Museum in Salem, and Willamette Waterfront Park, also in Salem. Lunch will be at Mission Mill.

Call **Marilyn Carr** at 503-357-2622 to sign up. The bus departs from the church parking lot at 9 am – don't be late!

WESLEYANS DINNER OUT

Our June 3rd meeting will be at La Sierra at 6:00 pm. Husbands are invited to join us! Please call **Ann Ulum** with any questions. (503-357-1386)

TEACHER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Teachers are invited to Rhoda's house - 2298 N Gray Street, Cornelius, on Saturday morning, June 7, for a brunch in appreciation for time and love offered to our Sunday School. Come anytime from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Rhoda Markus
|503-357-3998 home; 503-201-1233 cell

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

We will be receiving new members into the church on Sunday, June 8th. If you are interested in joining the church on that day, please let **Pastor Dan** know.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

My family and I attended our church's All-Church Family Camp over Memorial Day Weekend. We had a great time!

Held at our Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Church's Camp Magruder on the Oregon coast near Garibaldi, we had 49 persons in attendance. Ages ranged from 9 months old to 80+ years of age. There were 19 persons there who had never been before, 11 youth/young adults, and 10 children. It was truly a multigenerational experience.

Some brought their RV's, others slept in cabins. Some stayed in Bunch Lodge, and two, staying at another place nearby, came to visit us for the Sunday evening talent show.

When such a group gathers, you inevitably get to know one another better, and observe different moments and activities. Ryan Jones, age 3, was fascinated with the doors, and was like a cat, first in, then out, then in, then out. All week-end long. He also knows how to work the lock on that front door of Bunch Lodge, where our main activities were!

There was a group of kids and youth playing Egyptian slapjack during much of the weekend. The softball game saw all the players and spectators cheering everyone else on in a very fun, nearly injury-free 5-inning friendly game. Row boating and kayaking and donkey rides were enjoyed by some, and the grand champion of Bunko, Elizabeth Larsen, has a very nice new hat as a prize (which, by the way, she "stole" from your Pastor in the good-natured "appropriate-someone-else's-already-opened-prize-or-open-a-new-one" event following the Bunko game.

We prayed and sang praises to God in the great out-of-doors during worship Sunday morning to a 4-guitar combo. We had a talent show that included beautiful music, wonderful skits, and the old pie-in-the-face routine.

But the most important part of the camp, to me, was all the informal conversations I saw, heard, and overheard. Conversations like Robert Nickerson telling a group of younger folks for quite awhile about his experiences cycling over 50 miles each week. Conversations that generated "I never knew you were..." responses. I feel closer to all those people who were at that camp this weekend, which is the experience of many people who attend camp. It gets us out of our normal and routine environment, and lets us experience life and each other in a new and different way.

I sure hope that you would come next year, if you can. And if not, there is our Multicultural Day Camp that will be held at our church in August, where you can, in a different way, "go camping," and have experiences you'll remember for a long, long time.

A big, big thank you to **Janet Hummel** and **Sue Brenner**, who organized the camp this year (and for many years!) for us. What big, generous and fun-loving hearts they have!

Refreshed,



Pastor Dan

P.S. On Sunday, June 22nd, you are invited to join the Annual Conference session for worship at Willamette University at 10:45 a.m. There will be over 1000 people in attendance. Also, the Christian music group, *Jars of Clay*, will perform for FREE the night before at 7:00 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds Pavilion. Join us!

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

“Do not be afraid.” From early in Genesis to resurrection stories and beyond, this phrase appears in countless Bible stories. It’s a phrase that I have been increasingly aware of over the past several years. It’s used with enough frequency – 76 different times (57 in the Old Testament, 19 in the New) according to one concordance, that the message is worth our attention.

I’ve been reading the work of Eric H.F. Law, an Episcopal priest and a leader in teaching skills for competent leadership in a diverse and changing world. His ideas and processes fascinate me. The latest book I’ve read is called “Finding Intimacy in a World of Fear.” He tells of various factors permeating what he calls a culture of fear. One example is that in the first 10 minutes of a newscast, he noted 13 stories projecting fear – that didn’t include the commercials that also generate anxiety if not down right fear. Have you noticed these kinds of things as well?

So what is a Christian to do? Do we not claim allegiance to the God of Love rather than a God of Fear? One aspect is to think about one’s own reaction to situations that may call up fear, and if we don’t like where we find ourselves, take steps to change. Law uses 3 terms that describe approaches to fear inducing situations. We can be fear conquerors, fear bearers, or fear miners. Fear Conquerors are symbolically linked to heroism and power. They deal with fear through acts of aggression against an “other” seen as enemy. I observed fear conquerors in my neighborhood in recent months in the aggressive approaches of officials and neighbors toward a half way house, raising the level of fear and driving out rational thought.

