



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

Messenger

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FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP MAGRUDER

We still have room for more campers at FGUMC family camp at Camp Magruder on the Oregon Coast over Memorial week-end May 27-29. Sign-up will close May 14.

Please contact **Sue Brenner**, 503-357-5409 or **Janet Hummel** 503-359-1799 for more information.

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## COVENANT GROUP

**Ann Ulum** and **Marilyn Carr** will be leading a Covenant Group every first and third Sunday after church at 11:30. Child care provided.

Anyone is welcome to attend. The Covenant Group will be seeking to support and encourage each other.

For more information contact Ann 503-357-1386 or Marilyn 503-357-2622.

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Yard Maintenance Person Needed

We are looking for a reliable yard maintenance individual for the church. Five hours per week at \$11.48 per hour. Ten hours paid vacation annually.

Responsibilities are lawn mowing, parking lot and walkway blowing, and curbside weed eating. Equipment provided.

Please contact the church office; 503-357-2689 or **Paula Gassman** 503-357-5280.

MOTHER'S DAY QUILT CELEBRATION

Sunday May 14th

FGUMC will be honoring mothers this year with a Mother's Day Quilt Celebration. Anyone who wishes to have a quilt displayed, please bring it to the church on or before Saturday, May 13 at 9 am. Please be sure the quilt has your name on it and any related story you would like to share.



If you would like to participate in the service on Sunday, May 14, contact **Janet Hummel**, 503-359-1799.

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## BIBLE FOLK CHOIR CONCERT

May 20th, 7 p.m.

The Chancel Choir, directed by **Betty Pritchard**, will present the complete folk rock musical BIBLE FOLK, by **Richard Wilson**, arranged by **Bill Barber**.

Based on stories of twelve people from the Old and New Testaments, it covers a range of characters, some more familiar than others. Portrayed with strengths, failures, faults and faith, these folks bring life lessons for all of us. You won't want to miss this lively and uplifting musical experience!

Extra rehearsals will be Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. for the instrumentalists, and Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. for all choir and instrumentalists.

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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

When I was in 4th grade, I received my first Bible. It was a large one called *The Young Reader's Bible*. I remember how heavy it was, how thin the pages were, and how small the print was. It had some pictures, and I loved looking at the pictures. It was also written in such a way that I rather quickly lost interest in reading that Bible, or any Bible for that matter.

The next time I seriously picked up a Bible was 15 years later when I joined the Corvallis United Methodist Church. There, Rev. Bob Burtner, Marilyn Gorski and others led me and others in a class called the Corvallis Program for Biblical Literacy. That class was an in-depth and scholarly look at the Bible, and taking that class was the first step in changing forever how I viewed the Bible. Now, as someone once said and with which I agree, "I take the Bible far too seriously to take it literally."

But when I was a kid, I took it literally. Pictures and all. And that's a good thing. Which is why I believe that it is so important to get into the hands of children, as soon as they can read, a Bible they can read.

When we were living in Idaho, we ran across a wonderful version of the Bible for beginning readers. That version of the Bible was given to Max when he was just starting to read. Both he and Noah have read those stories in that fun and easily readable Bible again and again. Noah boasts that he's read that Bible through (it's an abridged version) four times. At least he's learning the basic stories of our faith, which is more than I did at that age.

I am so thrilled that on the Sunday after Mother's Day, we will be presenting such Bibles to the youngest readers in our midst. Plan to join us in worship May 21 in which the Word of God will be shared in a tangible way with our new readers.

I am also thrilled to be planning to lead a *Disciples' Bible Study* class next fall. It's a big commitment though; nine months long. But in the course of the study, we'll read 80% of the Bible and have plenty of time for questions, discussion, and learning in a way that will change how you view the Bible, even change your life. It is the Word of God, after all.

Disciples' Bible Study says: "How can we know the way of God if we don't know the Word of God?" Plan to join me next fall for this course.


Finally, if you do not have a Bible of your own, please let me know. I would be so pleased to provide you with one for you to have. Good News is meant to be shared.

In Christ,



Pastor Dan

FG UMC CALENDAR, MAY 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
	1 9:30 a.m. Older Woman's Legacy (OWL)	2 9:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study in Library, all welcome 7:00 p.m. Wesleyans meet in Garden Room	3 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Church Council	4 5:30-7:00 p.m. Game Night	5 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off No School	6																																																																																																		
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**INDEPENDENT REVIEW
AND OPINION OF INVESTED FUNDS**

The Finance Committee heard and approved **Tom Stewart's** Independent Review and Opinion of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church's Foundation and Endowment Funds at their meeting Wednesday April 19. This review was presented to the Investment Committee at their quarterly meeting on April 11, and will be shared at the next Church Council meeting.

