



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

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BREAKING THE CODE: UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

I am the Alpha and the Omega... Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty... worthy is the lamb who was slain...there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood...the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child...it's number is six hundred and sixty-six...and the street of the city was pure gold...he will wipe away every tear from their eyes...

All of these passages are found in one of the Bible's most mysterious and mystifying books, the *Book of Revelation*.

Pastor Dan will be leading a class on eight Sunday nights based on the book *Breaking the Code* where you will view a videotape followed by class discussion so that you may come to a firmer grasp and understanding of this perplexing book of the Bible.

Anyone is welcome to join us beginning Sunday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Just let Pastor Dan know so he can have enough materials for everyone!

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

October 13th is the date for our monthly garden party at Church. We need to weed, trim, prune, plant, rake, etc. Start at 8:30 AM, rain or shine, and go home no later than noon. Please bring your gardening tools. There will be provisions for calorie and liquid replacement!

Margaret Hoerber

Sermon series:

Mission Training

This series will remind us how we are all called to be missionaries for God. Pastor Dan and Kathy will be sharing some of their experiences in training and service as missionaries for the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

September 30	<i>The Call</i>
October 7	<i>The World Community</i>
October 14	<i>Lessons on 9/11</i>
October 21	<i>Commissioning</i>

Blessed to be a Blessing

This series will focus on how we can bless others when we recognize the blessings we have received. This series coincides with our annual Stewardship Campaign and is the theme of the campaign.

October 28	<i>Blessed by Joy</i>
November 4	<i>Blessed by Saints</i>
November 11	<i>Blessed by Giving</i>
November 18	<i>Blessed by Blessing</i>

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Did you know:

- **Tom Stewart** spent many hours supervising an extensive gutter replacement project this summer?
- **Edythe Westlund** served as our Fellowship Time coordinator, and **Tracy Gulacy** has taken this on now?
- **Dan Gustafson** checks the doors of our church every single night, and is our volunteer church locksmith?
- **Carolyn Judah, Mary Ann Mellbye, Marion Gustafson, Rachel Bailey, Ruth Reese, and Dick & Trudy Sundstrum** deliver printed sermons and/or tapes of our worship service to homebound persons in our congregation?
- **Ted & Lois Oakberg** make contact with our visitors each week?
- **Janet DePooter** proofreads our worship bulletin & announcements and what's projected in worship each week?
- **Edythe Westlund** waters our narthex plants and fills the children's quiet bags hanging in the narthex? She also makes sure the pews are filled with pens and offering envelopes?
- **Jerry Hoerber** (and other occasional volunteers, among whom are **Ken & Nancy Bond**) regularly replaces hymnals and pew Bibles in their place after worship?
- **Mac & Pat McClelland** regularly take the food we collect to St. Anthony's Church for distribution to those in need through St. Vincent DePaul?
- **Ted & Janet DePooter** return the pop cans and bottles we collect for money that goes toward camp scholarships?
- **Patty and Ed Davie** edit and produce this newsletter each month?
- **Lois Oakberg** volunteers in the office each Thursday to help fold worship bulletins and help out in other ways?
- **Dick & Trudy Sundstrum** regularly help fold and label the monthly newsletter?
- **Betty Ludlam** has kept our bulletin boards up-to-date for many years?
- **Lindy Larkins** rings our church bell every Sunday morning?
- **Margaret and Jerry Hoerber** are the driving force behind the "Garden Party," the once-a-month volunteer crew who keep our grounds looking so beautiful?
- **Merrill Ludlam** is our head usher, keeping an eye on the big picture when we come to worship each Sunday?
- **Delva Johnson** makes sure two people are in the church Nursery each Sunday morning to care well for the youngest among us?
- **Bill & Tracy Gulacy** have done the majority of the work in the Outreach Garden that has provided nearly a half ton of vegetables to St. Vincent DePaul's food bank?
- **Liz & Karl Swenson** volunteer more than anyone else to cover the "open spots" and tasks that need doing on Family Bridge hospitality weeks?
- **Jacque Haney & Kathy Wilson-Fey** arrange for us to have acolytes each Sunday for worship?
- **Alisa Hampton** has been our chief sermon transcriber for many months, aided now by **Mary Jane Nordgren, Liz Swenson, Ed Davie**, and others who are volunteering?
- Before we hired Steven Wong, **Al Thomason** arranged to have someone in the sound/video booth each Sunday?

