



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

Messenger

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FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

The “**Mother’s Day Proclamation**” by Julia Ward Howe was one of the early calls to celebrate Mother’s Day in the United States. Written in 1870, Howe’s *Mother’s Day Proclamation* was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The Proclamation was tied to Howe’s feminist belief that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level.

About a year ago a group of women of faith in the Forest Grove community began meeting to plan a Mother’s Day Walk for Peace in 2007. **It is happening!** It will be Mother’s Day afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. Folks will gather at Forest Grove United Church of Christ and after an opening ceremony will walk to Rogers Park for ending ceremonies. All will end no later than 4 p.m. There will be activities for children, singing, prayers, tree planting at Rogers Park and a wonderful sense of contemplating peace in our lives.

Certainly the idea of peace as an absence of war is part of the motivation for the day, but it is more encompassing than that. Peace in families and communities, reduction of violence in society, “shalom” – a sense of wholeness and well-being in God’s kingdom – all of these and more will be celebrated and longed for.

Why don’t you plan on honoring your mother, all mothers, and join in a new Mother’s Day tradition? I’ll be there. Will you?

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

For complete text of Julia Ward Howe’s Mother’s Day Proclamation:
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother’s_Day_Proclamation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother's_Day_Proclamation)

FINAL NOTICE FOR CAMP MAGRUDER

All family campers: **a 50% deposit must be received by May 6** to secure your spot and to allow us to tally the final count. Your family’s letter of amount due will be in the church office. It’s going to be a great camp this year – so submit your checks ASAP!

Please contact Camp Co-Directors – **Sue Brenner** or **Janet Hummel** if you have any questions.

GO CAMPING!

Sue Brenner: 503-357-5409
Janet Hummel: 503.359.1799, office
503.341.2182, cell
503.359.3510, home

YOUTH NEWS

On Sunday, May 20th, the Youth will be leading the morning worship. We will be focusing on the theme *The Journey* as we explore how God has led us through our own walks and the life of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church. We will also be confirming some of the youth into the church and recognizing long time members. We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting event.

Bobby Tabb

WESLEYANS
MAY 1ST, 7:00 P.M.

All women are invited to come, enjoy fellowship and learn about Habitat for Humanity from **Betty Ludlam**. Dessert too!

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

*The people
of Forest Grove United Methodist Church
are committed to preserving this church
as a holy place of safety and protection
in which all who enter are secure
in their relationships with others
as they experience the love of God.*

This is the opening *Statement of Purpose* of this church's recently adopted "Safe Sanctuary Policy."

It was over a year and a half ago that our then Chair of Trustees, LeRoy Gamble, came to me waving the annual reporting form for the Board of Trustees. "Dan, what's this question on here that asks: 'Does your church have a Safe Sanctuary Policy?'" I had been away from the country as a missionary for several years, and for a moment wondered: "Are they talking about having fire extinguishers in the sanctuary? Is this about the ushers knowing what to do in the case of someone having a medical emergency or the power going off during worship?" I quickly realized, though, that this had to do with how we provide safe guidelines, practices, vigilant eyes in order to protect us all, especially the children, the youth, the most vulnerable among us.

The prevalence of child abuse, in its many and varied forms, is all too real and all too common in our society. As your pastor, I speak out strongly against this evil, for none of God's children deserve to be treated in a violent or abusive manner, in whatever forms such acts or words present themselves. This is not God's will for our lives, their lives or the lives of those who perpetrate such acts. I spoke about this in last Sunday's sermon and will continue to uphold the work of the Safe Sanctuary Committee of this church in addressing these matters. The members of that group include Dave Rose and Merrill Ludlam as co-chairs, Mary Jane Nordgren as our Education Committee Chair, Brian Hawkins as our Church Council Chair, Chuck Pritchard and Margaret Ann Cox as members-at-large, and myself.

We have a comprehensive "Safe Sanctuary Policy" in place and you are welcome to have a copy. Simply contact the church office. We have performed background checks on over 60 persons including our staff, bus drivers, and any volunteers who work with children or youth. We are beginning to train all these volunteers to be safe, be aware, and help us all keep this place of God and these people of God the sacred trust that it is.

I encourage you to speak to one of the members of our Safe Sanctuary Committee named above about ways that you can help keep the Forest Grove United Methodist Church a holy, safe, and sacred space for all God's children.

Thank you for doing your part.

In Gratitude,



PLUNGE

PLUNGE (Play-Laugh-UNwind-as-we-Grow-and-Explore), our Wednesday after school program for elementary aged students, is off and running. With seven plungers (the participants), three youth helpers and at least nine adult volunteers.