Tom found that the Gift and Acceptance Policy and the Investment Policy are part business plan and part guidance to establish an Investment Committee and set Goals and Objectives for the use of funds. These policies speak of social responsibilities in investing and provide a sound strategy for protecting and growing the endowment.

The Investment Committee monitors four funds:

- The Foundation Account
- The 15% Endowment Account
- The 85% Endowment Account
- The 15% Emergency Account

These include a mix of funds: Bank and Money Market Accounts, Certificates of Deposits, Mutual Funds (Calvert Social Responsible Investment Funds), and Bonds.

High praise was bestowed upon the Investment Committee for their work and management of the Endowment and Foundation funds.

Special thanks were extended to **Pat Gilman** for her "impeccable record keeping and accounting skills".

A copy of the Review is in the Church office, and the Finance Committee thanks **Tom Stewart** for his work and diligence in preparing this report.

For more information:
Dan Gustafson

WALKERS AND TALKERS

Our covenant group "Walkers and Talkers" will meet at Fern Hill Lake parking lot at 1 pm on May 13th and 20th and begin our walk promptly at 1:05. All adults 18 and older are welcome. This will be a chance to build faithful friendships within our church family, with directed conversation following the nine characteristics of biblical fellowship: authenticity, confidentiality, courtesy, frequency, honesty, humility, mercy, mutuality and sympathy. The path is an easy 1.1 mile walk on level gravel and usually takes just over an hour with a few stops to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake and bird sanctuary. Feel free to join us when you are able or make a regular habit of it.

Delva Johnson

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REMEMBER
Deadline for June
Messenger
May 20th

**DAY CAMP DATES SET
AUG 14-18**

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the 2006 Bi-lingual (Multicultural) Day Camp. The dates are important for lots of people - families with school age kids, shepherds and junior shepherds, faithful kitchen angels. There's a spot for anyone who wants to be a part of this vibrant project.

Your Day Camp committee is **Leah Henriksen, Mary Jane Nordgren, Virginia McCrae, Dan and Kathy Wilson-Fey, and Rhoda Markus.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE
2006 Operating Budget

Annual Budget: \$243.865 Through March 31, 2006.

INCOME
\$47,771.86

Transfer from Contingency Fund
\$12,992.96 *

TOTAL
\$60,764.82

EXPENSES
\$55,632.64

BALANCE
\$ 5,132.18



* The Operating Budget began the year with a \$12,992.96 deficit. The Finance Committee requested, and the Church Council approved using some of the Contingency Fund money to help balance the 2006 budget. At this time we are moving the \$12,992.96 from the Contingency Fund into the Operating Budget to help with our cash flow.

Dan Gustafson
Finance Committee Chair

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**BAPTISM CELEBRATED!**

On Easter Sunday, we celebrated the baptism of **Taylor Crotty**, daughter of Erica Crotty, granddaughter of Dan & Eunice Gustafson. Taylor was born March 5, 2005. Welcome into the family of God, Taylor!

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IN APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU

Betty and I express our deepest appreciation for the love and caring of Pastor Dan and the members of the congregation during our son Gary's final illness. At his passing, Pastor Dan came quickly to support us in our hour of need. The phone calls and cards from many of you were greatly appreciated.

Cal and Betty Clayton Sr. and Family

FROM ALTAR TO WORLD

One part of the portfolio of the deacon is to bridge the worship life of the community to serving the needs of the world. I will be using this space from time to time to highlight ways this church and its individual members are making that connection. In other words, as we move from worship back into the world each Sunday, how do we live out the life we have been celebrating through the activities of our week in the world?

There are established projects of FGUMC such as Family Bridge and Day Camp where many of you serve. There are links to the community such as Habitat for Humanity and bringing food on a regular basis for the Food Bank. In addition many of you have found your own niche of service where your gifts for ministry match the needs of the world - SMART Readers, Peer Counseling, etc. I'd like to hear your stories. In fact, our District Superintendent **Kate Conolly** intends to ask each congregation next fall for an accounting of how people are doing just this. When that time comes I would like to have a list of 100 people and the outreach ministry each is doing. WOW! Wouldn't that be something?

