



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

Messenger

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YOUTH PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I have been kindly reminded about two of God's characteristics in the past couple of weeks.

Number one, God has a sense of humor.
Number two, God is persistent.

When Emily and I arrived in Oregon back in July of 2005, we didn't know what the future held. I had a part time job at the time, and we were uncertain of how exactly we would make ends meet. God provided me with an upgrade in one job and a completely new one here at the church. We were thankful. We could now see our means meeting our ends. But, we were still cautious about only purchasing things that we could afford. A local phone service was not one of those things.

We had gotten such a good deal on our cell phone service that we couldn't afford to switch to a local number because we would have had to switch services. And since our cell phones worked just fine, we didn't see getting a land line as practical. Besides, if we needed to reach someone, we could always call them.

God has a sense of humor.

A couple of weeks ago we started having problems with our phones. During conversations with our friends, families, or customer service representatives, our voice feature would cut out. While we could hear the other person just fine, they couldn't hear us (which did result in some good laughs – you'd be amazed at the things people say

when they don't think anyone else can hear). At first we tried to just fight through it. "It's just airplanes flying overhead," I would reason.

But, God is persistent.

Our income had shrunk and our bills had increased; there was no way we could afford to get a land line. Until we realized that there was no way that we could afford not to get a land line. If we intended our careers as an author (me), a teacher (Emily), and youth pastors (us) to grow, we had to have a consistently reliable form of communication. We needed to have confidence that when we made a phone call we would be able to finish it.

God is persistent and funny.

In a lot of ways, we as Christians live our life based upon what we can afford. Whether it is time, money, energy, or just ourselves, we can often get trapped into giving God only what we can afford to give. Often times I hear the excuse that there is not enough time in the day to pray or read the Bible.

Do you want your career as a Christian to grow? Then I would suggest that you find a consistently reliable form of communicating with God. With all the demands upon our lives we can't afford not to.

In Christ's Love,
Bobby Tabb
503-844-7694

*God
has a sense
of humor.*

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

I love September. For those in educational circles, it's the true beginning of the year. It's the time when fresh starts happen. New teachers, new clothes, new pencils, fresh paint. There is hope that THIS year, things will be better. Something new will spring forth.

I feel that way about our new Sunday night Disciple Bible Study: hopeful. I feel that way about Max and Noah heading off to school, and the change in schedule that brings to our household: hopeful. I feel that way about the Sunday School classes that have resumed at church: hopeful.

But it's not just those things.

As the Nominations Committee has been doing their work in preparation for our Church Conference on October 15, where we will formally elect some new church leaders, almost everybody we've asked has been willing to step up to the plate. When we put together the list of all who are serving in one way or another at the church, helping out here, taking on this task there, it is amazing! Thanks be to God for all of you with willing and generous hearts. We know, too, that you are involved in ministry beyond the church and in the community, and for that we give thanks and will lift all these things up at our gathering October 15 at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to be there!

The Church Council met in September for a retreat and reviewed the goals we set for ourselves in January of this year. It's amazing all that has happened in that short time span: adoption of the Safe Sanctuary policy (more on that later), new Employee Manual, new media projection system in the sanctuary to enhance our worship, new nametags with LARGE, easily readable first names, increased attendance, new members received at Easter, a flourishing youth program planning a mission trip next summer,

I think most people are grateful for fresh starts. For some, that new beginning is simply the gift of a new day. You wake up, put your feet on the floor and say: "This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it." For others, it's a major change: a wedding, a new baby or grandbaby, a healing from a major disease, even a death, for when something ends, something new begins.

God said through the prophet Isaiah: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (*New International Version*) Good question. I ask you: Do you perceive it? Anything?

If you become aware of any new thing God is doing in your life or in the church, please let us know! For the Holy Spirit moves in us all, and to share such things that they may bring life and liveliness, is Good News indeed. I'll share what I hear, and hope to hear from you in God's good time.

Meanwhile, let's celebrate our life together. I remain grateful and excited to be in ministry together with you!

In Christ's service,



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

It's October. I want to talk to you about a wonderful organization – you already know it – UNICEF. A suggested mission project for the children's PowerXpress Sunday School is to trick or treat for UNICEF so that's just what is in the works.

We often wonder how our little bits can help. It is hard to fathom, but your effort and my effort make huge differences in the world.

First some facts:

Did you know that 376 million kids around the world have to walk more than 15 minutes to get a drink of clean water?

Or that 121 million kids don't go to school?

Or that 1 out of every 6 kids doesn't get the food needed to be healthy?

UNICEF – the United Nations Children's Fund – is working in 156 countries to provide health care, clean water, nutrition and education to children and their families. By Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF we can help kids around the world too!

- 7¢ provides crayons for an entire class**
- \$1 immunizes 1 child against polio**
- \$10 pays for 1 month of biscuits for 3 kids**
- \$150 can provide clean water for an entire village**

Children (and parents) - get ready for Sunday, October 29th. You are invited to bring your Halloween costumes to church that day. You will be able to change into them sometime after Sunday School and then as people leave worship and are in the fellowship hall, you will be provided with UNICEF Trick or Treat boxes to collect from the congregation during fellowship time.