Ack! I've run out of room! But I haven't run out of gratitude for all that is done by those named above, knowing there are just as many who are not yet named who do just as much. And none of these persons get paid a salary for any of this! Such generosity. It makes me grateful to be a part of a church that is filled with such generous people. Thank you. And thank God for your witness.

In gratitude,

Pastor Dan



FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD



Once again I'm writing from the perspective of the Altar. Fall activities at FGUMC are underway. Church school opened on September 9 with a good turn out of children, youth and adults. Exciting classes are in place for all. That's good and it's important, but there's more to Christian Nurture than what happens at the church on a Sunday morning or another time.

There's a big emphasis from the Christian Educators at the General Board of Discipleship to help local churches and individual families to implement an integrated whole. Researchers have discovered that there are family experiences closely tied to greater faith maturity. They can be described this way.

Family devotions can be quite simple – a time of checking in with one another, remembering and/or reading some scripture practices, family meal prayers – all done on a regular basis that fits your family schedule.

Family rituals seem to be a part of even the most disjointed, independent of families. We tend to gather together, in the same or similar way, year after year for a variety of celebrations. These are important for all. Establishing a family ritual of sending family members off to work and school by adding a blessing for them, holding sacred one evening for the whole-family meal together or time together before going to bed or upon arising bind the family together in wonderful ways.

Family talk happens when the elders of the family tell their stories, when we teach children the vocabulary and images of faith, when we discuss issues of justice that plague us in daily life. Such a context offers children a mature alternative to society's typical win-lose/might-makes-right stance.

Family mission is some extension beyond self, home and church that has a more global view. When a sense of service is cultivated in children by the time they are in about the third grade, a life-long attitude and pattern of behavior will easily follow.

All this, supported by life at church, weaves together into a balanced, faith-forming whole.

Your Servant in Christ,
Deacon *Rhoda Markus*

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please be sure that the church office has your new address as soon as possible. Thank you.

Ella Mae James,
Church Secretary

MESSENGER SCHEDULE

Please note that **the cutoff date for the November Messenger is October 18th**. Late items will be carried over to the following month's issue. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Patty Davie, editor

ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS

Would you like to display one of **your** quilts in our church Narthex for one month? If so, please contact me (janet.hummel@verizon.net) and let me know what month you would like. Seasonal and religious quilts welcome but any or all would be fabulous. The quilts are quite safe and we have a very nice quilt hanger that can accommodate quilts of any size. A short paragraph on the history of the quilt would be nice too, but not mandatory. Thank you!

Janet Hummel 503.359.1799

INTRODUCING STEVEN WONG

Our new media coordinator comes to us from Nu'uuanu, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu (ask him to pronounce it, I can't). While attending a high school that specialized in Arts and Media, Steven caught the Video Bug.

He participated in basketball and track while his younger brother prefers wrestling and football. And yes, he surfs!

Steven graduated from Pacific U. after five years with a double major in "Media Arts Film/Video Production" and Business Administration. Besides working for us part time he is a campus representative for Apple Computer and travels to other schools in the area. He also does some freelance video work for Pacific University.

When he makes it home for a while he works for Norwegian Cruise Lines, checking in passengers and helping them find their way around. When not working he likes to workout with weights, play basketball with friends and sleep. (When he arrived on his first Sunday, he said "I'm going to have to go to bed earlier on Saturdays from now on.") Steven likes to eat, so therefore he learned to enjoy cooking. He makes a good chicken pesto sandwich with mozzarella and potato chips.

With all he does he is still looking for freelance work, so if you have anything you need recorded, or edited, or ??, look him up and discuss it with him.

Dave Rose



A CHALLENGE!

