



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger

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FIVE MILERS WALK OCT 4TH

Do you like to walk and not run? Please join a Forest Grove 5 Milers team for a 5 mile walk with the Portland Marathon on Sunday, October 4th. Interested? Contact **Janet Hummel**, 593-359-1799. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$30 which includes a t-shirt.

Submitted by **Janet Hummel**

GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH OCTOBER BUS TRIP

Sing! Sing a song! Come with us to the Collins Retreat Center on **Thursday, Oct.22**, for singing some classic hymns, old and new, and hearing some of the stories behind them. The bus will leave the parking lot at about **8:30 a.m.**; the program begins at 10:30 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m., guided tours of the grounds and hiking on the trails will be available; the fall colors should be outstanding at that time! The cost, including a gourmet lunch, is \$15.00. **Payment is due** Marilyn by **October 6th**. Contact Marilyn Carr at 503-357-2622 to sign up.

Submitted by **Marilyn Carr**

WESLEYANS TO MEET OCTOBER 6TH

All women are cordially invited to our meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room. **Mary Jane Nordgren** will present the program; refreshments will be furnished by **Virginia Heald** and **Carolyn Judah**. Come share an enjoyable evening of Christian fellowship!

Submitted by **Patty Davie**

“GREEN” SERMON SERIES

(Continued)

It seems like the whole world is “going green.” What does this mean in our faith lives in regards to stewardship of all God’s creation? What changes, what differences can we make, are we called to make?

Drawing on our youth group’s mission trip to Greensburg, Kansas, and other sources, we’ll explore what it means to be “Green for God.” Join us, continuing October 4th!

submitted by **Pastor Dan**

THANK YOU

Forest Grove UMC friends,

Thank you so much for the graduation card. I cannot express how blessed I feel to have shared these last 4 years with you. The time has flown, but I will take with me many memories you helped create.

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown me and with which you send me off.

Love,

Meagan Potter

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

Everyone is invited to a Garden Party on October 10th, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Please bring your gardening tools, gloves, kneeling pads, etc. and help clean up the churchyard. Goodies will be furnished for break time.

Submitted by **Margaret Hoerber**

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

We received in the mail last week our utility bill from the City of Forest Grove. Enclosed with the bill was a flyer for ordering free CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs. You can request up to 20 free bulbs. My first thought was: "Do we have 20 bulbs we could replace in our house?" So I counted them. We have 41 "regular" bulbs in our house. Then there are the lights over the stove, in the oven, dryer, refrigerator, and freezer. There are the nighttime stairway lights, piano light, and light in the hutch. There are 8 fluorescent tubes in the garage, and 4 similar tubes in the storage area. We already have 4 CFL bulbs installed. I totaled up the wattage of all the bulbs in and outside of our house: 4134 watts, about the same as running our clothes dryer or electric oven. Of course, we don't have them all on at the same time, despite God's command: "Let there be light." I am forever turning off lights left on in our house, hoping my boys will start calling me "the lord of darkness."

Why do I spend time making these calculations? Because I believe one of the first steps in "going Green" is to learn. Becoming aware of our present reality, both individually and communally, gives us data from which we assess realities, determine priorities, and make informed decisions.

Two summers ago, our son, Noah, wanted to start composting. He urged us to buy a container, and we've been composting in it, though sporadically. Only recently did we place a container in our kitchen to take appropriate kitchen food waste to the compost pile, trying to make that as convenient and as second nature as recycling paper, glass, and metal is to us now. It's still a challenge.

Last week a plumber came to give us an estimate on replacing our aging gas hot water heater with an "on demand" tankless unit that heats the water only when you need it. It saves energy.

This year we've planted the largest garden we've ever had. Need any tomatoes?

We're trying to do our part, little by little, step by step. Others in our congregation are doing likewise. Some people in our church have bought hybrid cars. One family owns an electric car. Most of us recycle, thanks to Waste Management making it so easy. People are using reusable grocery bags and water bottles, setting thermostats higher in summer and lower in winter, drying clothes by hanging them to dry in both summer and winter, using drip irrigation systems, using cloth napkins and kitchen towels, taking public transportation when possible, installing CFLs, composting, and buying local.

At our recent Church Council meeting, we brainstormed and talked about purchasing biodegradable plastic communion cups, potluck silverware, plates, and cups made out of plant starch. We mentioned installing solar panels, being sure we buy recycled paper, and doing an energy audit at the church. We talked about a lot more. People and businesses everywhere are jumping onto the "Green" bandwagon. Nearly every magazine or newspaper has an article about something "Green" these days.

And so why does our family and many of you do these things? For me, it's simple. God gave the first humans, and us, this earth, this garden, "to tend and keep." (Genesis 2:15) Our earth is beautiful. It nourishes and sustains us. But it belongs to God; every single bit of it. Our job is to take care of it. Going "Green" reminds me that I am to be a good steward of my corner of creation. They say it'll bring you closer to God. I think it's working.

In gratitude,



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

With talk in worship about taking our faith journey deeper and broader, it feels like an appropriate time to share a bit of my faith journey that may have application to others in a time of reflecting about personal next steps.

