



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

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LITURGICAL DANCERS

The **Power and Praise Dance Company**, a group of six liturgical dancers from the Portland area, will join us for a very special worship service on **All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd**, as we remember and honor those persons in our congregation and our lives who have died in the last year. We will also dedicate memorials placed in memory of loved ones during the last year. If you would like to make a special contribution to help defray the standard \$300 fee for this group to join us in this special way, please mark your check or offering envelope: "Liturgical Dancers." You will be blessed by their presence among us this day.

Pastor Dan

LIGHT SUPPER BEFORE CHURCH CONFERENCE

On Thursday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m., a light supper will be served before the conference with our District Superintendent **Kate Conolly**. The menu will consist of homemade gluten-free vegetable soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, with brownie sundaes for dessert. Plan to come for dinner and stay for our meeting with Kate!

P.S.: If you haven't encountered Kate yet, you're in for a treat!

Ted Oakberg

CAMERA TIME COMING UP

Polish up your smiles and be ready for a new round of picture taking! We are targeting new members and new friends, but if you are looking younger since your last picture, you'd be welcome also. The time is set during Fellowship time for November 2nd, 9th, and 16th – mark your calendar!

Nancy Bond

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A joint Thanksgiving worship service among several of the churches in Forest Grove will be held here at FGUMC on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. An offering will be received to support mission causes here in our own community. Mark it on your calendar!

Pastor Dan

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 6TH

Our Annual All-Church Conference is scheduled for Thursday night, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. with our District Superintendent, Rev. **Kate Conolly**, presiding. Please mark this on your calendar.

Pastor Dan

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Earlier this month I attended the "Leadership Institute" at Church of the Resurrection United Methodist Church in Kansas City. It was a large event in a large church. I came away from that time inspired, with some wonderful ideas and resources for ministry. I also came away with the commitment that next year I want to attend that event with some of the rest of you from this church.

I came away also with the belief that the mainline church has something to offer a world where people are not looking to go left or right, but deeper... deeper into the heart of what Jesus was really about.

"Jesus and his ways have been distorted by so-called Christians who many times no longer represent what Jesus had in mind," is one of the conclusions of the results of a large survey among young people laid out in a book I am reading titled *unChristian* by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. In it, they relay from their interviews that young people (ages 16-29) today often view Christians or the church as hypocritical, judgmental, too focused on getting converts, and a host of other experiences. The challenge the book presents is that we must become Christlike again. One person spoke about wanting to follow a Christ that is more like Gandalf the Grey than Mr. Rogers.

One such path to remind us of what it means to be Christlike is laid out in another book I am reading, along with the rest of your Church Council: *Cultivating Fruitfulness* by Bishop Richard Schnase of the Missouri Annual Conference. The book is a devotional book based on his previous book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Here are the five means he mentions that congregations which bear fruit (become more Christlike) practice:

Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-Taking Mission and Service
Extravagant Generosity

I am so excited to be reading this devotional with all the members of your Church Council. We are praying on this, meditating on it, listening for God's voice, the Spirit's urging, and praying about the next faithful step our congregation could take so that we might be more Christlike and respond the spiritual and physical needs of those Christ would look upon with compassion and love in our community. These kinds of actions of a church are those that attract young people, who want to be involved in an organization that is making a difference in peoples' lives for the better, giving people hope.

I invite you to pray for our Church Council as we meet next week on November 5th to discuss these things, and also at our All-Church Conference the day following. There's a meal at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, and you're welcome to join us for that meal prior to the Conference.

As we move into a sermon series in November titled *Celebrating Discipline: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*, may we learn and practice disciplines that will indeed open our hearts, minds and doors, and help us to take even one step toward being more Christlike. Once you take a step on that path, the next ones will follow when it's time, in God's good time. I look forward to seeing you along the way.

Praying to know what it looks like to be radical, passionate, intentional, risk-taking and extravagant for Christ.



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

few weeks ago the Washington County Weekly in Thursday's Oregonian featured "Forest Grove's drinking problem" which was a series of articles about possible changes in public drinking laws in Forest Grove. That's not what I want to talk about. Embedded in the story were questions about the homeless population. I'm wondering if you saw it too. Homelessness is the subject of this article.

As Forest Grove United Methodist Church continues to discern our outreach role in the community, I would urge you to find the article on-line or in the library. I will make a copy available at the church as well. In your search for it, it was printed on October 2. I recognize that there are many fears and lots of discomfort about reaching out to the homeless, but I am also reminded how strong are Jesus' statements throughout his ministry – "...he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4:18) and other words making meeting the needs of the down and out a priority (Matthew 25:31-45.)

