



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

Messenger

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LETTER FROM EMILY

When Bobby and I got married, we vowed our two lives would become one. Many times I am reminded of this when I hear our names associated with the youth group or when we are being introduced as "Bobby and Emily, the youth directors". This is what God is calling us to do! To truly have a relationship with God, we cannot fit God in whenever it is convenient for us or when we have nothing else to do. God longs for us to forget about our selfish needs and become one with God, now, with no agenda, schedules, or prenuptial agreement. At Day Camp this last week, we taught 1st through 6th graders "God Loves You", "God Knows You", "God Protects You", "God Forgives You", and "God is With You". There it is, simple enough to be communicated to children yet young adults and adults ignore it. God is calling each one of us by name, desiring to be in a personal relationship with us so when our name is mentioned, people will know the love of God.

Well, summer is coming to an end and the school year is creeping up. The youth and parents are meeting to plan for September through December. Anyone interested in helping to provide snacks, join us as another adult for youth group or youth events, or to get involved with the youth group please contact Bobby or Emily at 503-357-2689 (Church office) or:

bobbyfgumc@teleport.com

Don't forget to check out the Forest Grove United Methodist Church website for pictures of the youth and a schedule of the upcoming events.

www.forestgroveumc.org

Love,
Emily

WOMEN'S GROUP POTLUCK

All women, including those new to the church, are warmly invited to a potluck supper on **Sept. 5** at 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Room. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the first fall meeting of the Wesleyans group. Liz Swenson will be our guest speaker.

Linda King
cell: 503-522-1215



GARDEN PARTY

Our monthly second Saturday work party will be held on **Sept. 9** at the Church. Hope you can spare us an hour or two. We furnish the weeds and the refreshments. Start at 8:30 a.m. and finish no later than noon.

Margaret Hoerber

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

All levels of Church School will begin on Sunday, **Sept. 10**. Elementary children will be studying "Jesus and the Children". We will run the bus for children that need transportation for 9 o'clock PowerXpress class. Please let Rhoda or the church office know if you want that service. Church School teachers will be installed during worship. Read elsewhere in this newsletter about further celebration plans. Mark your calendar now!

Rhoda Pittman Markus
503-357-3998

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

How can we know the ways of Jesus

if we don't know the words of Jesus?

I first heard this quote while leading my first *Disciple Bible Study* course. The words make so much sense to me. Before one forms an opinion about Jesus and his ways, let's listen first to what he has to say.

In our case, we listen to what he has to say primarily through the recorded history of Jesus in the Bible. Which is why *Disciple Bible Study* is so exciting to me. The study focuses **first** on reading the Bible. That's where each lesson starts. We let God speak to us as we read the Bible for ourselves first; no commentaries, no sermons, nothing to guide this way or that. One simply reads it and listens with an open heart and mind. Only after that initial encounter with reading the Bible for ourselves do we go on to hear what other people say about it.

I so look forward to the weekly time of prayer, Bible study, and drawing together in learning. I want to make it clear that this course is for people who have never picked up a Bible, but would like to start somewhere. It's also for people who already have some acquaintance with the Bible. YOU are invited to join me in this 34-week journey in which we'll read over 70% of the Bible.

I want to offer a word to those of you who cannot join this class. I encourage you, in whatever way you can, to learn some of the words of Jesus in your own way. Whether that's regular attendance at church, a devotional time every day with the Bible and prayer, or attending one of our Sunday or weekday Christian Education classes, you will grow in your understanding of the ways of Jesus and of God if you make a commitment to one of these or a similar activity. Now is a good time to start.

With our children, we first expose them to the stories of Jesus in places like Sunday School, Day Camp, and our homes. It's so powerful to hear the kids' own interpretation and comments on the stories when they first hear them. The same thing happens in *Disciple Bible Study* as we hear stories we've never heard before and revisit ones we think we know and hear them afresh in our lives.

I invite you to join me and eleven others September 17 at 5:30 p.m. If you do, I'll guarantee your life will never be the same.

In faith,



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

Crop walkers put their hearts and soles in motion to help alleviate hunger. I didn't know much about crop walks – hearing only generalities over the years. Since the primary role of a deacon is connecting the worship life of the community with the needs of the world, I thought it was about time to learn more. Our bishop, Robert Hoshibata has called us all to end hunger across Oregon and Southern Idaho. Could supporting a crop walk help?

Crop Walkers put their hearts and soles in motion to help stop hunger! Crop Walks are a community-based fund-raising event that raises money to fight local hunger as well as for international relief. Recent averages show that only 18.5% of the money raised goes into administration. That's a pretty good percentage going to the cause! You can find lots more information at : www.cropwalk.org.

