



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

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LIVING FULLY, DYING WELL

This Sunday school class and sermon series will continue through Palm Sunday, March 28th. Pastor Dan will lead the Sunday school class from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in place of the regular class. We'll explore the issues of aging, finding meaning and purpose in life, making preparations for the final stages, how to die well, and what happens after we die. We'll be inviting in some guest speakers and opportunities for you to learn more about these topics. Pastor Dan will be preaching on these topics each Sunday as well. If you are interested, plan to join us in Room 6 in the education wing at 8:45 a.m. And then join us in worship where the choir will be singing Faure's *Requiem* during those weeks.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

WESLEYANS MEETING

The Wesleyans will meet on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room. *Martha Tunall* has the program and asks that members bring a past photo of themselves. All women are cordially invited to join us.

Submitted by *Virginia Heald*

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

Calling all those who like to play in the dirt! Come on March 13th to help spruce up the churchyard for spring. We work from 8:30 a.m. to noon, with a break at 10:00 for refreshments. Bring your own gloves and tools, dress for the weather and pray that it's dry.

Submitted by *Margaret Hoerber*

POSITIVE AND HOPEFUL: FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

- 14 youth at youth group the last couple of weeks, with regular members inviting friends
- The many, many things Dan Gustafson does around the church, including most recently, mowing the church lawn
- Lela Baskins and Edythe Westlund overseeing our church's building use by St. Bede's for their Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Lela finding 5 persons who want to attend the upcoming Western District United Methodist Women's "Every Member Enrichment" event
- Betty thrilled at the upcoming concert by the Umpqua Singers on February 26
- Gratitude for the hospitality our church showed in making it available for Matt Thompson-Aue's concert to raise funds for his trip to Berlin, Germany this summer representing the youth of the Western Jurisdiction

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

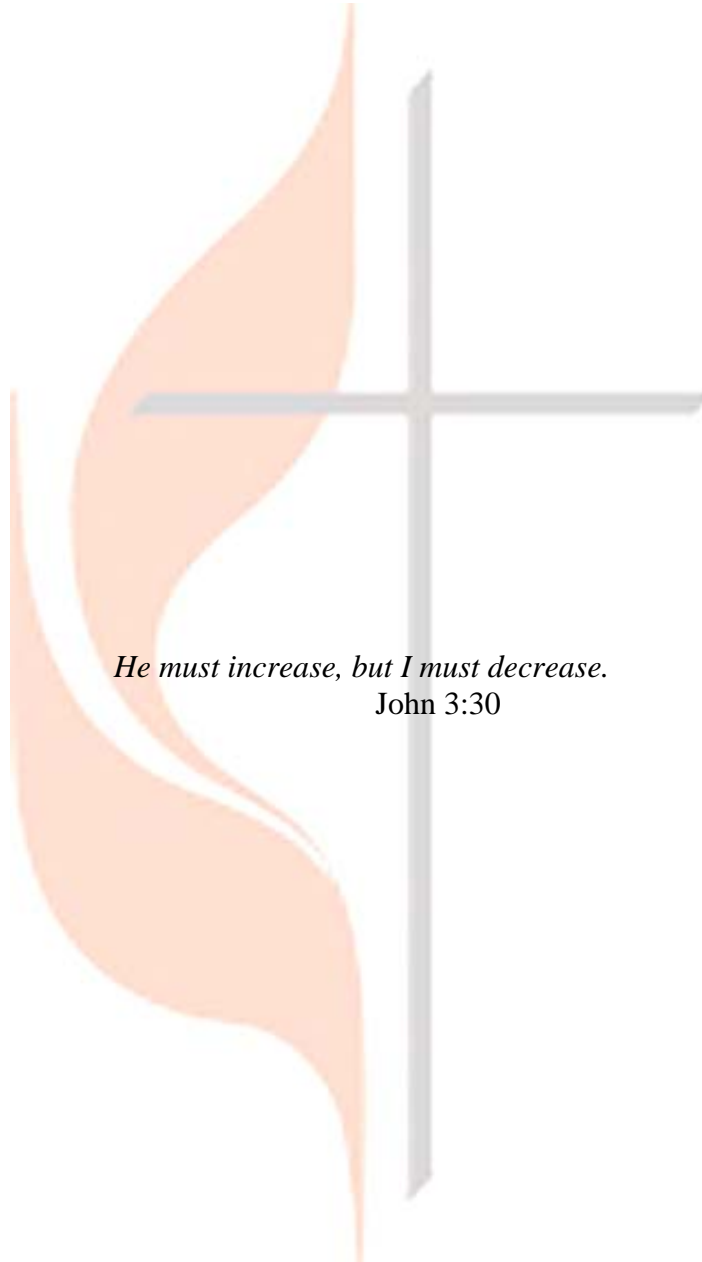
ST. PATRICK'S DAY TALENT SHOW

Volunteer for the fabulous annual St Patrick's Day Talent Show to be held with the St Patrick's Day Irish Stew Luncheon on March 14. Sign up with Janet Hummel, janet.hummel@verizon.net or 503-359-3510. Camp skits and musical performances especially welcome!

