



# FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Messenger

September 2009

1726 Cedar St., Forest Grove, OR 97116-2434  
e-mail: [fgumc@teleport.com](mailto:fgumc@teleport.com)

Phone: 503-357-2689 FAX: 503-357-8410  
website: [www.forestgroveumc.org](http://www.forestgroveumc.org)

### WESLEYANS POTLUCK SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup>

All women are invited to join us for a **potluck supper** on Sept. 1st, at **6 p.m.**; dessert will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with our group of ladies!

Submitted by **Patty Davie**  
503-357-3185

### CUPCAKE SUNDAY

Cupcake Sunday - If you think that Brownie Sunday was fun, plan on coming on September 13<sup>th</sup> for Cupcake Sunday. All you Methodist cooks, get on your baking hats and select a unique and unusual cupcake recipe (or a tried and true) and make a dozen or so and bring some in to share with your church family! Questions? - check with Janet Hummel, [janet.hummel@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hummel@verizon.net)

Submitted by **Janet Hummel**

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

The Adult group that meets in the library will begin the year with *The Jesus Priorities: 8 Essential Habits* by Christopher Maricle. The study examines the Jesus priorities evidenced by the words he most frequently spoke and the acts Jesus most often demonstrated. Allow your life to be an instrument of God's grace in the world as you learn the Jesus priorities and make them your own. Can Jesus change your life — your everyday, going-to-work (or school or the grocery), taking-care-of-the-kids, living out retirement years...life? The resounding answer found in this warm spiritual survival guide is, "Yes!"

Newcomers to this class are welcome. Come and stay for just this book, or come and stay the whole year. We'll see you all on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

submitted by **Rhoda Pittman Markus**

### "GREEN" SERMON SERIES

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, beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>!

submitted by **Pastor Dan**

### New Church School Year

Children K - 6th grade are invited back to Church School on Sunday, September 13, 2009. All children will be in class at 9 a.m. Younger children, K - 3, will meet in Room 7A with Terri Jones and Jenny LaCombe. Older children, 4th - 6th grade will be in Room 8A with Ian Rice and Kathy Wilson-Fey. Themes for Fall are LiveB.I.G., God Created the World, Jesus is the Messiah, and It's Good to Give Thanks. Parents are encouraged to go to the curriculum website [www.ilivebig.com](http://www.ilivebig.com) where they can find conversation starters and activities under "Info for Kids" and ideas that will help fill in the gaps when family plans have kept a child away for a Sunday or two. I'm looking forward to seeing the church busy at the 9 o'clock hour!

Submitted by **Rhoda Pittman Markus**

### BARBECUE

September 13<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday School Kickoff and Grandparents' Day! Everyone is invited to come for burgers & hot dogs & all the fixings.

For more information, please contact Jan or Luther Schrock at 503-357-8709 or [ljschr@aol.com](mailto:ljschr@aol.com).

**Jan Schrock**

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Earlier this month we welcomed a new member to our family. Rosy came to us from a shelter a couple of hours from our home. Though 6 years old, she moves her 26-lb. body like a pup. She's a corgi/chow mix, in good health, well-trained, and very loving. At the vet's office and other places, words like "cute, adorable, friendly, I'll-take-her-home" are often heard.



However, this didn't just happen out of the blue. Noah has been pleading for probably a couple of years, now, to get a dog. He did his research, checking out books from the library and reading online about breeds, care, preparations needed to welcome a dog. Our family has not previously had a dog, and Kathy, Max and I were hesitant. What do we do with her during vacations? There's the shedding, barking, training, not to mention the cost. We can't just leave her with food and water like we can our cat, Tinta. And as always, there's the matter of follow-up and follow-through on the commitment of caring for a dog. Oh... and picking up the...daily deposits.

When, in Noah's words, "my parents finally came through," and started the search in earnest for a dog to adopt, it was amazing how much work that took. There are some great websites to search for pets, which we (Kathy and Noah, mostly) spent many hours reviewing. We are learning all kinds of other things, from how to groom to the importance of adequate exercise.

