



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM BOBBY TABB

Effective May 1st I will be stepping aside from my role as co-youth director here at Forest Grove UMC. Emily will be taking over the position full-time. Emily and I are both very happy about this decision: we've spent many hours in prayer and conversation in coming to this. The church will benefit from having one clear-cut leader and our marriage will be easier with far fewer business-dominated discussions.

Our different skill sets have led to the creation of a very successful program, but in order to take things to the next level it became obvious to both of us (and others) that the church will benefit from having a single youth director. Emily's organizational and leadership skills are already starting to shine with me taking a lesser role in things.

We are looking forward to having our marriage revolving much less around business; plus it will take some of the pressure off having to decide who will attend which events and who will watch Chase.

That being said, it is a little sad to be leaving a position that brought me such wonderful joy, growth, and relationships. I am thankful for the opportunity and employment the church has given me for the past three plus years. I look forward to shifting my focus to working with our Pacific Students and being a super supportive husband. I will still be involved as a volunteer in the youth program and will still be available to talk any time.

In Christ, *Bobby Tabb*

FAMILY BRIDGE HOSPITALITY FIRST WEEK IN MAY

As you get this newsletter, we will be preparing to receive Family Bridge guests for the week of May 3rd – 10th. We will probably have three families with five kids, the youngest 8 years old. Cooks take note: three teenage boys. Plan for hearty appetites.

Remember Nicky and her children, who were with us in March? They have moved into their own apartment in Cornelius. That is so gratifying for me and the other volunteers. It's why we spend our time and energy in this ministry.

I'm deeply grateful to the more than twenty volunteers from our congregation who worked as hosts, cooks, drivers, and other helpers in March. I'm also glad for the volunteers from outside our church, whom many of us do not know: Fanny Lizier, a Montessori mother with children in the Elizabeth Perry School; Jennifer Monarrez and her volunteers from the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists at Pacific University; and the group of volunteers from St. Bede's Episcopal Church, especially Stuart and Diane Nestor, who stayed overnight on Saturday. I was awfully glad to have Stuart there. He has the energy to keep up with the young kids' quick-moving floor games in a way I don't any more.

God bless you all, and thank you in advance to those who will sign up to help this first week in May.

Submitted by *Liz Swenson*

WESLEYANS: CHANGE OF VENUE

Because of Family Bridge Week, Wesleyans will meet at the **Senior Center**, 2037 Douglas Street, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5th. Maurine Scott has arranged for a musical program by *Dorothy Pietz*. All women are invited!

Submitted by *Patty Davie, Pres.*

NEW UMW MEETING MAY 31ST

Please note that due to Family Camp weekend, the New UMW group will gather in the Library at 12:00 p.m. on **May 31st**. All women are welcome; our focus this year is on Racial Justice. Please bring a potluck dish to share after church and before the meeting.

Submitted by *Delva Johnson*

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Gracias!

This is the title of a book written by Henri Nouwen in 1983, published again in 1993. The book is about Nouwen's journey to Latin America where he learned from people there, this most simple concept expressed in the closing words of his book:

...all that is, is given to us as a gift of love, a gift that calls us to make our life into an unceasing act of gratitude.

God created all that is. It is God to whom I am feeling particularly grateful these days for the many expressions of God's love through the life and people of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church:

- for **Edythe Westlund** in her amazing work as point person for the Swiss Steak Dinner and so much more around this church
- for **Bobby and Emily Tabb** in their faithful, heartfelt, spiritual ministry with the youth of this church
- for my clergy colleague, Deacon **Rhoda Markus** with her invaluable support, insight, and positive outlook
- for **Ed and Patty Davie** in the amazing newsletter they produce for us to share all the Good News of God each month
- for **Liz Swenson** whose steady, organized work as my administrative assistant is so supportive and vital
- for **Ted and Lois Oakberg** who follow up on visitors, people in need, work tirelessly in the kitchen at so many events, and exhibit amazing generosity
- for **Laura Dionne** who volunteers as our Treasurer, a very big and time-consuming job
- for **Dave and Patti Rose** whose involvement in worship and leadership in this church is a witness to me and many others of great generosity
- for **Dale and Carole Heun** who have taken on major leadership roles at the church and give of themselves generously, spiritually
- for **Delva Johnson** who has been our childcare coordinator for over two years
- for **Meagan Potter** who gives a good deal of her time to work with our youth
- for **each member of the Church Council**, all of whom have willingly taken on leadership roles of certain groups within the church
- for **Tom Stewart & Dan Gustafson** who have quietly been mowing the grass, raking the leaves, and tending to other grounds keeping needs
- for **all those who cannot be named here for limited space reasons**, donated auction items, baked goods, time, books, serving and help at the Swiss Steak Dinner
- for **Janet Hummel & Sue Brenner** who are organizing the Memorial Day Campout at Camp Magruder, and all the work, fundraisers, etc. that entails
- for **the children** for just being who they are
- for **all the Trustees** who have a very complex, sometimes controversial, and extensive job to do, usually without as much funding or support as they might need
- for **Michael Fox** sharing with us his skills and talents as our organist & pianist
- for **all those who put fresh flowers** on the altar of our worship space each Sunday
- for **Mac & Pat McClelland** who each month take our food donations to St. Vincent de Paul
- for **all who volunteer and help with Family Bridge** when guests come to our church
- for **Jenny LaCombe** keeping our church website up-to-date
- for **Betty Pritchard** in how she helps bless us all with the music she directs and coordinates
- for **all those I haven't yet mentioned**, and who give of yourselves so generously so that others may receive the blessings of God through your giving....

For all this and more,

Gracias!



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger bringing good news, breaking the news that all’s well, proclaiming good time, announcing salvation, telling Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”

Isaiah 52:7 The Message

Ever since Maundy Thursday I have been thinking about the beauty of feet and the privilege of washing feet as an act of servant hood.

That evening I was very aware of the ways in which feet are a part of the way Christians serve Jesus Christ. I saw feet of a child eager to participate in a ritual – feet full of promise for life yet to be lived. I was aware of feet that had endured the pain and joy of living long lives well. There were feet that stand long days on workroom floors and feet that leap and land with an athlete’s grace. There were feet of marathon runners and feet that labor to carry a person along. I thought of feet that stand at the kitchen sink while the dishes of countless meals are washed, the feet of parents walking an uneasy child in the dark of night; feet pacing in the hospital waiting room. I saw feet that have walked through woods and sand, along lakeshore and mountain trail and sandy beach. There were feet that know city streets and country lanes; feet that tromp through garden and pasture. There were feet that have never strayed far from home and others that have trod on foreign soils. Feet that chase after little children, stand in front of classrooms and in pulpits, stand on church kitchen floors and climb ladders to keep our building in good repair – all are feet of disciples of Jesus Christ serving him and the world in a myriad of ways.

All represent the feet of Jesus whose feet were servant feet.

“So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron.” John 13:6 The Message

Thanks be to God!

Your Servant in Ministry,
Deacon **Rhoda Pittman Markus**

CHANGE – HUNGER – FAST

Over the past several years Forest Grove United Methodist Church has participated in the “Change – Hunger – Fast” offering in keeping with Bishop Robert Hoshibata’s initiative to eliminate hunger. Several hundred dollars have been collected over three years. As a continuing project, every congregation is invited to collect change (coins or paper) to bring to the 2009 Annual Conference Session. The money we collect will be distributed by the Bishop’s Hunger Task Force to United Methodist local ministry settings in Oregon and Idaho with new or expanding hunger ministries.

Here are some ideas for thinking about hunger and making a contribution based on the activity.

- Give up one coffee, tea or soft drink a week and give the money you would have spent
- For every condiment in your fridge, put 25 cents in a Giving Bowl.
- Match the tip when you go out to eat by giving it to the hunger program.
- Purchase only with cash and save the change for eliminating hunger.