In wondering what I would dare to do, I have revisited the experience I had last February at the St. Vincent de Paul Downtown Chapel in Portland where I found the homeless to be gentle, courteous, grateful persons down on their luck and doing the best they could. There was nothing to fear. Two of the participants in that day's mission came from a small, conservative town not far from here. They were candidates for deacons' orders in the Roman Catholic church. The experience was a requirement on their journey. They resisted coming and were full of fear. At the end of the day they told of their complete reversal because they met real persons with real stories and the fear was lifted.

But what would I dare? I've thought about the simple pleasures of life that I take for granted. Would I follow through on the urge to take a big pot of coffee to Bard Park some morning? Would I take a bag of barbecue ingredients there so their money could go to some other essentials of life? Not having a place to clean up for a job interview gets in the way of breaking the cycle of homelessness. Is there anything I can do about that? Would I show up around the recycling area at Safeway and stay around long enough to learn the stories of the folks hanging out there? I think Jesus would do all those things.

I'm grateful for the folks who have learned the stories. I'm grateful for the Safeway shopper who responds to the polite friendliness of the homeless with a smile and good morning. I'm grateful that there are Forest Grove residents who realize that "hiding them, or shooing them away, would be heartless and cowardly." I'm grateful for the police who work from a position of trust and respect. I'm awed by the generosity of those who have so little yet spend their money on groceries and barbecue items and then share a meal with other homeless ones. I'm impressed with the fellow who bicycles down Oregon 47 to check his crawdad traps (a 20 mile round trip) and then shares his crawdad spaghetti with his friends. Does my hospitality come anywhere near his?

I spent today in a meeting and during the brief worship time the worship leader shared a different perspective on the Beatitudes, suggesting that it's not that the poverty of the poor is blessed, but that when one is in the presence of Jesus all things, even poverty, are blessed. Could it be that the homeless of Forest Grove are closer to God's Kingdom than I am?

It seems to me that while there are plenty of fears and negative comments around town, the climate is also right for churches and concerned folks to step in and address some of the needs and situations in positive and creative ways. I'm wondering, how can we work to restore dignity and honor basic rights of folks with a lifestyle that may exceed our personal comfort zone? If your heart is with mine, let us talk.

Your servant in Christ,
Deacon Rhoda Pittman Markus

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

It's time to start thinking about Christmas Baskets again! Our church will be giving out 35+ Christmas Baskets this year and there are several ways you can help!

- 1) **FOOD:** Donate non perishable food items including but not limited to stuffing, potatoes, flour, sugar, rice, masa harina, yams, canned vegetables, canned fruits, etc. There will be a major drive for food items on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23rd.
- 2) **GIFTS:** Donate new pajamas of varying sizes, or other new or slightly used items such as socks, gloves, warm hats, shirts, sweaters etc. Also, new toys, games, and gift cards to Safeway, Target, Fred Meyer or other stores are great gifts. Bring donated items to the Church and place them in front of the Altar or directly into the Christmas Basket container.
- 3) **MONEY:** Donate money. You can write a check to the church and designate it for Christmas Baskets. The sooner checks come in the sooner we will know how much money we have to spend.
- 4) **ADOPT A FAMILY:** On November 30th, paper ornaments with information about families that are available for you to adopt will be posted. You may pick the size family you are able to help and then register the family on the sign-in sheet. Please record which family you have chosen and if you will supply all the items in your basket or if you want to use some items from the church, i.e. turkey, ham, chicken, side dishes etc. If you do a basket all on your own, plan with the family what they want and when to deliver your basket. The last date to adopt a family will be December 14th.
- 5) **COME TO THE PARTY!** Saturday, December 20th, at 9 am we will have food items available for Christmas Baskets. Help fill baskets, wrap presents and/or deliver baskets. We hope to begin delivering by 11 am, and be cleaned up and out the door by 1 pm.

Questions? Contact: *Joan Bolen*; 503-359-0858, *Anne Hall*; 503-357-3055, *Ken* and/or *Elizabeth Larsen*; 360-421-0819 or *Chuck* and/or *Betty Pritchard*; 503-359-9340.

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

You won't want to miss what might be the last Garden Party of the year! November 8th, come at 8:30 a.m., quit at 12 noon. Bring your gloves, rakes & garden tools and join the camaraderie. Weeds and fallen leaves furnished. Refreshments at half-time!