Introducing Rosy the dog to Tinta the cat ("this is my territory") took some doing. Tinta is slowly coming to tolerate Rosy, and Rosy, while wanting to engage Tinta in play, is both hesitant and respectful.

As I thought about all that, I thought about what kinds of preparations we do at the church to welcome those whom God is pleading for us to adopt into our church family.

One thing we learned in our dog research is that each breed has its own peculiarities, and of course each individual dog has its own personality. So, too, in the church. We're all different. We need to do our research (read: ask newcomers about themselves, and listen). We do what's needed to welcome guests into the household of God, just as each member of our family has made adjustments for Rosy to feel welcome and part of our household. And in the process, which does take some work and brings changes, there are both unexpected blessings along with the occasional setbacks and challenges. But here's the thing that I learned in the obedience classes we're taking (which are as much about us as they are about Rosy): praise always accomplishes more than punishment, consistency of expectations helps a lot, and demonstrations of love are the heart of all the changing relationships in our household.

Rosy has changed our lives. In the church, newcomers will change our lives. God is asking us to consider adoption.

What do you think?

Pastor Dan

## FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

One of the things I have been learning how to do the last few months is to write grants. This is something that was not in my wildest dreams for life after public education, but it is a necessity for funding the emerging Hispanic Ministry in Western Washington County. I have great partners in *Mira Conklin* and *Ron Whitlatch*, and the creative process has actually been fun.

The thing that has really struck me is the need to be accountable. We are asked questions such as these from a General Board of Church & Society Ethnic Local Church Grant application:

- What are the needs that your program/project addresses?
- How do they relate to the social principles?
- Name the assets in the community impacted by the grant.
- Describe your objectives that this proposal addresses and how they will be evaluated (please be specific).
- Describe the components of your program/projects and how it fulfills these objectives.

As you can tell from these questions, it is necessary to think through program ideas clearly and relate them to the mission of the church. For us, it is often multiple mission statements or visions that we must speak to. Overall, there is the mission of the General United Methodist Church of “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.” Each general agency has specific goals they are willing to support. The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Hispanic Ministry Council has a vision and strategies. It is important that anything we do with Hispanic Ministries in Western Washington County fits into these various missions, and we need to be able to evaluate and measure outcomes.

So, you may be wondering where I’m going with this. It seems to me the local church hasn’t always done the best job possible in thinking through program ideas in relation to the mission of the church, and that impacts the best use of money. I’m wondering what difference it might make in church life and health if program planning and budgeting was done with such care and evaluation regularly. What would we continue to do? What would we drop? What new ideas would be implemented?

Your servant in Christ,  
*Rhoda Pittman Markus*

## SECOND MILE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

The Church Council voted to endorse our participation in the Leadership Institute in Kansas, October 8<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>, returning on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Dan has gone the last two years, but he and the council feel that our church will benefit from more of our leaders attending. At present there are ten planning to attend. Some of those will pay their own expenses, but not everyone is able. Everyone is asked to pay something, but it still will leave us around \$2000 short. We are asking anyone who is able to make a special offering to aid our leadership in guiding our congregation. You can just place your offering in an envelope and designate it for Leadership training and it will be put to good use. Bless you for anything you are able to contribute.

Submitted by *Dave Rose*

## FROM OUR LAY LEADER

What do you notice when you come to church on Sunday morning? Do you see the neatly mowed lawn or the community garden? Maybe the neat parking lot with clean curbs and beautiful flowers and shrubs? Someone takes care of those things. Then you see the “Welcome” signs. Someone puts those up every Sunday. And the hanging baskets. Someone put those up, too. The Fellowship Hall is clean, the floor is shiny and sometimes there are decorations on the tables. Someone does that. Our carpets are vacuumed and the pews are tidy. Someone does that, too.

There are folks at the doors to greet you and ushers to give you a bulletin and take up the offering. Someone does that. We hear beautiful organ music and anthems from the choir. Someone does that. Someone reads the scripture and someone brings us a message about what God can do in our church. Then, of course, there is time for coffee, treats, and fellowship. Someone does that. And washing dishes and cleaning up the kitchen. Someone does that, too. What about the classes for children and adults? Someone teaches those.