Fear Bearers are symbolically linked to victimization and powerlessness. They are taught to “embody vulnerability and fear more overtly.” I also noticed fear bearer reactions in my neighborhood such as the words of a woman living alone who could no longer sleep at night fearing that she would die in her bed or have her house set on fire. This was after the neighborhood was notified of the residents of the half way house. Neither of these two options seems to me to have anything to do with “living an abundant life.” (John 10:10)

Is there another option? Jesus was neither a fear conqueror nor a fear bearer. He offered a third alternative which Law calls Fear Miners. Time and again Jesus taught fearful people around him to mine from their fears the wisdom and knowledge of grace, forgiveness, justice, and the seeds of ministry. Law concludes the discussion of fear conquerors, fear bearers and fear miners with these words: “Buried below our fear is the seed of ministry. Beyond our fear is the hope of resurrection, with new visions for us, our communities, and our nation.” Which do you want to be?

We are a people of hope; we can be agents of building trust, developing skills for alleviating fear, and ministering to the larger community in positive and constructive ways. The mission statement of the United Methodist Church was amended at General Conference so that it calls us, not only to make disciples of Jesus Christ, but for the transformation of the world.

Your Servant in Christ,
Deacon *Rhoda Markus*

THANK YOU

We wish to express our thanks for words of encouragement, cards, prayers and numerous kindnesses in the loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, *Archie Heald*.

Virginia, Corby, Cyd, Jason, and families

ONE DAY FREE HEALTH CLINIC

Know someone who needs dental care, new glasses or has back problems? Westside Compassion will present a free clinic on **July 26th**, at the Hillsboro UMC, 168 NE 8th Ave, from 8 am to 4 pm. The clinic will offer basic dental, chiropractic, and eye exams; plus social services, a cultural concert, children's activities, and seminars in Legal and Social Counseling. Many churches and organizations are working as partners to make this event a success. **We can help** by volunteering for this one-day clinic. Go to www.WestsideCompassion.com for more details, or ask someone from the outreach committee about it. You may sign up online, by e-mail, or regular mail.

Do you hear God calling you to serve in this way?

Outreach Committee

SECOND MILE GIVING DAY CAMP

Each year we depend upon the generous donations of some of you to help support the Multi-cultural Day Camp. This year's event is scheduled for **August 4 - 8**. Scholarship money is needed to help community children attend; twenty-five dollars supports one child. Please mark your donations "day camp" and place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning or send them to the church office. YOU are important to this ongoing vibrant ministry!

Rhoda Markus

CHURCH FINANCE

The Finance Committee would like to remind the entire congregation to continue to review the financial status graphs that Laura has been posting on the bulletin board in the fellowship area. This will be updated periodically to reflect our performance of actual expenses & revenue against 2008 budget. At the present time we continue to operate in the red relying on funds that are taken from the contingency account. Please keep the church & its mission in your thoughts.

Steve Huson, Chair

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild is looking for a person or persons to serve during the months of July and December.

So what does Altar Guild do? Altar Guild helps decorate the sanctuary, set up for communion and clean up after communion. With help from the liturgical calendar and direction from the Pastor we change the color of the paraments. We fill the oil candles and seasonally decorate the communion table. There is a flower calendar so others can sign up to donate fresh flowers.

Altar Guild members often make the banners. We would be happy to receive suggestions for new banners. Banners and paraments are available to purchase, but aren't in our budget, so we are interested in expert, experienced or willing helpers and/or designers to make new ones.

If any of this interests you, please call me.

Margaret Hoerber (503) 357-0579

YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR

Summer is finally here and that means our youth schedule changes. Here is what our summer looks like for all who would like to participate or help out.

June

- 7th Service Project @ church
- 17th Service Project
- 21st Jars of Clay Concert
- 22nd Worship service @ Annual Conference
- 24th Lunch in the Park
- 25th Service Project
- 30th Leave on Mission Trip to W

July

- 1st-5th Mission Trip
- 8th Lunch in the Park
- 15th Lunch in the Park & Youth Outing
- 22nd Lunch in the Park & Youth Outing
- 29th Lunch in the Park & Youth Outing

August

- 3rd Parent Meeting
- 4th-8th Day Camp
- 5th Lunch in the Park
- 9th-13th eXplosion

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**CHRISTMAS IN JULY –
KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING ALIVE ALL YEAR**

Brush off those Christmas lists! The FGUMC Education Committee is sponsoring a “Christmas in July Kids’ Night Out” on Saturday, July 19th, from 5:30-9pm. We’ll be inviting community children ages 5-12 to join us for an evening of Christmas stories, crafts, games and fun - All in the Spirit of Christmas Giving! Pre-registration is required, and the cost will be to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child. We’ll be wrapping and decorating the gifts during the evening, and later the children in our church will share our spirit of giving by delivering the gifts to the Family Bridge Day House, in Hillsboro. Please feel free to join us (no Santa Suits required) if you would like to help with the crafts and games. If you have any old puzzle pieces, green paint, Christmas wrapping paper, or yarn that you’re looking to get rid of, we’d love to have it! Or if you are able to contribute money toward the pizza dinner that would also be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Alisa Hampton (alisa.hampton@intel.com).

We’re looking forward to a fun time sharing the meaning, the spirit, and the giving of Christmas – in July!