Margaret Hoerber
503-357-0579

NOTE FROM DELVA

Many of you know my husband, Mark Johnson, and have asked about him. He is in the Navy and has deployed to Iraq. He would love to get letters. He especially loves to hear about daily life over here such as: What did you do today? What did your dog do? What kind of trouble you had in your commute today. What fruit you're harvesting now.

His mailing address is:

SWCS(SCW/FMF) *Mark Johnson*
1 NCR
Det 2
FPO AP 96601-4938

Sincerely,
Delva Johnson

CHURCH CALENDAR NOW ON THE WEBSITE

You can now access the church calendar on our website, www.forestgroveumc.org Just click on the tab titled "Calendar" at the top of the page. The calendar will be kept up-to-date with church events. You can view and print out the calendar by the month or by the week.

Pastor Dan

JENNINGS-MCCALL UMW

Jim Reeher will speak about the history of the Tillamook Forest at the November 28th meeting. The meeting starts at 2pm in the exercise room of Jennings-McCall II.

Marilyn Carr

F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2008

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THE HARVEST

Harvest is almost finished in the vegetable garden behind the education building. We have taken 855 pounds of produce to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, as of October 17. There are still a few boxes of potatoes to deliver, and a few winter squash. We may reach 900 pounds.

This is a lot less than last year. The main reason is the cold spring, which got everything off to a slower start. We didn't even begin to harvest tomatoes until September. Even so, we gave 445 pounds of tomatoes over about six weeks. The rest was radishes, cucumbers, pears, beets, cabbage, carrots, red onions, leeks, green beans and yellow wax beans, potatoes, and winter squash.

Working in this garden has given an extra awe to our grace before meals. It's easy to get food from the super-market, and the grace we say over it is pretty routine. But when you plant seeds and watch the earth yield its increase - 445 pounds of tomatoes! - you have to give glory to the Creator who has provided so abundantly for us.

We spent less on the garden this year, too. We bought no seeds or plants. Many people donated seeds, seed potatoes and seed onions, and starts of tomatoes, cucumbers, and leeks.

Another great thing that happened this year was the broadening of the garden's support. In the first year, Bill and Tracy Gulacy did most of the work. This year many more people contributed. Here's a list of those I know participated, some a little, some a lot. This may be incomplete. I know some people did a little weeding or watering without telling anyone. Thanks to you all! Thanks be to God!

Sue and Dick Brenner	David Hites-Clabaugh	Addison Hummel	Ted & Lois Oakberg
Cecilia Brungard	Dan Gustafson	Terri Jones	Dave & Patti Rose
Ken & Ellen Bump	Dace Horn	Ken & Elizabeth Larsen	Tom Stewart
Bill Gulacy	John Hummel	Mac McClelland	Karl & Liz Swenson

... and Kathy Wilson-Fey with the kids of the Multicultural Day Camp

Special thanks to:

Bill Gulacy for expert advice

Ken and Ellen Bump for the loan of their tractor and tiller

David Hites-Clabaugh for driving the tractor

Kathy Wilson-Fey and the kids of the Multicultural Day Camp for our garden sign

Liz Swenson

INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY

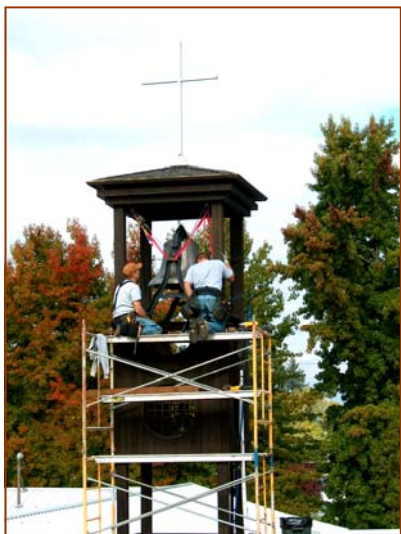
At the recent Grand Reopening of Lincoln Park on September 20th, the result of a collaborative effort between the City of Forest Grove and Pacific University on facility improvements at the park, **Ken & Nancy Bond** were honored by the re-naming of "Bond Field," situated at the Chuck Bafaro Stadium (baseball), named after the late husband of **Jackie Bafaro**. Ken and Nancy were among many, many people (including Dick VanDoren, late husband of **Evelyn VanDoren**), who have given of themselves to the sport of baseball in Forest Grove and beyond.