We'll collect the money from you before you go home, but you can take the Trick or Treat box and use it on Halloween Night. Just bring any more money collected back to the church on Sunday, November 5.

The whole church – you are invited to be prepared on Sunday, October 29th. Someone will ask you to contribute to their Trick or Treat for UNICEF box. Let's change the world!

If you want more information, go to: www.unicefusa.org

Deacon, Reverend **Rhoda Pittman Markus**

WANTED

Occasional volunteers as second person in Child Care situations. Please contact **Beth Hall**, 971-645-6808

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

October 14th



Help keep the church grounds looking attractive. We meet at 8:30 a.m. and work no later than noon. Bring gardening tools. Refreshments will be furnished. Hope to see you there.

Margaret Hoerber

GIVING GOD OUR BEST:

All Church Conference

This is the theme for this year's All Church Conference, to be held in the sanctuary at the church on October 15 at 3:00 p.m. You are invited! We will be sharing about various ministries in which the church and its people are engaged, hearing reports, approving the Pastor's salary for 2007, and electing leaders for our church for 2007. The meeting will be led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Kate Conolly. You can be sure she will surprise us with something unusual! Join us in celebration, **Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m.**

CHILD SAFETY CLASSES

Dr. Chuck Pritchard will be holding classes regarding child safety and care - of interest to all those who work with our church children and youth!

Watch for announcements of days and times!

Submitted by *Mary Jane Nordgren*

COMING: A NEW DIRECTORY

Would you like to know more about the people you see in church? Do you want to find someone else who likes to go hiking in their spare time? Do you want to match names with faces? Fill out the profile sheet, either tear out or fill online and print, for our new pictorial directory! After you fill it in, you can drop it off at the church office, or give it to *Ted* or *Janet DePooter* (503)844-7621.

AN INVITATION

The Families of
Ann Ulum
and
Robert Nickerson

request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their parents
on Saturday,
The twenty-first of October
two thousand and six
at the Forest Grove
United Methodist Church
at four o'clock in the afternoon
Reception immediately following
in the Church Fellowship Hall
No Gifts Please

UPPER ROOM FOR 2007

It's that time of year to order Upper Room Daily Devotions 2007. If you are unfamiliar with this resource, it is a Lectionary based daily devotional book used by the Lectionary class and several others in the congregation. If you are interested, please let Rhoda know between October 15 and November 5. The cost is \$10 and is payable to Rhoda.

Rhoda Pittman Markus

503-357-3998 or 503-201-1233 (cell)
fax 503-357-8410

WATER AND THE WORD

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! A reading of Water and The Word, a one-act play by *Mary Jane Nordgren*, will be presented at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 3, at the church.

The play had its world premiere in June at the Great Plains Theatre Conference. The story is based on a moving battlefield experience of our own *Cal Clayton*. Sponsored by the Wesleyans, the performance is open to all members and friends, both ladies and gentlemen. WWII Vets are especially welcome.

ATTENTION

We need bus drivers!

To be eligible, you must:

- be a member of this church for 6 months
- pass a background check
- have a clean driver's license
- have current insurance.

If you are interested, please contact Linda King at 503-522-1215. Women as well as men are welcome to drive the bus.

Linda King, Bus Coordinator

FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Profile Sheet

Family Name:

Name (s):

Address:

Phone Numbers:

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Cell: _____

Birthdates:

His: _____ (month/day)

Hers: _____ (month/day)

Children:

Birthdates:

E-mail Addresses:

Employer:

His: _____

Hers: _____

Hobbies and Interests: _____

Did you know this about us/me? _____

****Photo Here****

If you would like to attach a family photo, please write your name on the back and attach it to this sheet.

BARBEQUE NEEDED!

Is there a barbeque grill sitting around gathering dust in your garage? Would you consider donating it to the church? We would greatly appreciate it, as we are in need of another one.

Edythe Westlund, 503-357-5693



ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to the new media projection system, we are able to project announcements on the screen before worship begins each Sunday morning.

In order not to repeat information that will be available on the screen and continues to be available in more detail in your worship bulletin each week, we are asking your help by please refraining from making any verbal announcements on Sunday morning when we gather to worship.

By sending any announcements that need to be made Sunday morning to the office by phone (503-357-2689), fax (503-357-8410) or e-mail (fgumc@teleport.com, or danfgumc@teleport.com, or r.rosepad@verizon.net), we can distribute the word more widely and effectively.

Please have your announcement in by Friday at the latest. We will continue to share in worship the joys and concerns on our hearts, and leave the ever-increasing announcements to other means of communication.

Again, thank you for your assistance in helping us create a vibrant and life-giving worship experience each week.