A year or so ago, I challenged you to bring at least one case of food for the food bank at the time of Hank's case food sale. The response was very good. It's that time again! The sale is September 26 - October 9. This year I challenge you to buy 2 cases. Bring one immediately for the food bank and be prepared to bring the second one at Thanksgiving for the Christmas food boxes. Remember always that these are the most coveted foods:

- canned meats (i.e., tuna, chicken, salmon)
- canned and boxed meals (i.e., soup, chili, stew, macaroni and cheese)
- peanut butter
- canned or dried beans and peas (i.e., black, pinto, lentils)
- pasta, rice, cereal
- canned fruits
- 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed).

Rhoda Markus
503-357-3998 home
503-201-1233 cell

HELP BUY BIBLES FOR LIVE BIG

The brand new Sunday school class for 5th and 6th graders (Live BIG) is hoping to purchase about 6 age-appropriate Bibles for use during Sunday School. They are about \$20 each. If you feel called to support the young learners in our congregation in this way, donations are accepted in the offering plate or in the church office, marked "Sunday School Bibles". Thank you!

The Education Committee

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS

We will have a First Aid/CPR Class Saturday, October 13th from 9 AM to 5 PM in the High School classroom. Bring a lunch with you. The cost of the class will be divided among the participants. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday!

This class is recommended for all people who work with children and youth in the church as part of our Safe Sanctuary program.

Chuck Pritchard

FGUMC GRANT COMMITTEE UPDATE

We've made some big changes to the grant process! Our goal is to ensure we are good stewards of the church's funds entrusted to the Grant Committee.

The main change is the addition of new steps to give the congregation and relevant church committees the opportunity to review, and give input on, requests for grant funds which are under consideration.

So, in the Messenger each month, you'll see a summary of grant requests that are 'on the table' and an invitation to contact me to provide your opinion and input about the request. You'll also find copies of the full requests on the bulletin board outside the Garden Room, if you'd like more information.

Then, at the following monthly meeting, the Grant Committee will take all received input into consideration as they make the funding decisions on requests. We will now meet on the third Saturday of each month.

If you want to submit a grant request, please pick up a new Grant Application form in the church office. You will need to contact any church committees that would be impacted by your project PRIOR to submitting the request to the Grant Committee.

There is a matrix of the FGUMC committees embedded in the Grant Application form to help you identify the right ones. You can also always contact me for help, if you need it! There is no deadline to submit a grant request, but we will defer requests received less than 1 week before our monthly meeting to the next month.

Thank you!

Alisa Hampton
Chair, Grant Committee

WALK TO EMMAUS

Looking for a Spiritual Lift? Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical lay movement associated with The Upper Room. Singing, worship, thoughtful talks, communion, laughter, fun. Men's Walk is October 18th thru the 21st, Women's Walk November 1st thru the 4th. Talk to Dave or Patti Rose for more information. Or go to <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/whatis/about.asp>

FALL CAMP SESSIONS

Collins Retreat Center

- Oct. 12-14
Finding Voice Through Nature's Wisdom:
A Writing Retreat
- Oct. 28
Harvest Festival Brunch
- Nov. 2-4
Intergenerational Spirit Quest
- Nov. 25
Advent Brunch

Camp Magruder

- Oct. 19-21
Young Adult Fall Retreat, ages 18-30+

Suttle Lake

- Oct. 19-20
Welcome Weekend for clergy and lay leaders of youth groups, family ministries, adult groups and children's ministries new to this site. Please register and be our guests to get to know each other better.

For more information or to register for any of the camps, contact **Sue Brenner**, 503-357-5409 or Brascomb@easystreet.net, or call 1-800-593-7539 ex. 43 or go to www.gocamping.org.

OUR NURSERY ATTENDANT

I would like to celebrate that we have found a new nursery attendant. Many of you will already know Kristi Thomason's daughter Lindsay Marsh, who has been part of our church since she was a baby. Now she has babies of her own, both of whom we baptized September 16th. Ryker is six months old and Troy is three and a half.



Lindsay worked as a medical assistant for Tuality House until this past winter when Ryker was born. She now watches two girls in addition to the boys during the week, and has worked as our Sunday Nursery attendant since May.