The FGUMC Education Committee

FREEZER - GRANT REQUEST

The Grant Committee has received a request from *Edythe Westlund* and supported by the Trustees, for a grant to purchase a new freezer for the kitchen. This would replace the large freezer currently in use, which is nearing the end of its useful life and capacity. The request for \$720 would include a 19.6 cu. Ft. frost-free freezer, installation, and removal of the old freezer. The Grant Committee will be reviewing this request for a funding decision at our meeting on June 12th. A copy will be posted on the grants bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any comments or questions about this grant request, please send me an email at alisa.hampton@intel.com, or put a note in the Grant Committee mail box before June 12th.

Alisa Hampton, Grant Committee Chair

2ND ANNUAL MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - YOUTH FUNDRAISER
"DEATH OF CAP'N NO-BEARD"

Saturday, May 31st from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
FGUMC Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$10

Tickets on Sale now through Friday, May 30th.

Pick up your tickets at the church office Monday-Friday 9:00-1:00 or Sunday after church.
(or at Camp Magruder)

All proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Trip to Camp Wallowa
and the Youth Retreat at Camp Magruder, called eXplosion.

Remember to dress like a pirate and be ready to participate in figuring out who killed Cap'n No-Beard!

**GALES CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
42ND ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

June 8th: 1:00 — 5:00 p.m.

Strawberry Shortcake, Hot dogs/Hamburgers,
Classic Autos,
Gospel music, Craft & Vendor's courtyard, & Local
Strawberries for sale!

Adult \$4.00; 65 & over, \$3.00; 6-12, \$3.00;
Under 6, \$2.00

For more information, call the church at 503-357-
8873 or Don at 503-359-4278

All-Church Dinner

Thanks to all the wonderful people involved in our church who prayed, worked and ate to make our annual dinner a success!

Our net proceeds from the dinner was \$4655! This included \$230 from the book sale and \$1109 from the silent auction.

It is wonderful to belong to a church that works together and makes things happen.

Edythe Westlund
Coordinator

SECOND SATURDAY-GARDEN PARTY

Our next Second Saturday work party at the church will be on June 14. 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!

Margaret Hoerber

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

MESSENGER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the July Messenger is June 18th. Late items will be carried over to the following month's issue. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Patty Davie, editor

BIRTHDAYS

Verva Loomis	June 1 st
Rebekah Hall	June 2 nd
Bill Boysen	June 5 th
Barbara Schultz	June 8 th
Maryellen Wirtz	June 8 th
Kendra Brenner	June 10 th
Sarah Brown	June 13 th
Margaret Hoerber	June 14 th
Alisa Hampton	June 18 th
Taylor Haney	June 21 st
Mark Tveit	June 21 st
Beth Tveit	June 21 st
Herb Roehr	June 23 rd
Arleigh Berget	June 24 th
Hazel Sefler	June 27 th
Janet DePooter	June 28 th

ANNIVERSARIES

LeRoy & Shirley Gamble	June 3 rd
Don & Paula Gassman	June 3 rd
Tom & Joanne Rannels	June 8 th
Bobby & Emily Tabb	June 12 th
Tom & Jan Stewart	June 14 th
Chuck & Carolyn Ashton	June 18 th
Fred & Linda Raycraft	June 19 th
David & Lucinda Hites-Claybaugh	June 21 st
Morris & Jacquie Haney	June 21 st
Dave & Patty Rose	June 26 th

DRIVERS STILL NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed for September, November and December. Women are welcome, and a special driver's license is not required.

We have quite a few older members who depend on this service to be able to attend worship, and are grateful for drivers who can help make this possible for them.

Linda King, Bus Coordinator
503-522-1215

SERVING IN JUNE

Liturgist	Chante Gustafson
Altar Guild	Linda King
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
Bus Driver:	Marilyn Carr
Ushers	
June	Ken & Nancy Bond Cal Clayton & Marion Gustafson
Greeters	
June	Merrill & Betty Ludlam Robert Nickerson & Ann Ulum
Coffee Coordinator	
Team: *June	* Carole Heun , Delva Johnson & Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
June 1 st	Volunteer(s) needed
June 8 th	Ken & Nancy Bond
June 15 th	Volunteer(s) needed
June 22 nd	Jacque Haney
June 29 th	The Hummels
Nursery Attendant	Lindsay Marsh
Childcare Coordinator	Delva Johnson
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elf	Juanita Kautzmann & Ann Ulum
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CHOIR CORNER — ADRIENNE DIONNE

Adrienne has given Thursday evening child care for the members of the choir for two years, but now that she is graduating from FGHS, she will be handing off her job to younger sister Alyssa (now a sophomore at FGHS). Little brother Connor, at Emmaus School, was also active in FGUMC music as a bell ringer.

This October, Adrienne will be living in Portland and attending the year-round Art Institute courses in Fashion Marketing. Her basic classes such as Math, English and Science will have practical application to fashion and marketing. Our lovely red-head doesn't wear solid colors often. "I like patterns" – in what she wears and in friends, who tend to be quirky and fun.

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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