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

I am pondering these words:



He must increase, but I must decrease.
John 3:30

Lent is here.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

I like our new mission statement – “Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk humbly with God.” I also like to think deeply about the meaning of those words from a theological and Biblical point of view. One of the things that has befuddled me over the years is that in teaching classes I often run into long time Christians whose sense of justice is punitive and has a sense of “getting even” to it. I don’t understand that.

The Sunday morning Adult Class has been working through a book called “The Jesus Priorities – 8 Essential Habits.” Acting with justice is one of the habits of a priority the author identifies as “Build Up Treasure in Heaven.” He leads up to justice with a discussion of fairness. When asked what is “fair?” a conventional answer might be “everybody gets the same” or “everybody gets what they earn (or deserve),” but that doesn’t work for one who is a disciple of Jesus Christ. As such, he says, we must learn a new definition of fairness which is that **“everybody does what they can, and everybody gets what they need.”**

The author, Christopher Maricle, then moves on to a discussion of Justice. In his words: “. . .if we read the Gospels carefully, we see they are not so much about love as they are about justice. Jesus’ justice means much more than justice in financial or civil matters. The justice of the Gospels encompasses all facets of our lives. In all things we are called to act justly. . . We are called to act justly not only in our own affairs but to treat others justly and to defend justice. . . We know when people are suffering and need compassion, Jesus calls us to act justly from the simplest monetary debt to the very highest demands of spiritual responsibility in defending justice. We must all render unto God the things that are God’s.”

Hmmm. . .maybe you’d like to be a part of a small group that asks how the mission statement has been lived out for you in the past week. If you do, look for Bobby on Sunday morning.

In Christ’s Ministry With You,
Rhoda Pittman Markus

WHO ARE THE WESLEYANS?

We are a group of women of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church, whose purpose is to develop a creative, supportive fellowship through Jesus Christ, with goals of service and mission. Our focus is mainly at the local level, beginning with this church, and extending to women and families through gifts of service and support of community and charitable organizations.

You may be interested to know that in 2009, Wesleyans gave \$40 in memorial gifts to the church; \$60 each to Domestic Violence Resource Center, Forest Grove Senior Center, Habitat for Humanity, and Westco, and \$50 to Senior GAP. Church staff received Christmas gifts totaling \$500, and \$39 furnished a Christmas wreath for the church. Kitchen and maintenance supplies purchased amounted to \$497.

Our funds are raised through pledges, bake sales, receptions and garage sales, to name a few of our activities.

We meet at 7:00 PM the first Tuesday of each month, excepting July and August. The June meeting is dinner out; in September it’s a potluck, both at 6:00 PM.

Visitors or new members are cordially welcome to any meeting.

Submitted by Virginia Heald

EXPECTING CHANGE

As many of you know, Bobby and I are expecting our second child March 17th. In preparation for this change, there will be some alterations to the youth schedule. Beginning March 29th (the week following Spring Break), the youth groups will be combined, meeting on Monday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm. This schedule will continue through April 26th, because we will be working on planning another Youth Sunday. The week I go into labor, all youth events will be cancelled.

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

THANK YOU

Part of the ministry for the Jr. High youth each week is sitting down to a meal together at the end of youth group. These have been amazing opportunities for fellowship, growing in our relationship with each other, and eating delicious food. Many people in our congregation have helped with this ministry and I wanted to personally thank all of them:

Deb Bratland
Caroline Dau
Virginia Heald
Bob and Laura Dionne
Margaret and Jerry Hoerber
Lois and Ted Oakberg

Betty and Merrill Ludlam
Kathy and Dan Wilson-Fey
Lela Baskins
Ann Ulum and Robert Nickerson
Alisa and Adam Hampton

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children ages 4 years old through 6th grade will continue with the Live BIG curriculum. The March theme is "We believe that Jesus wants us to remember how much he loves us." Stories to support the theme include: Mary of Bethany, The Last Supper, Peter's Denial, and Palm Sunday/Holy Week.

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

Valentine Pot Luck 2010



F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2010

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Five members of United Methodist Women attended the *Every Member Enrichment Event* in Woodburn last month. This event is replacing the Local Officers Training event so as to include a place for every member in the unit to be enriched and to have a better understanding of what United Methodist Women is all about.

The next meeting will be on March 28, 12:00 noon with a pot luck lunch and program. All women are invited and most welcome.

