



# FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Messenger

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTUP

Sunday School begins on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 9 a.m. You will find information about children and youth classes elsewhere in this newsletter. The Sunday Adult Class will be assisting with the barbecue to follow worship. All are invited to stay for that time of celebration. September 14 will be the first "real" class for the Sunday morning group. Rhoda's Wednesday Bible Study will start up at 9:30 a.m. on September 17th.

*Rhoda Pittman Markus*

503-357-3998 home; 503-201-1233 cell



### BARBECUE SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday School Kickoff and Grandparents' Day! Everyone is invited to come for burgers & hot dogs with all the fixings.

*Jan Schrock*

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Education Committee is looking for someone to teach Kindergarten on alternate Sundays, beginning in September. If you are interested, or desire more information, please contact me at 503-357-3626 or [mjnordgren1@juno.com](mailto:mjnordgren1@juno.com).

*Mary Jane Nordgren*

### WESLEYANS MEETINGS TO RESUME

All women are invited to join us for our first meeting of the fall on Sept. 2nd, the day after Labor Day, at 6:00 pm. As is our custom, the September meeting will be a potluck supper, followed by a short program; dessert will be provided. Plan to come & find out what goes on at our meetings!

*Patty Davie*

503-357-3185



### OKTOBERFEST BUS TRIP

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to Mt. Angel for Oktoberfest. We leave at 1:00 pm sharp from the Church. Please call me to sign up.

*Marilyn Carr*

503-357-2622

### NEW PHONE FOR THE TABBS

Bobby, Emily & Chase are temporarily staying with Dave & Patti Rose; 1404 Sills Ct. They can be reached at the Rose's number, 503-357-2596, or their own cell phone number, 304-839-2697 for the time being. Their old number is no longer in use.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Labor Day, for many people, marks “the end of summer.” It’s time to go back to school, back to church, back to work for those who have vacationed during the warm summer months. It’s a feeling of starting afresh.

That feeling of “starting afresh” can happen in the spiritual lives of followers of Christ, too. There are times we’ve wandered leisurely along the spiritual path of our lives. We have, for a season, perhaps taken a “vacation” from prayer, from regular reading of the Word, worship, Bible study, Sunday school or disciplined and committed involvement in the works and ways of life Christ calls us toward.

There are many tools at your disposal for when you are ready to reclaim a closer walk with God, with Jesus. During the next four weeks I will be preaching a sermon series titled *Tools of the Trade*. If our vocation, in part, is that of being a Christian, then our vocation, like any work, requires certain tools. Through the ages, Jesus, Saint Paul, monks and churches, spiritual leaders and others have shared the best of what has worked for them that has brought them closer to God and the abundant life God promises for those who would walk in God’s ways.

My invitation to you is to start simply with worship. How about making a commitment to being in worship every Sunday this fall unless you are sick or out of town? If nothing else, you could just start there... and see what happens. I’ll give you some tools you may have never previously considered. The choir will bless us with music again in worship. Our new organist, Raymond Anderson, will accompany us as we sing our praise, thanksgiving, and faith.

Our family has had a wonderful time of vacation this summer. I feel rested and renewed in my desire to move forward in the ministry God has laid out and will lay out for me and for us all at Forest Grove UMC!

Ready to go and labor for Christ,



**Pastor Dan**

## FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

***DISCIPLESHIP is primarily formative, not informative:** we are being formed into the image of Christ, not receiving a pile of information like a textbook. Formation is the content of faith. It encompasses more than just what happens in Sunday school or confirmation class but includes every aspect of the Christian life, from worship and service to the private spiritual disciplines of prayer and solitude.*

I came across this quote a few days ago. It is from a book called “The God-Hungry Imagination: The Art of Storytelling for Postmodern Youth Ministry” by Sarah Arthur. This quote gives eloquent speech to much of what I understand Christian Education to be. It also underscores the missional direction that our bishop, Robert Hoshibata, has set for all United Methodists in Oregon-Idaho. That priority is **Practicing Personal and Social Holiness** and finds its scriptural base in Mark 12:29-31 where Jesus gives us the great commandment of loving God and neighbor. Now, very simply, I understand personal and social holiness to be about the personal practices of studying scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship with one another **and** how we live, work and relate to one another and the world including acts of justice and transformation.

FGUMC lays the foundation of personal and social holiness with children and youth through our church school classes, youth group activities, confirmation classes, day camp and more. Formal classes will be starting up on September 7 at 9 a.m. Elementary school children will be in two classes. One is for pre-K (4 year olds) – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The other is for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They will be using a curriculum called LiveBIG. BIG stands for Belief in God and each lesson emphasizes these ideas about God – God is a Great BIG God, God Loves us with a Great BIG Love, and We are Part of God’s Great BIG World. Specific units of study include: for September – The Beginning of the Story; October – The Story of Kings; and November – The Story of Praise. If you’re interested in learning ways to support your own children, grandchildren, or others, visit [www.ilivebig.com](http://www.ilivebig.com) where you will find activities to use at home to support and strengthen Sunday learned concepts and to fill the gaps when your family is not in church.