Honored earlier this summer was **Judy Sherman** who along with her late father, is the namesake of the Sherman/Larkins Stadium (softball). Judy is sister to **Lindy Larkins** and daughter of the late **Hazel Jean Larkins**.

Also last month, **Jerry & Margaret Hoerber** were chosen by the Forest Grove News-Times as two of the newspaper's annual selection of "Hometown Heroes" for their dedicated involvement in the community.

We are grateful to these persons for their example to us all of going out into the world to serve others. Congratulations to all!

Pastor Dan



CHURCH BELL TOWER REPAIRS

Our Church Bell Tower was repaired recently.

Some of you may have noticed that the bell was tilted. Safety was a prime consideration, not only for members, employees, and visitors, but also

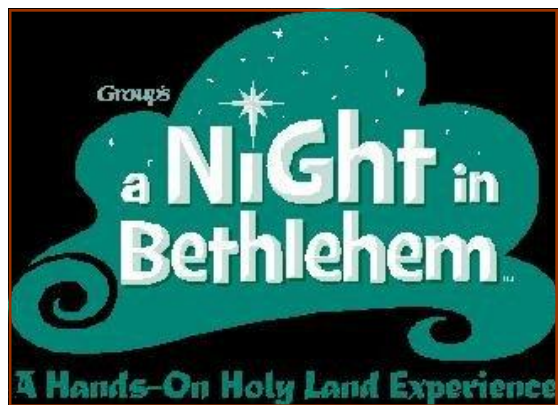
for the Montessori School children who passed under the tower twice daily.

JC Donnelly Construction (CCB 107815) bid and was awarded the contract. JC stated they would make the repairs with four men in two days, for a price of \$2,540, using treated 4X6 lumber and stainless steel bolts. The job was completed on time, and shows excellent workmanship. The bell came from the old Methodist Church on Birch St; the workers estimated it weighs 1,000 pounds.

Tom Stewart, Chair, Trustees

Coming On December 14TH An Experiential Christmas Event

"A Night in Bethlehem" will be available for your participation from 9 - 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 14th. You will have an opportunity to enroll at the census table, browse the shops of craftsmen in Bethlehem, meet the Holy Family at the stable, have a conversation with a Roman soldier, give alms to a beggar and much more.



You also have the opportunity to volunteer in the cast. There are openings for Shopkeepers, Bible Characters, and Behind-the-Scenes workers - a spot for everyone. Check out the volunteer checklist appearing in your Sunday bulletin or pick one up in the church office. Let Rhoda Markus and the Education Committee know how you will help out.

This is an event for all ages. So come and participate in 'hands on' Biblical story activities!

Enjoy the Christmas Story as you never have before.

Rhoda Pittman Markus
503-357-3998; 503-201-1233 (cell)
revrpm@verizon.net

HOLIDAY SALE OF BAKED GOODS AND MORE

The Wesleyans will hold a sale of baked goods and other items on Sunday, December 21st, immediately after the church service. Get your baked goodies and simple gifts for the holidays! Proceeds will go to the Wesleyan budget for kitchen supplies, etc.

Lois Oakberg



Chuck Robison
our new
Janitor

(see interview on page 8)

RADICAL HOSPITALITY: YOUTH VERSION

Recently Dan asked many of us to read a daily devotional book called Cultivating Fruitfulness, which talks about radical hospitality. The devotion for Day 6 began with Matthew 18:5 “Jesus says, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me’”. Based on this scripture, the reading gave examples of how to offer hospitality to young families and youth. The reading went on to explain, “Good intentions are not enough. Too many churches want more young people as long as they act like old people, more newcomers as long as they act like old-timers”.

So, I read the devotion to our youth and asked for their opinion on how our congregation could be more attractive and hospitable to young people. Here were their ideas and suggestions:

Sanctuary

- More people introducing themselves to their peers
 - ◊ Friendly conversation, not too many questions
- Heating system- sanctuary is cold

Fellowship Hall

- Change table cloths to real cloth with place mats, instead of the plastic ones
- “Kids Zone” during fellowship time, where the Family Bridge sets up the TV
- Bright sign by youth corner, with the youth events that do not change
- More couches, less clutter and take out the hard bench/pew.
- Beanbags in the library because the library is too boring and uncomfortable
- Decoration with lamps
- No windows, so make window frames and put pictures behind them so it looks like you can see outside
- Love the contemporary music playing
- Temperature
- More potlucks
- Clear out space behind billboards and use it for something