Submitted by *Lela Baskins*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH STEW LUNCH

Come one; come all to the Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Lunch & Camp Fund Raiser on March 14th!

Wear green and stay for a wonderful lunch of Irish stew and scones and watch your talented church family perform skits and songs.

Stew – scones – skits - songs - what else could anyone want? We'll be serving right after fellowship time.

If you have any questions, contact *Janet Hummel* or *Sue Brenner*.

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*
janet.hummel@verizon.net

OFFICE VOLUNTEER WANTED

Can you help in the church office one or two mornings a month on a regular basis? Jobs include things like folding bulletins, shopping and running errands (needs a car), printing computer files, or entering attendance data in the computer. If you're interested, please call the church office at 503-357-2689, weekdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Submitted by *Liz Swenson*

FIRST AID CLASS

A Red Cross First Aid and CPR class will be held in late March or early April. Please let me know if you want to attend. Thanks!

Submitted by *Chuck Pritchard*
503-359-9340 or b2c2_2@verizon.net

THRIVE WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED

McMinnville Cooperative Ministry will be hosting "[Thrive Where You're Planted: Revitalizing Ministry in the None Zone](#)," which will also serve as the Western District Renewal Event for 2010. The phrase "none zone" comes from the reality that most people in the Pacific Northwest mark "none" when asked in surveys about their religious preference. Revitalizing ministry in the "none zone" requires a different approach than in other parts of the country. This conference will give you honest and useful information about what revitalization is and how it can happen right here where you live and serve.

One of the keynote speakers is [Patricia O'Connell Killen](#), professor of American Religions at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, and primary editor of [Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The None Zone](#).

Other leadership will come from Oregon- Idaho UMC personnel and McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, a ministry that has experienced revitalization by focusing on worship, small groups, and mission.

There will be three plenary sessions and four workshop tracks with three sessions each. The workshop sessions will cover theory, experience, and practical application to your setting.

The four tracks are:

Vitality 101: Planting Seeds

Learn the basics of awakening your congregation by managing conflict and change, practicing radical hospitality, and connecting with new people groups.

Vitality 201: Living Water (Revitalizing Worship)

Learn why "indigenous worship", using the people you already have, is a key in helping your church to thrive. Develop strategies for using local resources in powerful ways.

Vitality 202: Fertile Soil (Revitalizing Relationships)

Learn how a locally grown, well-organized small group system makes relationships flourish. Take steps towards developing an intentional relationship building ministry that is appropriate for your own context.

Vitality 203: Sharing Light (Revitalizing Mission and Service)

Learn how a strong, externally focused mission and a commitment to service can light a fire in a congregation. Develop techniques for your congregation to dramatically grow mission and service in your community.

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

2010 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The 2010 Mission Team will be made up of 10 youth: Adam Borrego, Alyssa Dionne, Connor Dionne, Alexis Gardner, Chanté Gustafson, Rachel Hampton, Taylor Haney, Fletcher Johnson, Max Wilson-Fey, and Noah Wilson-Fey; and 6 adults: Ian Rice, Christie Rice, Betty Pritchard, Chuck Pritchard, Alisa Hampton, and Eric Conklin.

They will be in downtown San Francisco, staying in a hostel and working at Glide Memorial UM Church preparing and serving meals for the homeless. This mission trip, unlike the others we've done, exposes the youth to severe poverty and allows them to be fully immersed into a different culture. Previously, we had worked at two Methodist summer camps preparing the spaces for the many campers and programs that would take place during the summer. These mission trips were a wonderful way to show us the preparation, hard work, and teamwork that goes into a mission trip. They also taught me how to go about planning a mission trip. Then, last year we went outside the boundaries of our beautiful state and helped restore a town that was devastated by a tornado in Greensburg, Kansas. As you have heard through the testimonies of those participants, our eyes were opened to devastation and restoration. We were welcomed into the community, constantly thanked and praised for what we were doing, and worked long, hot hours doing various tasks.

This year will be different. The youth will be working long hours in the kitchen preparing meals, serving meals, and eating with those they serve. The friendly, cheerful "thank-you" may not come. The hours will be tedious and not much time for a break. Because of their hard work, though, the results will be immediate in the faces of those whose basic needs are being met.

We estimate the cost per person will be \$460. Like previous years, we plan to fund this mission trip through the participants' donations, Breakfast Clubs, a Mystery Dinner, helping individuals in the church, carwashes, and other forms of fundraising.

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

TRUSTEES REPORT

Our major project, that is well underway, is the painting of the parsonage.

This is a large expenditure that is long overdue. Walk around the parsonage and you will see it is imperative that it must be accomplished now. In addition to the painting there are some repairs that must be made. The extent of these repairs cannot be determined until the pressure washing and scraping is done. As soon as dry weather returns, work will begin.