Many activities are planned for the youth and I’m sure you’ll be hearing about them and directly from the youth as they share their faith with us.

There are opportunities for adults already in place, including, of course, Sunday worship. I would encourage each of you to take a moment to evaluate where you are in your practice of Personal Holiness and think about what you might like to do that is new and different. I’m always happy to talk with you and set up new group experiences that take us into unexplored facets of our faith.

Your servant in ministry,  
Deacon **Rhoda Pittman Markus**



DAY CAMP 2008



### DAY CAMP THANKS

Day Camp was a wonderful week. Many thanks to the teachers, shepherds, youth, bus driver and second, cooks and those who supported Day Camp with generous donations. The energy of the week is always uplifting and hopeful.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Teachers will be installed on September 7 during worship. There will also be a conference offering called "Christian Education Sunday Fund offering". This offering supplies grant money for many education and worship programs in churches throughout the conference. It provides training opportunities to Christian Educators and others; start up money for new worship services and new programs; and curriculum to churches restarting Sunday Schools. If a church has an education or worship idea they would like to try, the Christian Education Sunday Fund is a great and underused source of small grants. It is important to the health of the conference. A contribution of only \$1.00 from each person in worship on September 7th would sum up to a generous infusion of money in the fund!

### BIBLES TO KIDS

Gifts of Bibles will be given to children on September 21 during worship.

### A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Your Education Committee will soon be working on a Christmas experience for all ages called "A Night in Bethlehem." This will take place during the Sunday School hour and also during fellowship time on one Sunday in December. If you are interested in working on any aspect of this - costuming, baking, craft making, drama, music, please be in touch with Rhoda. Many volunteers doing individual tasks will make this an enjoyable activity for all!

**Rhoda Pittman Markus**  
503-357-3998; 503-201-1233 (cell)

### CAMP MAGRUDER FAMILY CAMP MEETING

Please plan on joining your camp family to discuss plans for Camp Magruder Family Camp 2009 on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 11:45 am - 12:30 pm (after Fellowship time) in the Library. We will be reviewing rate and dining changes and fund raisers.

Please call or email **Sue Brenner**, 503-357-5409 ([brascomb@easystreet.net](mailto:brascomb@easystreet.net)) or **Janet Hummel**, 503-359-3510 ([janet.hummel@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hummel@verizon.net)) with questions.

### FIRST AID CLASS

Dr. Chuck Pritchard will be offering First Aid and CPR classes again this fall in either September or October.

Anyone interested? Please call Dr. Chuck Pritchard at 503-359-9340 and we will set up a time that is good for everyone. The cost will be divided among all participants, so the more people, the less the cost will be per person!

**Chuck Pritchard**  
b2c2\_2@verizon.net

### SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, September 13th is our regular Garden Party at church. Weed, prune, clip, cut, sweep, plant, dig, pick-up. Also, drinks and goodies are furnished! Start at 8:30, leave no later than noon. Bring your gardening tools. Hope you can make it.

**Margaret Hoerber**  
503-357-0579

### 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

# F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

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## XPLOSION WAS DYNAMITE

On August 9 our youth group ventured off to Camp Magruder for five days of non stop activities with other youth groups across the Oregon Idaho Conference. Here are just some of the highlights that stand out for me a mere 24 hours after returning.

Winning little bendy people for being the youth group with the shortest trip.

Playing extreme-hippity-hop-pop-up-tag.

Feasting on the Magruder food (I'll dream about the enchiladas for years to come).

Running a couple of miles on the beach every morning.

Watching a room full of youth jump, spin, and get down as they sang songs about their faith.

Joining in campfires.

Judging a sandcastle competition (Chase was supposed to help, but he fell asleep).

And taking part in a Forest Grove Youth version of "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

But my view of the event is limited to what I had the chance to experience. Here is what everyone else said about the event.

**Chante:** Being around strangers made you think about what really matters. It helps you start your image over if you feel you have messed up. These "strangers" create a new and better you. All of this helps you become closer to yourself and others. But most of all...God.

**Noah:** It was the most fun, the most awesome, and the most spiritual youth group event so far.

## MUSIC AT FGUMC

### Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir is open to anyone who wants to sing with us, grade 7 and above to infinity is welcome! Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. - 8:30 pm.