Right now, I'd like to invite you to join The Bishop's Initiative to Eliminate Hunger in Oregon and Idaho. This is a 2 year emphasis that is gearing up right now. Please bring a pocketful of change each Sunday morning. Sunday School Children will be collecting your change through June 4 toward the Annual Conference Mission Project.

Check out our web site www.forestgroveumc.org or the conference web site www.umo.org for other ways you can make a difference in changing the face of hunger.

In Christ's Ministry with You,
Deacon Rev. **Rhoda Pittman Markus**

YOUTH PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Change. Sometimes it doesn't happen because we don't want to admit that things weren't perfect to begin with.

I came across an excerpt in the book "Lists to Live By: the Fourth Collection" by Gray, Stephens and Van Diest. One of the topics that the book deals with is marriage, and one of the subtopics is: Is Your Marriage a Contract or a Covenant? from Fred Lowery's "Covenant Marriage." He writes; "A contract asks, 'What am I getting from this marriage?' A covenant asks, 'What am I bringing to this marriage?'"

I knew that I could apply this thinking to my life as a youth pastor. Too often I have treated the youth ministry as a contract. I have thought about getting; in hours, youth involved, phone calls made, emails sent, and yes, a paycheck.

I wouldn't be shocked if the youth concentrated on getting stuff too (snacks, time with friends, fun, responsibility, rides).

The whole contract thinking is typical of our society. People agree to do something for a certain period of time in exchange for something they want. But, contracts can be broken at anytime for a cost. We are familiar with people breaking contracts to seek better ones. This happens in sports, business and relationships.

Covenants, on the other hand, can't be broken. That's because they are all about working towards a common goal, not separate ones. God told us that He would be our God and we would be His people. The goal was a solid bond between our Creator and us. There is no one action that can cause us to void the covenant.

The other great thing about covenants is that they focus on what each party CAN do. God didn't ask us to be equals, He asked us to be His people.

Since the FGUMC Youth Ministry is now a covenant, here is what I am going to be giving.

- I covenant to pray for the youth by name.
- I covenant to share my faith.
- I covenant to help others seek God.
- I covenant to provide opportunities for fun, service and worship.

What can you give to this ministry?

Email me at bobbyfgumc@teleport.com

Thanks,

Bobby Tabb
Youth Pastor

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**GRANT COMMITTEE  
MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Grant Committee has made recommendations for the following grants. The money to fulfill these grants comes from the 15% Endowment Account and is to be used by the church to further its ministries.

1. Debt Removal – Property Maintenance Account - To repay a portion of the money borrowed from this account for projects around the church the last couple of years.
2. Install Lights for the New Church Sign on the NE corner of the property.
3. Upgrade Computer systems in the church office so they will be compatible with newer software.
4. Six tables for the Fellowship Hall.
5. Day Camp (request for additional funding over budget item.)
6. Childcare during Church Functions – Funding to provide childcare during events and meetings at the church, so young families can participate.
7. Sanctuary Video Projection System – Install and operate a modern video system during worship and special events.
8. Eight additional tables and a heavy-duty chair caddie.

The Finance Committee approved all of the above grants.

*Tom Gamble*  
Grant Committee Chair

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JOINING ON EASTER SUNDAY!



**Hazel Bateman** joins us through the Sacrament of Baptism and profession of faith. She grew up in Banks. Hazel taught school for several years and later ran the Bateman Store and Service Station in Gales Creek with her husband for many years.

She moved to Jennings-McCall 4 years ago. Hazel has two children, a son in British Columbia, and a daughter in Bend, who happens to be the administrative assistant of the United Methodist District Superintendent there. We are most glad to welcome you, Hazel!

**Patty Davie** joins us on reaffirmation of faith. She was a member of Central Presbyterian Church, (now the Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst) in Portland. Patty grew up in Portland, attended Whitman College, worked at First National Bank in Portland and as a bookkeeper in a family business. She is presently volunteering with the FG Library and at Harvey Clarke Elementary School.

She sings in the choir and is also our newsletter editor—thank you Patty! She and Ed have six children, sixteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. In her free time Patty enjoys baking, reading, knitting and quilting. We are glad to have you among us, Patty!

**Ted & Janet DePooter** are joining us as Affiliate members, retaining membership in their home church of Farmington UMC in Farmington, Arkansas. They moved here from San Ramon, CA.

Ted grew up in Iowa and Colorado, obtaining his mining engineering degree from the Colorado School of Mines. He has worked on several large tunnel projects, one now in Portland. In his free time, he enjoys archaeology, gold panning and “doing something totally different from work.”