We've had a blast talking about stories from the Bible, drawing pictures, learning new songs, building boats, playing games, working on homework and eating lots of yummy food. **PLUNGE** will conclude on May 23rd but we anticipate it returning in the fall. Thanks to everyone who has made this adventure a success, especially the kids.

Bobby Tabb

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**SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY**

We will meet on May 12<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine, at 8:30 a.m. at church and quit no later than noon. Bring your gardening tools, knee pads, etc. Come for an hour or two if you can't work the whole time. Free refreshments and great company!

*Margaret Hoerber*

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TOMATO TIME

Watch the back table in the Fellowship Hall for Lois Oakberg's assortment of plants. Beginning in early May, she will have 7 kinds of tomatoes, three varieties of sweet peppers, and cucumbers that will grow in pots. Donations will be gratefully accepted; the money will go toward the Congregational Care budget.

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**HAVE YOU MOVED?**

Please be sure that the church office has your new address. It costs us 75 cents for each item of returned mail.

*Ella Mae James,*  
Church Secretary

**FOOD PANTRY BOX CHALLENGE**

We received a letter of thanks from the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. They distribute the food we bring to our food pantry box. We gave 408 pounds during the first three months of the year, which contributed to helping hundreds of households in Forest Grove, Gaston, and Gales Creek.

**Can we do more during the next few months? Can we reach 450 pounds by the end of June?**

*Liz Swenson,* Outreach Committee

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RELIGIOUS RECYCLING EVENT

Coming up June 2nd, we will be presenting a sale of the nicer items we have received. We ask for your donations of good quality things to add to what we already have.

A regular "Rummage" sale is planned for the fall.

One item to be sold in June is a Baldwin Fantasia Organ, MCO Series. Anyone wishing to see the organ in advance of the June sale should contact *Edythe Westlund* at 503-357-5693.

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**NURSERY ATTENDANT WANTED**

*Our nursery is looking better and better* with the new, covered sand table and newly made clothes tree for the children's costumes, donated by *Jan* and *Luther Schrock*. Toys are also being repaired and cleaned. Our greatest need now is to find a loving nursery attendant. If you know anyone who might be interested in the paid position, please contact the office!

*Mary Jane Nordgren*

### THE BELLS ARE CALLING

Think how many things bells herald. A door bell brings a welcome visitor. The bell of the ice cream man was a favorite summer sound. Wedding bells, sleigh bells at Christmas time, the chime of an old family clock all bring on happy memories. In days gone by (way before my time) the town crier brought the news with a bell.

Our bell choir brings news too; the good news of Christ. We need to return our borrowed bells soon, and need funds to buy our own bells. We are about half way there; please consider a gift or memorial. Also, come join us; we are a fun and forgiving group; if you can count, you can give bells a try.

Contact **Betty Pritchard**, 503-357-9340 or [b2c2@netscape.com](mailto:b2c2@netscape.com), if you have any questions.



Submitted by **Carole Heun**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

**Day Camp Days Set**  
July 30 –August 3rd

Registration: Late afternoon July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Contact **Rhoda Markus**  
for more information. 503-357-3998

### THE FINANCIAL CORNER

The Church's income for the first three months of '07 is right on target. This includes pledge giving, rental income, grants, and miscellaneous income. Our expenses for the first three months have been slightly less than budgeted, which is good, so we have a slight excess of income so far this year. Keep up the good work!

**Jerry Hoerber**,  
Finance Committee



### THE CLIMATE PROJECT: answer the call

#### **A Seminar on Global Warming**

St. Bedes Episcopal Church and  
Forest Grove United Methodist Church  
Presents ...

A slide show of the information delivered in Al Gore's film, "*An Inconvenient Truth*" with a lecture by **Vicki Hesse**, MDIV and **Kristen Nelsen**, a third year student at Willamette University, majoring in Environmental studies with an emphasis on sustainability.

The discussion will include suggestions on what we can do as individuals to improve our environment and reduce pollution.

1:00-4:00 Saturday, May 12 , 2007

Contact / **Stewart Nestor** ([senestor@msn.com](mailto:senestor@msn.com))  
503-357-9329 Residence or 503-358-5722 Cell  
Phone.