### Bell Choir

Bell Choir is open to anyone who wants to play the bells, grade 5 and above. Rehearsals are in the Craft/Bell room on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm-7:30 pm. Our first rehearsal will be September 3rd. Come and try ringing the bells! We bet you will love it.



### Chime Choir

Chime Choir is in transition this year. We will practice Thursdays at 6:15 - 6:45 pm. We may need to make it an intergenerational choir so if you would like to try playing the chimes, join us for our first rehearsal on Sept. 4th at 6:15 pm. This rehearsal time is flexible so let us know if a different time or day of the week would be better for you.

### Children's Choir

The Children will be singing for some important Sundays this year. We will practice in the Nursery Rooms following the "Time with the Children" during the Worship Service. All children ages 1-grade 4 are invited to join us. We will begin practicing Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you then.

We have a lot of fun music planned for the remainder of the year and would love to have you join us for any or all the choirs.

Questions? Please call Betty at 503-359-9340.

**Betty Pritchard**, Music Director

**MESSENGER SCHEDULE**

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

*Patty Davie*, editor

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!**

We need volunteers for November and 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

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR ROOM 7A**

We'll be fixing up classroom 7A for Sunday School. If you have some of these items crowding your storage space (where things you don't know what to do with live), we would be grateful for them.

- DVD player - simple is fine, just for showing videos
- Area rug
- Large floor pillows
- Bean Bag chair
- CD player - simple model, no need to record or do anything except play CDs.

*Rhoda Pittman Markus*

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**DAY CAMP 2008**

**BIRTHDAYS**

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Estle Hummels    | September 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Lyn Boysen       | September 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Chong Roehr      | September 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Diane Long       | September 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Ted De Pooter    | September 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Mary Ann Mellbye | September 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Marilyn Carr     | September 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Delva Johnson    | September 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Joanne Rannells  | September 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bobby Jo Haney   | September 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lefty Schultz    | September 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Rachel Bailey    | September 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Alletta Brenner  | September 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Flo Metz         | September 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Muriel Roberson  | September 22 <sup>nd</sup> |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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



## SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

|                              |                                                        |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Liturgist</b>             | Brian Hawkins                                          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>           | Marion Gustafson                                       |
| <b>Bus Coordinator</b>       | Linda King, cell: 503-522-1215                         |
| <b>Bus Driver:</b>           | Loretta Clayton Evans                                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                |                                                        |
| September                    | Cal Clayton & Loretta Clayton<br>Evans                 |
|                              | Ann Ulum & Robert Nickerson                            |
| <b>Greeters</b>              |                                                        |
| September                    | Raleigh & Donna Berget<br>Lester & Erma Heisler        |
| <b>Coffee Coordinator</b>    |                                                        |
| <b>Team: *September</b>      | * <b>Carole Heun</b> , Delva Johnson<br>& Janet Hummel |
| <b>Fellowship Time</b>       |                                                        |
| September 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Education Committee                                    |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Laurie & Dave Bond                                     |
| September 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Ann Ulum & Robert Nickerson                            |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Merrill & Betty Ludlam                                 |
| <b>Nursery Attendant</b>     | Lindsay Marsh                                          |
| <b>Childcare Coordinator</b> | Delva Johnson                                          |
| <b>Web Master</b>            | Jenny LaCombe                                          |
| <b>Kitchen Elves</b>         | Linda King<br>Patty Davie                              |
| <b>Sound and Media</b>       | Steven Wong                                            |
| <b>Tape Ministry</b>         | Media team                                             |
| <b>Parish Nurse</b>          | Patti Rose                                             |

## CHOIR CORNER - ADAM HAMPTON

Our tenor was born in Portland in St. Vincent Hospital. Deciding to break the mold after Adam's birth, they tore down the old hospital and built a new facility on Barnes Road where nearly forty years later his son Matthew was born.

Adam has lived in Washington County all his life. In high school he left his cymbals on the van, thinking they would be there for the next day's Rose Parade. But the group took another van, and Adam laughs that he marched nearly half way before someone got his cymbals. The next year he was "elevated" to playing the cow bell.

College proved more mundane as Adam attended PCC and Marylhurst, earning a Bachelors in social science and AA degrees in automotive technology and in Computer information systems. With his green thumb, he opened a landscaping business and has driven a school bus. Recently he returned fulltime to Home Depot.

Adam's great-grandfather was a circuit-riding Methodist minister in the Yakima valley, Washington, so Adam's respected service on the Outreach Committee and as Christmas basket coordinator, while no surprise, is greatly appreciated.

## 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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| <b>Rhoda Markus</b>           | 503-357-3998 | Deacon                      |
| <b>Bobby &amp; Emily Tabb</b> | 503-357-2596 | Youth Pastors               |
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