Here is one thing I learned. You can become an "E-Walker" at www.cropwalk.org/walkweb.html.

I also learned something about how CROP Walks help out here at home. This year CROP Walks will share nearly \$4 million with food banks, pantries, community gardens, and other local efforts nationwide. This support is made possible when local CROP Walks choose the unique option of returning up to 25 percent of what their CROP Walk raises to hunger-fighting programs in their own community.

Because CROP Walks are ecumenical, interfaith, multi-cultural events, individual donors have the option of designating their gifts to other approved international hunger-fighting agencies. This option is unique to CROP events, and available for individual sponsors only. Gifts not so designated go to support the worldwide ministry of Church World Service.

Does this appeal to your sense of justice in the world? Why not contact Art Fogg or your Outreach committee to see how you can be a part of putting on a Crop Walk event in Forest Grove. The world needs you!

Deacon Reverend *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 10

Come to the Sunday School Kickoff Potluck and BBQ after church on September 10 to celebrate the start of Sunday School.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served by the church,. After lunch we will have games outdoors, demos of church activities such as camping experiences, youth and adult choirs, adult Sunday School activities, Lectionary classes, writing classes, Family Bridge, family activity evenings, etc.

Fun! Join us September 10 for Sunday School at 9, service at 10 and a shared meal after service!

Mary Jane Nordgren
Education/Congregational
Care Committee

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**WANTED**

Child Care giver for evening meetings, including Choir Practice Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.. Hourly wage is \$10.00.

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

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THANK YOU

Cal and Betty Clayton express their thanks for the many cards and well wishes for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The church was a beautiful setting for the celebration.

Our special thanks to all the people that worked hard to make things go smoothly.

The Clayton Family



**LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATIONS) COMMITTEE
BEGINS THEIR WORK AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The Committee on Lay Leadership is the “nominating committee” of the church. The Pastor chairs the committee; together they nominate leaders to serve in various leadership positions at the church. If you have an idea of someone who would serve well in a certain ministry (including yourself!) or a suggestion to make after reading the descriptions below, please contact one of the following members of this committee:

- LeRoy Gamble* *Maurine Scott*
- Pat McClelland* *Sue Brenner*
- Eunice Gustafson* *Ken Bond*
- Debbie Gamble* *Laurie Bond*
- Frank Colcord* *Dave Rose*

The **Finance Committee** is responsible for administering the finances of the church, based upon the instructions of the Church Council and Church Conference. The Finance Committee is responsible for oversight of all financial matters in the church including the work of the Grant Committee, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. *Dan Gustafson* currently chairs the committee. We'll have a turnover in the Treasurer and Financial Secretary positions at year-end.

The **Staff-Parish Relations Committee** is responsible for matters pertaining to the relationship between the congregation and the pastor and the hired staff. The committee serves as the “personnel committee” of the church, generally meeting once a month. *Barbara Huson* is the current chair of the group. This is her last year on this committee.

The **Board of Trustees** responsibility is primarily to look after the property of the church. This is, as you may well imagine, a big job! The trustees also receive any gifts and bequests to the church, and appoint the members of the Investment Committee who manage the endowment funds of the church. The Trustees are the legal entity of the church. *Laura Dionne* is currently the chair of this board.

The **Worship Committee** cares for the worship life of the church and all matters relating to worship: music, ushers, sound and video system, acolytes, communion preparation, and more. *Patti Rose* is currently chair of this committee.

The **Outreach Committee** deals with the ministries of the church that provide an “intentional focus” to “walking our talk.” The committee serves as a catalyst for a number of opportunities for church members: i.e. Family Bridge, Habitat for Humanity, Hispanic ministries, and others. The Outreach Committee is charged with the task of providing information and opportunities for congregational members of all ages to serve the community – both locally and globally, in the name of Christ. *Liz Swenson* chairs this committee.

The **Education and Congregational Care Committee** of the church’s mission is to develop and support an ongoing Christian Education program for all ages. The other primary function of this committee is the care of the congregation: visiting homebound and ill persons, sending out greeting cards, organizing fellowship groups, providing for church newsletter, child-care, etc... *Mary Jane Nordgren* leads this committee.

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*

INVITATION FROM TILLAMOOK UMC

Please reserve the date of
Sunday, the first of October,
Two thousand and six,
At ten o'clock in the morning.

In celebration of the 140th Anniversary
Of Tillamook United Methodist Church
3808 Twelfth Street
Tillamook, Oregon

We would love to have you join us on this special day!