There are other projects that will need to be done this year. We hope that volunteers can help to keep expenses for these projects as low as possible.

If you have questions, suggestions or comments please contact the trustees. Notes can be put in the Trustees box in Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by: *Edythe Westlund*,
Chair, Trustees

WE ARE ALL IMMIGRANTS

A workshop led by Ron and Cathy Whitlatch will be held at Beaverton United Methodist Church on March 13th, from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. It is an exploration of immigration in the Bible and next steps in immigration reform.

You can register at ronwhitlatch@gmail.com This workshop is free and open to anyone.

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH

On Easter Sunday, April 4th, please join us for an Easter Sunday brunch from 8:00 to 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall! There will be good food as well as a chance to visit with your friends before the service at 10 AM.

As in the past, an assortment of egg-based breakfast casseroles, sausage and ham will be provided. **If you wish to contribute food we ask that you bring baked goods or fruit/fruit juice.** Or, if you don't contribute food, you may make a donation to help cover the cost of the casseroles and meat.

Sign-up lists for baked goods, fruit and juice and for preparation (Saturday) and clean-up Sunday will be provided. If you have questions please call *Lois Oakberg* at 503-357-8129 or *Patty Davie* at 503-357-3185. We hope to see you there!

Submitted by *Ted Oakberg*

HAITI DONATIONS

If you made a donation through the church to the Haiti emergency before March 1, and you want to claim it on your 2009 tax return, please call the church office and ask for the Haiti Contribution letter.

Submitted by *Dan Gustafson*

REQUEST FOR MAGAZINES

Do you have any magazines you're planning to recycle? We need them at the church. Any kind will do. We have a special project in mind and would appreciate any donations.

Thank you.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

BIRTHDAYS

Fred Raycraft	March 2 nd
Taylor Crotty	March 5 th
Morris Haney	March 5 th
Adam Hampton	March 7 th
Elia Cobb	March 8 th
Patty Davie	March 8 th
Richelle (Johnson) Pultz	March 8 th
Ryker Tovey	March 8 th
Chuck Pritchard	March 10 th
Judy Sherman	March 11 th
Bobby Tabb	March 11 th
Meagan Potter	March 14 th
Donald Tveit	March 14 th
Harry Long	March 15 th
Patricia Gilman	March 17 th
Micah Hampton	March 24 th
Henry Gulacy	March 28 th
Paula Gassman	March 29 th
Sam Judah	March 29 th
Todd McLeod	March 29 th

ANNIVERSARIES

Adam & Alisa Hampton	March 6 th
Lester & Erma Heisler	March 7 th
Ed & Patty Davie	March 28 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 MARCH

Liturgist	Janet Hummel
Altar Guild	Margaret Hoerber
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Drivers	Matt Jones
Ushers & Greeters for March	Hospitality Team
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
March 7 th	Lela Baskins
March 14 th	St. Patrick's Day
March 21 st	Hampton Family
March 28 th	Volunteers needed
Nursery Attendant & Childcare Coord.	Adrienne Dionne
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Marilyn Carr Betty Ludlam
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CHURCH CORNER-THOMAS LEE STEWART

Tom was set to be a F.G. Methodist even before he was twinkle in his father's -- or his granddad's eye. Tom's grandfather, Rev. Clyde Stewart (first husband of Fern Reeher) was first to preach in the newly built Banks Methodist Church in 1909. Tom's parents were married in the old F.G. church across the street in March, 1936. Tom was baptized there in 1938.

After WWII, Tom and his brother Bob grew up working on their father's log truck. He hauled from Hee Hee Butte downhill to Hwy 26 near Warm Springs. With such a heavy load, the brakes took a beating. Nearly every other weekend the brothers replaced drums and linings.

He married Jan shortly after she graduated from Redmond H.S. Tom enlisted in the Coast Guard, where he served 30 years, nine of them on sea duty. The young Stewarts lived in a variety of locations as they raised sons, Don and Rob.

When he retired, they returned to F.G. in 1986 for Tom to earn his BA in business and literature from Pacific U. The Methodists had moved, but remained a hospitable church where Tom has served on committees including Finance, Investment, Trustees, and (with his green thumb), Garden Party.

With all his practical experience on his father's log truck, Tom worked as maintenance mechanic, most recently for Clean Water Services, Hillsboro. Thank you, Tom, for not putting the brakes on continuing to help on Trustee projects.

MISSION STATEMENT

Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly with God.

Daniel Wilson-Fey	503-359-4249	Pastor
Rhoda Markus	503-357-3998	Deacon
Emily Tabb	503-707-4971	Youth Pastor
Liz Swenson	503-357-2689	Administrative Assistant

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Patty Davie	503-357-3185	Messenger Editor
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