Coffee House Room #6

- More art

Youth Rooms

- More cool posters
- Pictures of youth
- Recycle box
- Air freshener- good sweet smell but not too strong
- Get rid of computers in youth room- put them in Sunday School room
- Organize youth room
- Less separation of Jr. and Sr. High
- More kids’ books, like a library- religious and non-religious
- Finish taking lion wallpaper off
- Put curtains up
- Clean out youth rooms twice a year
- Couch cover for brown couch
- New basketball hoop
- Temperature
- Fix foosball table and ping pong table

Emily Tabb

MESSENGER SCHEDULE

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

Patty Davie, editor

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED!

We need a volunteer for December. A special driver's license is not required; women are welcome.

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

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

FELLOWSHIP TIME COOKIES

We would like to thank everyone who brought coffee. It would be nice to have some extra cookies on hand to go along with the coffee in case we have a Sunday without a Fellowship Time volunteer – so feel free to bring your favorite packaged cookies at any time and leave them in the kitchen. Indicate on the cookies "For Fellowship Time" and we will store them in the pantry for a needy Sunday. Thank you!

Janet Hummel
janet.hummel@verizon.net

DECEMBER BUS TRIPS

Zoo Lights, via the church bus to MAX, will be a probable destination for a trip next month, and The Grotto is a possibility for another. Interested? Watch for more information in the next issue.

Marilyn Carr

BIRTHDAYS

L. F. McClelland	November 1 st
Addison Hummel	November 2 nd
Tom Stewart	November 3 rd
Chuck Ashton	November 5 th
Eleanor Fitzgerald	November 6 th
Bill Gulacy	November 10 th
Debbie Gamble	November 13 th
Lester Heisler	November 14 th
Martha Tunall	November 15 th
Chante Gustafson	November 17 th
Dorothy Manley	November 20 th
Dan Wilson-Fey	November 23 rd
Helen Haney	November 26 th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Eunice Gustafson	November 6 th
Dick & Sue Brenner	November 12 th
Herb & Chong Roehr	November 21 st

CAMP MAGRUDER FAMILY CAMP

Memorial Weekend family camp is a special time for everyone that participates. The camp, due to increases in costs and maintenance, has had to increase the fees and change the operation as well. In order to allow everyone to prepare as far in advance as possible, we want to let participants know that the fees will be going up next year. The exact increase will not be known until the Family Camp planning committee meets again in January, but it is anticipated that adult fees may be increasing to \$75 for the week-end, up from \$50. Please plan on participating in our next planning meeting which will be announced in the January Messenger. For more information, contact Sue Brenner or Janet Hummel.

Janet Hummel
janet.hummel@verizon.net

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Liturgist	Margaret Anne Cox
Altar Guild	Jan Schrock
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
Bus Driver:	Elizabeth Larsen
Ushers:	Jan & Luther Schrock Al & Kristi Thomason
Greeters November	Dick & Trudy Sundstrom Edythe Westlund & Marilyn Carr
Coffee Coordinator Team: *November	Carole Heun, Delva Johnson & * Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time November 2 nd November 9 th November 16 th November 23 rd November 30 th	Ken & Nancy Bond Beth Standley Les & Erma Heisler Volunteers needed Ruth Reese & Maryellen Wirtz
Nursery Attendant	Lindsay Marsh
Childcare Coord.	Delva Johnson
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Lois Oakberg Margaret Hoerber
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CUSTODIAN CORNER - *CHUCK ROBISON*

Born in Hillsboro, Chuck grew up in Forest Grove, going all the way through Harvey Clarke 6th grade before his family moved to California. They returned for Chuck to do a year at Neil Armstrong, went back to California again, and then returned for a year at FGHS before once again going back to California.

When they finally returned to Forest Grove, Chuck worked for Service Master servicing the Forest Grove schools, where he met Tracy who was doing child care.

Chuck and Tracy have been married for 16 years and have a beautiful twelve year old daughter Sammie (Samantha), who loves to camp and fish with the family. Tracy's sister lives in Bandon, and they love to visit in the area near her.

About ten years ago, Chuck learned to drive truck. Some of his favorite times were when his dad went along and they joked and laughed together before Ed, also known for teasing and joking with friends, passed away.

Chuck enjoys janitorial service and hopes to do more in the Forest Grove area. Thanks, Chuck, for your good care of our beloved and well-used church.

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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