Pastor Dan

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2006 Operating Budget

Annual Budget:	\$243,865
Income through August 31, 2006:	\$151,821*
Expenses through August 31, 2006:	\$141,492
Balance:	\$10,328

*This income includes:

- \$3,000 from United Methodist Foundation Fund.
- \$13,334 from **Ester Kinch** Trust (designated for Mission or Outreach Programs)
- \$6,068 from **Paul H. Schramel** Trust (designated for building upkeep)

If you don't count the above special gifts, and begin the year 2006 with a zero balance, the following balance is reflected:

Income through August 31, 2006	\$136,408
Expenses through August 31, 2006	\$141,492
Balance	(\$5,083)

To date this year, we are behind in our pledge giving by 4%. If all the pledges were caught up, this deficit of \$5,000 would be erased.

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 20.

Treasurer **Pat Gilman** reported that we have received \$3,000.00 from the United Methodist Foundation Fund. The committee voted to place this money in the Property Maintenance/ Management Account to be used for major projects needed to maintain the church facilities.

Ted Oakberg reported that the Stewardship Committee would begin scheduling activities toward the Stewardship campaign for 2007.

The committee also discussed the goals presented by the Church Council as a result of the planning retreat held Saturday, September 16.

Dan Gustafson

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



**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
TO START IN OCTOBER**

Ted Oakberg is heading up the committee that will lead us this year through the Fall Stewardship Campaign. You'll be hearing more details in worship during the coming month.



CORRECTION:

Chong Roehr (9/4/1941) was left off the Birthday list last month.

We are very sorry for the omission.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karl James	October 1st
Mary Jo Uecker	October 1st
John Hummel	October 5th
Autumn Parrish	October 7th
Eleanor Ray	October 8th
Leona Vaughn	October 9th
Lucinda Hites-Claybaugh	October 10th
Micah Spangler	October 11th
Dave Bond	October 11th
Archie Heald	October 12th
Kathy Wilson-Fey	October 14th
Jackie Burris	October 14th
Rhoda Markus	October 17th
Maurine Scott	October 18th
Max Wilson-Fey	October 18th
Norene Snider	October 19th
Joyce Burgess	October 19th
Diane Ray	October 19th
Kyle Underwood	October 21st
LeRoy Gamble	October 22nd
Casey Spangler	October 23rd
Ella Collins-Colcord	October 24th
David Hites-Clabaugh	October 29th
Brian Hawkins	October 30th
Ellen Bump	October 31st
Elizabeth Swenson	October 31st

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Van & Jackie Burrus	October 9th, 1960
Merrill & Betty Ludlam	October 19th
Lloyd & Mary Jo Uecker	October 22nd
Val & Peggy Miller	October 24th, 1998
Karl & Liz Swenson	October 28th, 1979

SERVING IN OCTOBER

Liturgist	Fred Raycraft
Altar Guild	Marilyn Carr
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
Bus Driver October	Craig MacKinnon
Ushers	Steve & Barbara Huson Mac McClelland & Sam Judah
Greeters	Ruth Reese, Maurine Scott, Martha Tunall, Marilyn Carr
Coffee Coordinator	Edythe Westlund
Fellowship Time	
October 1st	Ed & Patty Davie
October 8th	Volunteers needed
October 15th	Volunteers needed
October 22nd	Frank & Ella Colcord
October 29th	Betty Ludlam & Janet Hummel
Nursery Attendant	Hillary Hawkins
Childcare Coordinator	Beth Hall
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Acolytes October 1st - 29th	To be announced
Kitchen Elf	Patty Davie
Sound Ministry	Sound Team
Tape Ministry	Tape Team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CONGREGATIONAL CARE/EDUCATION CORNER

Jean Smith

Wide-eyed seeing a sign: "Honey for sale", little Robert exclaimed, "That man is selling his wife!" Older brother Larry laughed, but Jean touched her husband's arm in love as they smiled. Jean had followed Vayne wherever he was stationed until he was sent to WWII Germany.

Born on a ranch in Nebraska, in 1934 Jean moved with her family away from drought. She had graduated from FGHS, so with Vayne in Germany, Jean returned to Forest Grove to work as a telephone operator.

Vayne, in the Reserves, was sent to Japan during the Korean War. Afterwards he worked for US Bank. Jean worked when she could be sure to be home at 3 o'clock. Both were active in the Methodist Church, Jean holding regional office for UMW. Both were startled when little Larry came home still clutching his quarter. "Why didn't you put it in the collection plate?" "It already had money in it."

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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FGUMC CALENDAR, OCTOBER 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1 World Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. PowerXpress 10:00 Worship-Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Covenant Group 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study <—Family Bridge—>	2 9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon OWL	3 NO Lectionary Bible Study in Library 7:00 p.m. Wesleyans: Water and The Word reading	4 7:00 p.m. Church Council	5 7:00 — 8:30 p.m. Choir practice	6 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	7 Breakfast Club Youth @ 8:30 Serve @ 9:30																																																																																				
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