Committees take care of the maintenance and business of the church. Someone does that. The church office prepares the bulletins, keeps the calendar, and handles dozens of details that keep things running smoothly. Someone does that. We have wonderful potlucks. Methodists do like to eat, don't we? Someone organizes that. We have a great youth group that has lots of support from our congregation. Someone organizes that, too.

You can see that it takes a lot of “someones” to make this a vital growing church. But none of these things would happen if it weren't for the committed, generous “someones” of our Forest Grove United Methodist Church. Each and every “someone” is appreciated beyond measure. Thanks to you all.

Submitted by **Ann Ulum**, Lay Leader

## COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US!

### *The Children's Choir and Chimers*

This group includes children 5th grade and younger. We practice in the Garden Room, immediately following the Children's time during the worship service. We sing simple Bible Songs that go with the worship service to enhance the worship for children and adults. We sing and play for worship about 6 times a year.



### *The Bell Choir*

An intergenerational bell playing group, ages 10 and up are welcome to play with us. We practice Thursday evenings from 6-7 pm in the bell room. We play about 8 times a year during the worship service and at other events as requested.

### *The Chancel Choir*

People from grade 7 and up are welcome to sing in the choir. There are lots of opportunities for small group and solo singing as well as whole group singing. We sing 3-4 times a month during the service and practice Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

### *The Guitar Group*

This is a group of those who love to play the guitar and want to add to the worship experience of the church. We play once a month during the service and as requested. Our practice time for this year is currently undecided.



If you have any questions about any of these groups please contact Betty Pritchard at 503-359-9340 or at [b2c2\\_2@verizon.net](mailto:b2c2_2@verizon.net).

submitted by **Betty Pritchard**

# F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																																
		1 6:00 p.m. Wesleyans Potluck in the Garden room.	2	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 Pastor's Day Off  DUk																																																																																																																
6 10:00 a.m. <b>Worship: Communion</b> 11:15 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Theology Study group</b>	7 <b>Labor Day</b>	8	9 7:00 p.m. <b>SPRC</b>	10 6:00 p.m. <b>Grant Committee</b> 6:00-7:00 p.m. <b>Handbell rehearsal</b> 7:00-8:30 p.m. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 Pastor's Day Off 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. <b>Garden Party</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Youth Ministries Team</b>																																																																																																																
13 9:00 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 11:15 a.m. <b>Fellowship: Cupcake Sunday &amp; Sunday School BBQ</b> 11:30 a.m. <b>Outreach Committee</b> 3:00-5:00 p.m. <b>Parenting class</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Theology Study group</b>	14 6:00-8:00 p.m. <b>Sr. High Youth Group</b>  6:30 <b>Worship Committee</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Finance Committee</b>	15 7:00 p.m. <b>Trustees</b>	16 7:00 p.m. <b>Church Council</b>	17 2:30 p.m. <b>Jr. High Youth Group</b> 6:00-7:00 p.m. <b>Handbell rehearsal</b> 7:00-8:30 p.m. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	18 Pastor's Day Off 11:00 a.m. <b>Have committee minutes in office</b>  <b>October Messenger articles due</b>	19 Pastor's Day Off 9:00 a.m. <b>Chalk Art Festival</b>  7:00 –9:00 p.m. <b>Bunko Night</b>																																																																																																																
20 9:00 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 11:15 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b> 11:30 a.m. <b>Education Committee</b> 3:00-5:00 p.m. <b>Parenting class</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Theology Study group</b>	21 6:00-8:00 p.m. <b>Sr. High Youth Group</b>  2:00 p.m. <b>Gathering @ Jennings-McCall w/Pastor Dan</b>	22 2:00 p.m. <b>Gathering @ The Elms w/Pastor Dan</b>	23	24 2:30 p.m. <b>Jr. High Youth Group</b> 6:00-7:00 p.m. <b>Handbell rehearsal</b> 7:00-8:30 p.m. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	25 Pastor's Day Off 3:30 p.m. <b>UMW @Jennings-McCall</b>	26 Pastor's Day Off																																																																																																																
27 9:00 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 11:15 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b> 12:00 p.m. <b>UMW potluck &amp; meeting</b> 3:00-5:00 p.m. <b>Parenting class</b> 7:00 p.m. <b>Theology Study group</b>	28 6:00-8:00 p.m. <b>Sr. High Youth Group</b>	29	30	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="7" style="text-align: left;">August</th> <th colspan="7" style="text-align: left;">October</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>23</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>			August							October							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1					1	2	3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	23	24	25	23	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	30	31												
August							October																																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																																									
						1					1	2	3																																																																																																									
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10																																																																																																									
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17																																																																																																									
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24																																																																																																									
23	24	25	23	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30	31																																																																																																									
30	31																																																																																																																					