Dinner and program following.

Please R.S.V.P.
503-842-2224
e-mail: TUMC@oregoncoast.com

CHOIR RETREAT

The choir retreat at the beach got the choral season off to a lively start. We sang, we ate a delicious potluck lunch, we sang some more. We worked hard and laughed a lot. Some of us played on the beach; others relaxed or even took a nap.

New singers **Addison Hummel**, **Liz Gulacy**, and **Max Wilson-Fey** came to join us and were warmly welcomed.

Many thanks to the **Pritchard/Nordgren** families for the use of their lovely beach house!

Submitted by **Patty Davie**

PS: First practice will be on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and will continue every Thursday until further notice



For a better view of the pictures either look at the web site or the bulletin board.

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Disciples' Bible Study:

- A thirty-four week study for adult groups.
- Moves through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.
- Features weekly small group discussion of Scripture based on careful study and preparation.
- Draws on the work of scholars to aid the group's understanding of the Bible.

This is a high-commitment study program. Weekly meeting sessions last 2-1/2 hours. There is daily reading expected of participants. Videotaped presentations by Biblical scholars are part of the weekly sessions.

Pastor Dan will be leading this study from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., September 17 through June 10, 2007 on Sunday nights. If you want to study the Bible with a small, committed group and be challenged in your Christian discipleship, speak to Pastor Dan. Space is limited to 12 persons. The Disciples Study Manual (required) is \$30. Scholarships are available.



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



HELP CARRY THE LIGHT!

Acolyte Training--for all acolytes, new and old

Kids entering 4th grade and older are invited to a 30-minute training session on Sunday, Sept. 24, right after the church service.

Kathy Wilson-Fey 503-359-4249
Jacquie Haney 503-357-9031
Coordinators



**CHURCH CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 15TH AT 3:00 P.M.**

Reverend *Kate Conolly*, Western District Superintendent, will preside at the "annual meeting" of the church where we evaluate where we've been and where we're going, make necessary decisions and receive reports.

This year's theme is Giving God Our Best. Watch for details in next month's newsletter and the worship bulletins.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Estle Hummels	September 1st
Lyn Boysen	September 1st
Diane Long	September 4th
Mary Ann Mellbye	September 15th
Marilyn Carr	September 15th
Joanne Rannells	September 16th
Bobbie Jo Haney	September 17th
Lefty Schultz	September 17th
Rachel Bailey	September 20th
Aletta Brenner	September 20th
Muriel Roberson	September 22nd
Chuck Underwood	September 28th

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & Lois Oakberg	September 3rd
Ralph & Fran Todd	September 7th
Arleigh & Donna Berget	September 9th
Ken & Nancy Bond	September 11th
Sam & Carolyn Judah	September 14th
David & Jean Aull	September 22nd
Wes & Priscilla Stinman	September 28th
Hugh & Angela Gapay	September 29th

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Liturgist	Liz Swenson
Altar Guild	Volunteer needed
Bus Coordinator	Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215
Bus Driver September	David Bond
Ushers	John & Janet Hummel Amelia MacKinnon
Greeters	Herb & Chong Roehr Martha Tunall & Marilyn Carr
Coffee Coordinator	Edythe Westlund
Fellowship Time September 3rd	Volunteers needed
September 10th	Volunteers needed
September 17th	Sam & Carolyn Judah
September 24th	Paula Gassman
Nursery Attendant	Hillary Hawkins
Childcare Coordinator	Beth Hall
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Acolytes September 3rd - 24th	To be announced
Kitchen Elves	Linda King
Sound Ministry	Sound Team
Tape Ministry	Tape Team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

YOUTH LEADER CORNER BOBBY TABB

"Gimme your TV day?" the oldest asked.

"Can I have your room?" the 3rd grader proposed.

"Sure!" By the time his brother realized what he'd traded away, Bobby had moved all his stuff in. So the youngest had his own room while the two older boys doubled up for 7 years.

It wasn't until the summer before Bobby completed his B.A. in elementary education from Shepherd College that he ventured west of the Mississippi. A year later he had a job at Suttle Lake, OR.

"Joe and the 10 Wishes" grew out of a bedtime story he created for the campers. The story evolved during his three years teaching kindergarten. It blossomed as a children's book now available at Powell's and on Amazon.com. He has two more books in process and hopes to tour schools with his books to encourage children in reading, writing and following their dreams.

Married in 2004, Bobby and Emily have lived in five places and are glad to be settled in Hillsboro. The couple has sparked joy in our active FGUM Youth.

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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