Janet grew up near Philadelphia, PA, and graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont. She works as a volunteer for the SMART reading program at Mintner Bridge Elementary School and also volunteers in the nursery of the alternative high school in Hillsboro. In her free time she enjoys tennis and quilting.

Ted and Janet have two daughters, one graduating from the University of Arkansas and one a freshman at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Welcome Ted and Janet!

**Bill & Tracy Gulacy** are joining us on reaffirmation of their faith. Bill grew up in Michigan and obtained a Master’s in Public Administration from Portland State. He is the plant supervisor for Clean Water Services in Western Washington County.

Tracy grew up in Seattle and attended Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. She works as a dialysis technician at Raines Dialysis Clinic. They have two children: Liz, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at FGHS, and Henry, who is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Joseph Gale Elementary. In his spare time, Bill enjoys fishing, sports and home improvement. Tracy enjoys baking and gardening. We’re glad your family is among us, Bill & Tracy!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JOINING ON EASTER SUNDAY!

**Adam & Alisa Hampton** are joining us by transfer from Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Grove, OR.

Adam grew up in Beaverton and obtained his Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Marylhurst College. He's worked, as he says, as a "jack of all trades" in social work, yard care, computer work, in a bakery, at Home Depot, and most recently running the "Room to Grow" resale shop in Forest Grove. He presently volunteers at Dilley Elementary and at community events. When not actively parenting their 4 children, he enjoys woodworking, gardening, learning, guitar, coffee, and chatting with people.

Alisa grew up in Forest Grove, and went to Pomona College in L.A., obtaining her Bachelor's in Foreign Languages (Spanish and Japanese). After obtaining an M.B.A. from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, she began work at Intel where she's been since and is now a staffing manager. In her free time her major interests are family, music, reading, and languages.

She and Adam have four children, three of them at Dilley Elementary: Rachel in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Sarah in 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Matthew in Kindergarten. Their youngest, Micah, "helps Daddy" at home. We're glad to welcome you and your family, Adam and Alisa!

**Zoella Hickmon** joins us on reaffirmation of faith. She grew up in and graduated from high school in Portland and served for a time in the Army at Fort Oglethorpe, GA. Later, she worked at the district headquarters of the Oregon State Police in Milwaukie, OR. She also was the gift buyer for the Pixie Kitchen on the Oregon Coast for many years, finally moving with her husband, Jack, to Jennings-McCall 2 years ago. Zoella was active in the Gresham UMC for many years. Her hobbies include reading, counted cross stitch, arts and crafts and ceramics. Welcome, Zoella!

**Flo Metz** joins us on reaffirmation of faith. She grew up in Pennsylvania and worked for many years as a bookkeeper and receptionist in a doctor's office in Southern California. The family later moved to Portland, and finally Flo moved to Jennings-McCall 4 years ago. She has a daughter in Delaware, a son in Portland, and a son in Albany, OR. She has 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. In her free time Flo lists "people and crafts" as her major interests, in that order. We are glad you are among us, Flo!

**Maxine Nichols** grew up in Yankton, SD, then came to Oregon where she worked in Salem at J.C. Penney for many years. She was active in the Morningside UMC there when it was chartered. Maxine moved to Jennings-McCall 6 years ago. She has a son in Seattle, a daughter in Gresham, 6 grandchildren & 7 great grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys reading, crocheting, and jigsaw puzzles. We are glad to welcome you, Maxine!

**Vera Illingworth** joins us on reaffirmation of faith. She grew up in the Fitchburg UMC in Fitchburg, MA. After nurse's training in Portland, Maine, she and her husband lived in the Boston area, San Francisco, then in Portland, OR, where she worked as a nurse for many years.

Vera moved to Jennings-McCall 4 years ago. In her free time she enjoys ceramics and arts and crafts. She has two daughters, one in Reno, NV, and one in Boring, OR, along with 6 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Vera is planning for us to celebrate her 100th birthday with her next January 19<sup>th</sup>. We'd be glad to, and we are glad to welcome you here, Vera!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JOINING ON EASTER SUNDAY!**

*Luther & Jan Schrock* come to us by transfer of membership from Chapelwood UMC in Lake Jackson, TX. Last July they moved here to be near their family.

Luther grew up in Indiana, obtaining his Bachelor's and later Master's in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University. Luther worked for Dow Chemical Co. in Michigan and Texas, retiring in 1996. In his free time he enjoys woodturning, bridge, their grandsons, reading, and sudoku puzzles.