## REFLECTIONS ON YOUTH MISSION WORSHIP JULY 12TH

After Dan, Carol, and the acolytes entered and Michael was playing the prelude, I noticed that there was an awful lot of conversation going on. At first I was rather annoyed. But then I had the thought that people were excited! Excited to see their church family, and to welcome back the mission team. They were excited to hear the stories we knew were coming. And when Dan came forward and said 'Good Morning' there was a resounding answer, and then quiet expectation.

Al and I very much enjoyed this worship. I noted that there was very little congregational singing, but I did like the music of the day! It was great to see the photos and video! Good job!

I grew up in the Midwest, and I have often said it is the people I miss the most, and it *is* the hospitality and welcoming ways of small towns that is a big part of that; (and it is the bugs that I miss the least!) And Taylor is right--people raise a hand to all they see.

Al and I both thought Dan made an excellent transition from his words, to the communion table. Words about giving, and how Jesus' life was not taken, but he *gave* it. And he gave it to all, and the table is open to all. As the congregation was called, and moved to partake, and you know that the ushers no longer give 'direction' and people come as they are ready---Al noted the 'traffic jam' and said 'It's a free-for-all!' And I thought 'Exactly!' 'It's Free for All'.

Submitted by *Kristi Thomason*

## YOUTH PROGRAM CHANGES

As the 2009-2010 school year approaches, I find myself reflecting on our amazing summer together: service projects, fundraisers, Kansas Mission Trip, movie nights, picnic at Hagg Lake, Oaks Park. I also can't help feeling ecstatic about what this coming year is going to bring. We are already making major changes to our program in hopes of meeting the needs of our youth and our continually growing program. Here are a few of the changes:

1. One of the major changes will be dividing Junior and Senior High youth groups. There are several reasons for doing this. First, Meagan Potter and Bobby are no longer participating on a regular basis. Previously we would have youth group together and split off into discussion groups and Bobby or Meagan would lead one and I would lead the other. Without that consistent second person, it is hard to establish enough trust and continuity with a second adult by September. Another reason is the amount of time the Junior High will have compared to the very limited time of the Senior High. The Senior High group will be 2 hours and the Junior High group will be 3. And lastly, I feel this is the right move as our group has grown and will continue to grow.
2. This summer we are looking at a church-wide Mission Trip where youth, young adults, and adults are all welcome to participate. Betty and Chuck Pritchard are leading the discussions and the Mission Team. We are looking at Honduras or Costa Rica and the possibility of going the summer of 2010. If you are interested please contact Betty and Chuck.
3. Our youth have an amazing heart for service. I am constantly asked what we will be doing to help others and how we can make a difference on a regular basis. So, the youth and their families will be helping out with Family Bridge in August, October, and December. We will be providing a dinner and evening hosts. Family Bridge can always use help!
4. WE NEED YOU! We are starting Prayer Partners in September and I am looking for people in the church willing to pray for one youth for this school year. Many people have said they would love to help but sitting at youth events is not really their gift. Well, if you'd like an amazing opportunity to make a difference in the life of a youth, here is your chance. Each week at youth group I am going to ask the youth to write down their prayer requests on an index card and put it in an envelope with their Prayer Partner's name. I will hand the envelopes out on Sundays or leave them on the counter in the office to be picked up. All you would have to do as a Prayer Partner is read the prayer requests and pray for that youth each day. I am hoping this would be a great opportunity to check in with that youth, and who knows, it may even start a friendship. The youth need mentors and to know that our church cares for them as individuals. If you are feeling God moving you to volunteer, email me at [emily.tabb@gmail.com](mailto:emily.tabb@gmail.com), call me at 503-707-4971, or talk to me.