Be watching for opportunities to give to this important ministry throughout the Easter Season and every Sunday through June 7. Our Annual Conference members will carry a check for the total to Annual Conference June 11 – 14.

Submitted by **Rhoda Pittman Markus**

GREENSBURG, KANSAS- FGUMC YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2009

Some ask “why Kansas” when I mention our destination for this year’s mission trip. The town of Greensburg was nearly flattened by an F5 tornado in 2007. 95% of the town was destroyed or damaged and they are still trying to rebuild this small western Kansas town. Not only are they rebuilding the town, they are the first in the nation to rebuild the entire town “green”. From building supplies to a wind powered school this town is doing everything possible to make their town earth friendly.

A team of 9 youth- Alyssa Dionne, Alexis Gardner, Dulce Gonzalez, Chante Gustafson, Taylor Haney, John Heun, Fletcher Johnson, Max Wilson-Fey, Noah Wilson-Fey- and 4 adults- Meagan Potter, Emily Tabb, Jerry Hoerber, and Dan Wilson-Fey will be leaving for Kansas June 30 to do what we can to help Greensburg. Our tasks will range from debris clean up, painting, building, landscaping and more. We will work with several other youth from all over the country in work teams.

We need your support as we raise the funds to spread the love of Christ. Opportunities to help support the youth are:

- 3rd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner on May 30th 6:30-8:30
- Hire the youth group to do work around your house, yard, or other projects
- Car wash after church one Sunday in May (dependent on weather so watch for information)
- Sponsor a youth by buying a plane ticket (\$325)
- Donate money to the Forest Grove Youth Mission account
- Prayers are always needed

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*



CONFIRMATION

On Easter Sunday, four of our Junior High youth were confirmed and welcomed as members of our congregation. Rachel Hampton, John Heun, Fletcher Johnson, and Noah Wilson-Fey ended the journey of Confirmation and began their life-long journey of walking with Christ.

Our journey began in February and led us to the beginning of April with a Confirmation Retreat in Portland. We discussed God and the Old Testament, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, Prayer, being a Christian, and Methodism. We challenged the youth to search for a personal relationship with Jesus and approach questions using John Wesley’s quadrilateral thinking.

The Confirmation Retreat was an amazing time to grow closer as a group, explore other churches including a Jewish Synagogue and an Eastern Orthodox service. Many questions were asked by the youth and of the youth. One question was whether they were ready to join the church and continually strive to have a personal relationship with Christ. The passion and excitement these four youth had with the idea of being part of our church family and being able to check member on the attendance sheet was awesome. I am so proud of the dedication, the honesty, the faith, and the growth these youth were willing to invest in their walk with Christ.

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*



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3rd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner

A Medieval Mystery



*Your presence is requested at our
Royal banquet to unveil the murderer*

Place: The Forest Grove United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

Date: Saturday, May 30th, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

*(Moneys raised will assist the youth
on their journey East to the far off land of Greensburg, Kansas,
where they will help rebuild their kingdom.)*

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear FGUMC,

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown us as we anticipate the arrival of our baby. Thank you to those who made donations to give us children's books and a very nice baby monitor. Also, a huge THANK YOU in advance to all who have offered to cook meals during our first two weeks as parents. We feel very fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and caring congregation.

Sincerely, *Leah and Mat Henriksen*

And from Ella Mae

For those of you who know me know I have no problem usually of expressing myself except for this time. The right words of Thanks just don't seem to come or just don't seem to sound right. But here goes.

I'm so blessed to have such a beautiful family, church family, and friends. Don't know how people survive without them. I received so many prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and a beautiful hand painted picture from Chante. Thanks, Pastor Dan, for your visit and phone calls.

On Palm Sunday the choir surprised me and I had 25 of the most beautiful voices and smiling faces in my small front room to sing to me. It was wonderful beyond words.

A Special Thanks to Juanita who called and didn't like how I sounded that Thursday evening. Got a hold of my son and both decided I needed help fast. Thanks also for staying with me one night after I got home and also thanks to Marion and Ellen for each of them staying a night until my cousin got here to stay with me for a week. Thanks again guys. What a gang we make.