By 1988 I had been neglecting my church life for the better part of 10 years, and the 10 years before that were years where I was not deeply involved. I made some intentional decisions at a time when my life was very busy working 2 jobs for a total of about 60 hours a week. The first decision was to show up one Sunday – Valentine’s Day 1988 - beginning a love affair with God.

Once there I knew that this had to be more than sitting in a pew on Sunday morning and attending occasional social functions. I was hungry for more than fellowship time chit chat and I’ve never even been very good with that. So, the next decision was to join a Sunday School class where I became more intimately acquainted with the other class members and their daily lives and began to relate and verbalize my faith to all of life.

When one of my friends stood up on Sunday morning and announced that she would be ordering *Upper Room’s Daily Discipline* devotion book for anyone that wanted it, I joined in and began the first concentrated daily Bible reading of my life. This guide is based on the lectionary readings and I continued with that resource for about 12 years. In that time I went through the 3 year cycle 4 times, reading and reflecting on major parts of God’s story and beginning to untangle the themes of love and grace, of inclusion and responsibility, of forgiveness and constant relationship with God. Sometimes I was on my own and sometimes in conversation with others.

Next was joining a small group that became my family over a period of 12 – 15 years. We studied and prayed, ate and celebrated and did service projects together, and came to one another’s help with household tasks and sharing the burdens of life.

Finally, I chose to make myself available to leadership opportunities where I could grow and connect, catch a vision and help to spread it.

Four important intentional decisions:

- Joining a Sunday School Class
- Daily personal devotions and Bible study
- Small group
- Taking on leadership roles with a growing edge.

May you be blessed in your journey as I have been in mine.

Your servant in Christ,
Rhoda Pittman Markus

SECOND MILE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Many of your church leaders will be attending the Leadership Institute in Kansas City in October. Everyone will contribute something toward their costs, but your help is needed. If you are able, please consider second-mile giving to help meet expenses. Mark your donation "Leadership training". Thank you for whatever you can give.

Submitted by *Dave Rose*

HALLOWEEN TREAT DECORATING SATURDAY, OCT 31ST

Come One, Come All to the Halloween treat decorating party, on Halloween, from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Get in the mood for the evening festivities. Questions? Contact **Janet Hummel**. Want to help? Bring some treats to decorate – all ages welcome!

Submitted by **Janet Hummel**
593-359-1799

ADDISON IN SCOTLAND

Some of you may know that Addison Hummel is continuing his studies at the University of Edinburgh. Those who wish may follow along on his blog at <http://addventures.blogspot.com/>.

Submitted by **Janet Hummel**

UNICEF TRICK OR TREAT TIME

On Sunday, October 25, Forest Grove UMC children will begin their participation in UNICEF trick or treat activities. Think about your donation ahead of time and be prepared to stuff those Trick or Treat Boxes. The children will be waiting for you as you leave the sanctuary after worship and they will also be wandering around during Fellowship Time.

One of the emphases of UNICEF this year is the Tap Project which supports the idea that no child should die because of unclean water supplies. Not only does UNICEF raise dollars to help create clean water systems worldwide, but it educates children to be active global citizens and to work toward making a difference in the lives of their peers in need around the world.

Parents and teachers can visit teachunicef.org to download lesson plans about UNICEF's water, sanitation and hygiene programs and classroom activities for kids of all ages.

Submitted by **Rhoda Pittman Markus**
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revrpm@verizon.net

STEWARDSHIP 2009

Pastor Dan has been preaching on being Green, and as I read the Bible, I see so many examples of concern for the well being of his people tied to the well-being of the earth.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful".

John 15:1-2

As we plan for the upcoming stewardship campaign, please pray on this; that we will be fruitful according to God's plan.

Submitted by **Carole Heun**



Jan & Luther Schrock's
50th Wedding Anniversary
Celebration

F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2009

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DID YOU KNOW ...

- *Max Wilson-Fey* is in three AP classes this year?
- *Alexis Gardner* is in Medical Terminology and loves it?
- *Taylor Haney* is going to be an aunt soon for the second time?
- *John Heun* went on a bike trip that was over 100 miles this summer?
- *Noah Wilson-Fey* is going to be in the play *Tom Sawyer*?
- *Rachel Hampton* was one of the best stage make-up artists this summer at the Children's Education Theater?
- *Alyssa Dionne* planned the Messy Olympics this summer and everyone loved it?
- *Fletcher Johnson* rides his bike all over the place because he wants to be healthy?
- *Chanté Gustafson* is an amazing artist and designed the Kansas Mission Trip T-shirts?
- *Connor Dionne* nickname is Google?
- *Adam Berrego* went to Glacier National Park this summer and loved it?
- *Jaron Rust* is going to boot camp in June after he graduates high school?
- *David Lance* is a very talented cross country runner and ran in the Hood to Coast?
- *Kayla Hartmann* is a senior and such a sweet person?
- *Weston Duyck* loves the Pittsburgh Steelers?
- *Jason Haynes* collects Hot Wheels and has quite a collection?