Jan grew up in Akeley, MN and Decatur, IN. She attended business college and worked as a secretary for a time. After obtaining a teaching degree, she taught in elementary schools in both Michigan and Texas. In her free time she enjoys reading, walking, bridge, and keeping in touch with family and friends.

Luther and Jan have two sons, one in Beaverton, and another in Kentucky. Their two grandchildren live in Beaverton. We are glad you are here, Luther and Jan!

*Kathy Wilson-Fey* comes to us transferring her membership from Southside Boulevard UMC in Nampa, Idaho. The daughter of an Air Force officer, she grew up all over, and graduated from high school in Spokane, WA. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Whitman College and her Master's in Counseling Psychology from the Univ. of Oregon. Kathy presently works with the "First Step to Success" coaching program with primary children in Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

She is married to our pastor, Dan, and they have two children: Max, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Neil Armstrong Middle School and Noah, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Joseph Gale Elementary. In her free time she enjoys quilting, traveling and teaching beginning Spanish classes. Welcome, Kathy!

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Carolyn Judah    | May 2nd  |
| Rhonda Underwood | May 3rd  |
| Merrill Ludlam   | May 4th  |
| Carolyn Mechling | May 11th |
| Donna Berget     | May 13th |
| Chad Pritchard   | May 17th |
| Janet Hummel     | May 18th |
| Sarah Tunall     | May 24th |
| Fran Todd        | May 25th |
| Lynn Anderson    | May 27th |
| Cal Clayton      | May 29th |
| Eunice Gustafson | May 31st |

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Lefty & Barbara Schultz | May 9th, 1992  |
| David & Deborah Weekley | May 18th, 1996 |



## SERVING IN MAY

|                              |                                             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Liturgist</b>             | Chuck Pritchard                             |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>           | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                    |
| <b>Bus Coordinator</b>       | Linda King, 503-357-1141                    |
| <b>Bus Drivers</b>           | Craig MacKinnon                             |
| 5/7 & 5/14                   | David Bond                                  |
| 5/21 & 5/28                  |                                             |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Linda King                                  |
|                              | Martha Tunall & Fred Raycraft               |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | LeRoy & Shirley Gamble, Don & Paula Gassman |
| <b>Coffee Coordinator</b>    | Edythe Westlund                             |
| <b>Fellowship Time</b>       |                                             |
| May 7th                      | The Hummels & Sunday School Children        |
| May 14th                     | Laurie & Dave Bond                          |
| May 21th                     | Alisa Hampton                               |
| May 28th                     | LeRoy & Shirley Gamble                      |
| <b>Nursery Attendant</b>     | Katie Billings                              |
| <b>Childcare Coordinator</b> | Beth Hall                                   |
| <b>Web Master</b>            | Jenny LaCombe                               |
| <b>Kids Prime Time</b>       | Amy Scott                                   |
| <b>Acolytes</b>              |                                             |
| May 7                        | Noah Wilson-Fey, Henry Gulacy               |
| May 14                       | Chante Gustafson, Rachel Hampton            |
| May 21                       | Taylor Haney & Alyssa Dionne                |
| May 28                       | Rachel Hampton & Max Wilson-Fey             |
| <b>Kitchen Elves</b>         | Mary Ann Mellbye                            |
| <b>Sound Ministry</b>        | Sound Team                                  |
| <b>Tape Ministry</b>         | Tape Team                                   |
| <b>Health Educator</b>       | Billie Tveit                                |
| <b>Parish Nurses</b>         | Patti Rose, Billie Tveit                    |

### CHOIR CORNER – Alisa Hampton

“I had to learn fast. Whenever I played a wrong note, my piano teacher stabbed my finger with the point of her pencil – until my mom found out.” It is a technique neither Alisa nor Dace condones, so Adam and Alisa’s Rachel (10), Sarah (almost 8) and Matthew (6) love playing the piano. Even 3 year-old Micah loves to sing along, especially when he gets to hold the microphone.

Although Alisa did not sing in a choir for the two intense years while she earned her Master’s in International Business from Monterey Institute of International Studies, she did sing at Pomona College as she had at FGHS.

During her year of study in Tokyo, she learned to play ancient Japanese stringed instruments. She’s always had a gifted ear for music and languages though she seldom gets to use her fluent Spanish or Japanese in her work as a manager at Intel.

But her smiling talent is a gift to us as she sings alto and accompanies the children’s choir.

### 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.

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