Once again Thanks to all of you and I love you.

Love, *Ella Mae James*

TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE

Tomato plants and other plants are coming on Sunday May 3. This year proceeds from the sale will go to the Youth Mission Trip to Kansas later this summer.

Tomato varieties this year include Siletz (an early hybrid), Brandywine, Carmello, Empire, Husky Gold and small varieties Sungold, Balconi and Green Grape. There will also be peppers: Mini-Bell, Green Apple Bell and Pimiento, and Spacemaster cucumbers you can grow in a pot or in the ground!

There may be a few other tomato plants and some hot pepper plants from our friend Rick in Portland.

Lois Tomatoseed has done it again!

Submitted by *Ted Oakberg*

DAY CAMP NEWS 2009

Day Camp dates for 2009 are set for August 10 – 14. A planning group is busy at work creating a new design for this year around a "Who is My Neighbor?" theme. Here are new ideas to watch for as the planning becomes more concrete.

- Different hours – mid afternoon through early evening
- Adult Bible Study in the evening in both Spanish and English
- Four days instead of five – Monday through Thursday
- Celebration on the evening of Friday, August 14

Day Camp will be the same in these ways:

- Open to children entering first – sixth grades in the fall of 2009.
- Shepherds needed – both adult and teens. All adults working with children need a background check.
- Bus transportation provided.
- Great food – amazing cooks.
- Lots of fun and learning about living as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Second mile giving needed.

Be sure to mark your family calendar for these dates NOW!

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

GOOD NEWS

When asked at the Church Council meeting April 15th where they saw “Good News” and good things happening around our church, here is what the Church Council members said:

- confirmation retreat with four youth & change in atmosphere in the youth group
- memorials recently given
- Tables for Seven groups starting up again
- People providing meals for the Henriksens for 2 weeks following the birth of their daughter, Freya Jean
- Increased attendance at Holy Week services – over 200 in worship on Easter
- Preparation of the youth for the summer mission trip
- Work of the Oakbergs, Davies, many others for the Easter Brunch
- Easter egg hunt for the kids was fun to watch; noticed a younger kid giving Lilly a gift during that time
- Lilly’s claiming her seat (she brought her own and placed it) for the Maundy Thursday service and getting both her feet and hands washed
- The good weather projected later this week
- Gratitude to Marilyn to drive on trips & for Easter Sunrise service
- Pastor Dan’s leadership

Submitted by *Dan Wilson-Fey*

F.U.N.

F(ellowship of) U(nlimited) N(ature)

At the Church Council Retreat, one of our compass points was to have a group that was somewhat social and fun in nature. It has finally started to take off. The format will be to try to have a monthly activity as a group. We will be taking turns planning that activity. The person in charge may plan it themselves or ask for assistance from the group. So far, the following outings are in the works:

May: Go to a Beaver baseball game; talk to Patti and Dave Rose.

June: A trip to one of the Navy ships during Rose Festival time, led by Mark Johnson and his Navy buddies; talk to Delva or Mark.

July: Go to the Rodeo in St. Paul; Janet and John Hummel are in charge.

The group is also interested in perhaps doing service projects from time to time.

Activities could include: Backyard BBQ, Game Night, Cards, Bunko, Blossom Tour, Christmas in April, Help with Habitat for humanity, Mission Trip, Wine Tour, Hiking, Picnic at the beach, overnight ski trip or other overnight activity ... endless opportunities for FUN.

Watch for upcoming F.U.N. announcements.

Submitted by *Patti Rose*

EARTH DAY CLEANUP AT HAGG LAKE

Over 100 people from seven churches in Forest Grove gathered together on April 19th for a time of service in cleaning up along the shores of Hagg Lake Reservoir. After a potluck with music provided by the United Church of Christ’s band and a brief ecumenical worship service, we spread out in all directions, guided by the park rangers, for a time of picking up litter and trash. Participating from FGUMC were Dave and Patti Rose, Cecilia Brungard, Liz & Karl Swenson, and Dan Wilson-Fey. It was a beautiful day!