#### **Location:**

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<http://www.forestgroveumc.org/index.html>

*The Climate Project is a movement to educate and challenge citizens and governments into action against the growing crisis of global warming. As a non-profit group, we work to bring education, community information, research and citizen action programs to communities across the country.*

### USED CAR WANTED

**Dave and Laurie Bond** are looking for a used car for their daughter Alyssa, for her summer job and during her sophomore year at Western Oregon University. If anyone in the congregation is thinking of selling a good but surplus car, please contact them at 503-359-1526 or [dlbond@verizon.net](mailto:dlbond@verizon.net). They hope to find one by June 1st.

Peace is every step. Thich Nhat Hahn

# Mothers Day 2007

## Walk for Peace

Forest Grove, OR

Sunday, May 13th

2-4 p.m.

Walk begins at the United Church of Christ,  
2032 College Way ends at Roger's Park, 2400 17th Ave



Every casualty of war is a mother's child.

For questions or to get involved,  
contact **Kathy Wilson-Fey**  
or **Rhoda Markus**



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Carolyn Judah    | May 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Rhonda Underwood | May 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Merrill Ludlam   | May 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Carolyn Mechling | May 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Donna Berget     | May 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sarah Hampton    | May 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Chad Pritchard   | May 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Janet Hummel     | May 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sarah Tunall     | May 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Fran Todd        | May 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lynn Anderson    | May 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cal Clayton      | May 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Eunice Gustafson | May 31 <sup>st</sup> |

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Lefty & Barbara Schultz | May 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| David & Deborah Weekley | May 18 <sup>th</sup> |

### RETIREMENT PARTY FOR HELEN OBER

After 19 years of ministry as the Western District Administrative Assistant, **Helen Ober** is retiring in June. A salute to her is planned for Thursday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Salem. Patty Davie can send you more information online, [plc2fd@verizon.net](mailto:plc2fd@verizon.net), or ask **Pastor Dan**.



## FGUMC Youth

Presents ...

# "The Search For The Truth"



Saturday, May 19th 6 PM  
1726 Cedar St. Forest Grove, OR  
Cost \$12.00

The Forest Grove United Methodist Youth are hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre as a fundraiser for this year's mission trip. Come join us as we try and solve the mysterious death of a camp director, while enjoying good food and a good laugh! Don't forget to dress in your camping attire because the scene takes place at a church camp. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Contact **Emily & Bobby Tabb** @ (503) 844-7694 or [bobbyfgumc@teleport.com](mailto:bobbyfgumc@teleport.com)



## SERVING IN MAY

|                              |                                               |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Liturgist</b>             | TBA                                           |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>           | Shirley Gamble                                |
| <b>Bus Coordinator</b>       | Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215                |
| <b>Bus Driver</b>            | Ted DePooter                                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | TBA                                           |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | LeRoy & Shirley Gamble<br>Don & Paula Gassman |
| <b>Coffee Coordinator</b>    | Edythe Westlund                               |
| <b>Fellowship Time</b>       |                                               |
| May 6th                      | Patty Davie                                   |
| May 13th                     | <b>Volunteer</b> needed                       |
| May 20th                     | Dave & Laurie Bond                            |
| May 27th                     | <b>Volunteer</b> needed                       |
| <b>Nursery Attendant</b>     | <b>Position open</b>                          |
| <b>Childcare Coordinator</b> | Delva Johnson                                 |
| <b>Web Master</b>            | Jenny LaCombe                                 |
| <b>Acolytes</b>              |                                               |
| May 6th                      | Rachel Hampton &<br>Henry Gulacy              |
| May 13th                     | Connor & Alyssa Dionne                        |
| May 20th                     | Noah Wilson-Fey &<br>John Heun                |
| May 27th                     | TBA                                           |
| <b>Kitchen Elves</b>         | Paula Gassman &<br>Carolyn Ashton             |
| <b>Sound Ministry</b>        | Media operators                               |
| <b>Tape Ministry</b>         | Media team                                    |
| <b>Parish Nurse</b>          | Patti Rose                                    |

## YOUTH LEADER CORNER

### EMILY HILL TABB

**N**urturing came naturally to this eldest of five kids in a Methodist ministry, who moved eight times within the Oregon-Idaho Conference, plus West Virginia. Emily attended 5 colleges before earning her degree in early childhood and elementary education from George Fox University. Always interested in sports, Emily was on a jump rope team in Idaho and loves volleyball. So her decision to work at Suttle Lake Camp seemed right, especially as her parents had met there.

And whom should she meet at Suttle Lake? Bobby Tabb. Now she is teaching, sharing co-youth leader ministry with her author husband, Bobby, and expecting their first child in August. The FGUMC Youth are thrilled, even to feeling free to suggest names for the hoped-for little boy: "Logan," "Max," or "Addison," for example.

## 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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