They are buying a house in Hillsboro, and Lindsay is eyeing a Ford Expedition, hoping for a new car soon.

She loves camping and 4-wheeling, though she did not get out much this year. She also loves butterflies, so expect to see them on our nursery walls soon.

Please stop in and say hello and thank you. We are especially pleased to have Lindsay caring for our little ones.

Delva Johnson, Nursery Coordinator

ETHNIC DINNER SERIES

Would you be interested in an "Oktoberfest" dinner sometime this month?

Do you have any good German recipes you would be willing to share? If you answered "yes" to either question, please contact me or *Kathy Wilson-Fey*. We are considering putting Tables for Seven on hiatus for a while, and having a series of ethnic dinners instead. Let us know your ideas!

Jacquie Haney

jhaney@forestgrove-or.gov

(note: new e-mail address)

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Jo Uecker	October 1 st
John Hummel	October 5 th
Liz Gulacy	October 6 th
Autumn Parrish	October 7 th
Eleanor Ray	October 8 th
Leona Vaughn	October 9 th
Lucinda Hites-Claybaugh	October 10 th
Micah Spangler	October 11 th
Dave Bond	October 11 th
Archie Heald	October 12 th
Kathy Wilson-Fey	October 14 th
Jackie Burris	October 14 th
Zoella Hickmon	October 15 th
Rhoda Markus	October 17 th
Maurine Scott	October 18 th
Max Wilson-Fey	October 18 th
Norene Snider	October 19 th
Joyce Burgess	October 19 th
Diane Ray	October 19 th
LeRoy Gamble	October 22 nd
Casey Spangler	October 23 rd
Ella Collins-Colcord	October 24 th
David Hites-Clabaugh	October 29 th
Brain Hawkins	October 30 th
Ellen Bump	October 31 st

ANNIVERSARIES

Van & Jackie Burrus	October 9 th
Merrill & Betty Ludlam	October 19 th
Lloyd & Mary Jo Uecker	October 22 nd
Val & Peggy Miller	October 24 th

SERVING IN OCTOBER

Liturgist	TBA
Altar Guild	Marilyn Carr
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
Bus Driver	Craig MacKinnon
Ushers	
October	Mac & Pat McClelland Maurine Scott & Cal Clayton
Greeters	
October	Martha Tunall Lela Baskins Robert Nickerson Ann Ulum Nickerson
Coffee Coordinator	Tracy Gulacy
Fellowship Time	
October 7 th	Volunteers needed
October 14 th	Nancy & Ken Bond
October 21 st	Ella & Frank Colcord
October 28 th	Berry Ludlam
Nursery Attendant	Lindsay Marsh
Childcare Coordinator	Delva Johnson
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Acolytes	
October 7 th	John Heun & Fletcher Johnson
October 14 th	Sarah Hampton
October 21 st	TBA
October 28 th	Noah Wilson-Fey
Kitchen Elves	Ann Ulum & Maurine Scott
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CHOIR CORNER - ED DAVIE

Our gentle bass retired to Oregon because he was tired of shoveling central N.Y. snow. He might have managed that, Ed says, but the summers in Bainbridge were hot and humid.

Ed had attended Alfred University near Hornell, where he grew up. ("I studied ceramic engineering, but never got to use any of it.") While he was working in electronics for the Bendix Corp. and rearing their 3 sons and 2 daughters, a small farm was home, until his marriage ended.

Later he married a music teacher who had taught in Portland and Salem schools. Once she showed him Oregon country, Ed was hooked. In 1990, he retired and they moved to Forest Grove. In 1992, his wife died of cancer.

Devastated, Ed went to Hospice meetings and chanced to meet newly widowed Patty. They became a mutual support team of love and generosity.

Ed's children and 15 grandchildren are spread out over New York, Colorado, Vermont and Maine.

Besides his fascination with computers (part of his current livelihood) and photography, Ed has a deep interest in astronomy. In his 30's, Ed spent one entire 2 week vacation grinding and polishing an 8" mirror for a telescope he was building. His middle son still uses the telescope.

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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