Look how awesome our youth are!

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

The next meeting of United Methodist Women will be Sunday, October 25, with a pot luck lunch at noon, followed by the Meeting.

There is a Conference meeting at Corvallis on Oct. 24. Let's plan to go, to get in line with the Conference in the Mission of UMW.

Every woman is very welcome to meet with us and begin to understand the work that UMW does and can do in our area.

Submitted by *Lela Baskins*

THINGS PEOPLE LIKE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

The Church Council, meeting on September 16th, wrote down responses to: *Things You Like About Our Church*. Here is a summary of the responses:

- Music (3 mentioned this)
- Choir, fellowship (2 mentioned this)
- Working together
- The people
- Concerned persons
- Time to study together
- The garden & the folks who tend it (4 mentioned this)
- 985 lbs. of produce from the garden
- Cal Clayton & other Trustees
- Expanding use of playground area
- How we do Church Council meetings
- The Schrocks – BBQ
- Parenting Class
- Willingness of our church to be open to new things
- Youth program & director (3 mentioned this)
- Level of commitment and affection toward our youth
- The openness with the youth and acceptance of them as part of the congregation
- Food
- It was easy to line up Sunday School teachers this year
- Having the college students here/back
- Surprises in worship
- Family Bridge
- UMW
- Name tags
- “Wiggle room” for our doubts and disbelief and heresies
- Adult Sunday School & Don West’s course
- Exciting preaching
- A good dishwasher

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

During our regular worship on Sunday, *November 1st*, we will remember and recall the saints of our church and loved ones who have passed on in the last year. Plan to attend this special time of remembrance, gratitude, and love.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AT WORK

The Nominations Committee of the church is beginning its work of identifying leadership and involvement in various ministry areas of the church for 2010. A flier describing all the ministry areas in our church, and a nomination sheet, will be available in the office and distributed during worship for you to provide your input. If you have any suggestions, please let one of the Nominations committee members know: *Pastor Dan, Ann Ulum, Alisa Hampton, Arleigh Berget, Marilyn Carr, Pat Gilman, Laurie Bond, Mary Ann Mellbye, Pat McClelland, LeRoy Gamble, and Karl Swenson.*

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for November 24th, 7:00 p.m., when we will gather with our District Superintendent, Rev. **Kate Conolly**, for the “annual meeting” of our church family.

Submitted by: **Pastor Dan**



Cupcake Sunday



Sunday School Kickoff BBQ

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Jo Uecker	October 1 st
John Hummel	October 5 th
Liz Gulacy	October 6 th
Lucinda Hites-Clabaugh	October 10 th
Micah Spangler	October 11 th
Dave Bond	October 11 th
Ian Rice	October 14 th
Kathy Wilson-Fey	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
Diane Ray	October 19 th
LeRoy Gamble	October 22 nd
Casey Spangler Miramontes	October 23 rd
Ella Collins-Colcord	October 24 th
David Hites-Clabaugh	October 29 th
Brian Hawkins	October 30 th
Ellen Bump	October 31 st

ANNIVERSARIES

Merrill & Betty Ludlam	October 19 th
Lloyd & Mary Jo Uecker	October 22 nd

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

SERVING IN OCTOBER

Liturgists	Janet Hummel
Altar Guild	Edythe Westlund
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Driver	Volunteers needed
Ushers: October	Ian & Christie Rice Volunteers needed
Greeters: October	May Ann Mellbye & Jackie Bafaro Edythe Westlund & Mary Olson
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
October 4th	Ann Hall & Marilyn Carr
October 11th	Volunteers needed
October 18th	Frank Colcord & Ella Collins Colcord
October 25th	Volunteers needed
Nursery Attendant	Lindsay Tovey
Childcare Coord.	Volunteer needed
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Patty Davie & Lois Oakberg
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

CHURCH CORNER – JANET HUMMEL

With a smile at the irony, Janet explains that for years she traveled for her work – until last year, when she was “down-sized”. Now she works for Kaiser and is home much more of the time. But son Addison, a junior in college, is studying this fall semester in Scotland.

But even with her busy schedule and a growing son at home, Janet has been busy at FGUMC since she and John joined the church 18 years ago. Janet has served as Lay Leader, Council chair, on the Education committee and taught “baking” at Sunday school for several years. She is currently coordinator of Fellowship Time and loves to innovate, such as “Brownie Sunday” and “Cupcake Sunday.” She coordinates time with children (of all ages) to bake and decorate treats for Halloween and Christmas. She is also co-coordinator of the annual Camp Magruder Family Camp and related fund raisers.

Janet was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and attended Iowa State U. After graduation, she moved to California and earned her MBA at USC. Twenty-five years ago, Janet and John were married on a golf course when the Olympics were held in L.A., in hopes of enticing family to come to the wedding. The family moved to Oregon for her job when Addison was four. She enjoys golf, gourmet cooking, quilting, raising dahlias and reading mystery novels. A favorite summer was in college when she worked at Yellowstone and hiked all over the national park. Such energy! And such a joyous addition to FGUMC.

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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