Submitted by *Dan Wilson-Fey*

COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO HOMELESSNESS IN FOREST GROVE/CORNELIUS

You Are Invited!

Date: **Saturday, May 30**
 Time: **8:30 a.m. to Noon**
 Place: **St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Forest Grove**

Purpose: To develop a comprehensive, holistic response to homelessness in our communities. This meeting is a working session to map out community resources and responses, and to map out areas of unmet need for people coping with homelessness and housing insecurity. Contact Pastor Dan or Liz Swenson for more details.

Submitted by *Dan Wilson-Fey*

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

May 9th is the second Saturday of the month and we all know what that means - a garden party at Church. Bring your gardening tools, everything else is furnished. Start at 8:30 AM and finish no later than noon. Goodies will be available.

You-all come.

Submitted by *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

BUS COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Forest Grove United Methodist Church needs a coordinator for the church bus. Linda King has served in this capacity for several years, but she is now no longer able to continue. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Lois or Ted Oakberg at 503-357-8129. Although desirable, it is not necessary for the coordinator to be a driver as well.

There is always a need for new drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, please contact Lois or Ted at the phone number above.

Submitted by *Ted Oakberg*

BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Judah	May 2 nd
Merrill Ludlam	May 4 th
Lela Baskins	May 4 th
Carolyn Mechling	May 11 th
Donna Berget	May 13 th
Sarah Hampton	May 15 th
Chad Pritchard	May 17 th
Janet Hummel	May 18 th
Sarah Tunall	May 24 th
Fran Todd	May 25 th
Lynn Anderson	May 27 th
Cal Clayton	May 29 th
Eunice Gustafson	May 31 st

ANNIVERSARIES

Lefty & Barbara Schultz	May 9 th
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EASTER & BREAKFAST



SERVING IN MAY

Liturgists	Noah Wilson-Fey & John Heun
Altar Guild	Linda Raycraft
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell 522-1215
Bus Driver:	Arleigh Berget
Ushers:	Ken & Nancy Bond
May	Bobby & Emily Tabb
Greeters	Jack & Roseanna Murphy
May	Robert Nickerson & Ann Ulum
Coffee Coordinator	Carole Heun, Delva Johnson &
Team: *May	*Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
May 3 rd	The Hummel & Brenner Families
May 10 th	LeRoy & Shirley Gamble
May 17 th	The Hampton Family
May 24 th	Volunteers needed
May 31 st	Volunteers needed
Nursery Attendant	Lindsay Tovey
Childcare Coord.	Delva Johnson
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Pat McClelland & Maurine Scott
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CHURCH CORNER – LINDA KING

When her sister bopped Linda's bike and Linda protested, it was Linda who was made to sit on the couch, but it wasn't always like that at home in Springfield, Ohio, with two loving parents. Still, Linda didn't like school very much. In 10th grade, she was told she wouldn't be allowed back into the classroom until she got eye-glasses, but her mother thought she really didn't need them.

Linda met John in Newport, R.I., and they were married there. The couple has one son, Jeffrey.

As a teen she joined the youth organization of Re-bekahs and has been a contributing member since then, serving three times as Grand President. She is proud of the organization's contributions to the community, pointing out that they are the biggest contributors to the Arthritis Foundation.

Linda joined our church in 1989 and has been here ever since. She serves as bus co-coordinator, lining up drivers to bring non-driving members to church services. Active in Wesleyans, she has served as president twice.

Working in nursing homes, Linda showed her care for the aged and vulnerable. In younger years, she was known as "the best babysitter in town" because she got down and actually played with the children.

It was only her sister who made her mad enough to throw her shoe. Her sister ducked. Their uncle, who was baby-sitting, didn't, and Linda hit him with that shoe, earning even more undeserved time on that couch.

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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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Patty Davie	503-357-3185	Messenger Editor
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Bless you for getting your articles to me
by the 18th of each month!

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