submitted by *Emily Tabb*

## UMVIM

### UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

We have a United Methodist Volunteers in Mission trip to tell you about! A Mission Project Committee is planning an overseas mission for 2010. We are looking into a construction project in Honduras or Costa Rica for July 2010. Both youth 7th grade up and adults would be able to go on this mission. If you are interested in going on a mission to Honduras or Costa Rica, please let us know and we will get more information to you.

Submitted by *Chuck and Betty Pritchard*

b2c2\_2@verizon.net

503-359-9340

### POSITIVE PARENTING CLASS

Our church is hosting a 5-week parenting class taught by Ken Bond. Ken taught parenting classes for many years in the area. It will be held here at the church from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sundays, starting September 13<sup>th</sup>. The class is for parents of young children, aged infant to 12 years old, and is open to anyone in our church or in our community. Childcare will be provided.

The course will focus on teaching kids to behave in a way that will benefit them for life.

The first two sessions will examine children's behavior and why they do what they do.

The third and fourth sessions will focus on techniques and methods to get cooperation from children to change negative behaviors.

The fifth session will teach how to encourage children to help them build confidence.

Please let Terri Jones know if you are interested. [matt.terri2@verizon.net](mailto:matt.terri2@verizon.net)

submitted by *Dave & Laurie Bond*

### SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

Our monthly Second Saturday work party will be held on **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** at the church. Hope you can spare us an hour or two. We furnish the weeds and the refreshments. Bring your own tools. Start at 8:30 a.m. and finish no later than noon.



Submitted by *Margaret Hoerber*

### ERIC CONKLIN RECOMMENDED AS CERTIFIED CANDIDATE

At a Charge Conference meeting held August 19<sup>th</sup>, Eric Conklin, lay pastor at Cornelius and Yamhill UMCs and member of Forest Grove UMC, was recommended to become a Certified Candidate for ministry. Congratulations, Eric!

submitted by *Pastor Dan*

### HELP!

We recently discovered that our insurance policy does not cover drivers over 70. This leaves us with a big gap in our bus driver list. Please call **Lois Oakberg** at 503-357- 8129 if you can help out.

### THANK YOU

Here's a note from someone who recently was aided through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which you help support:

*"Thank you for the help in my time of need."*

We all have times of need; you are making a difference in peoples' lives. Thank you!

*Pastor Dan*

### BUNKO FUNDRAISER

If you like to play Bunko, plan on coming to our first Family Camp fundraiser on September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., for an evening of Bunko with your church family. Bring \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth, a white elephant gift and a snack dish to share. and join us for an evening of fun! Questions – Janet Hummel 503.359.1799

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

### OCTOBER BUS TRIP

Sing! Sing a song! Come with us to the Collins Retreat Center on Thursday, Oct.22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 noon we will enjoy a gourmet lunch of hearty chicken & herbed dumpling soup, Romaine salad with Caesar dressing, & chocolate chip cookies.

At 1:00 p.m., guided tours of the grounds and (optional) hiking on the trails will be available; the fall colors should be outstanding at that time! The cost, including lunch, is \$15.00. Contact Marilyn Carr at 503-357-2622 to sign up.

submitted by *Marilyn Carr*

**ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE**

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

*Pastor Dan*

**SIGNS OF HOPE AT FGUMC**

Once again, and every month at our Church Council meetings, we share where we see Good News, hopeful actions, people doing things that make a difference. Here are a few of the items noted from our August 19th meeting:

Eric Conklin recommended by our Charge Conference to become a Certified Candidate for Ministry.

Mira Conklin volunteering at the last minute to accompany the youth on a group outing.

Cal Clayton volunteering so much time and, by his skills and knowledge and commitment, saving the church thousands of dollars.

Carole Heun organizing the parking lot sale, and all the help from so many others putting in many, many hours.

The many people who helped provide and prepare food for Family Fiesta, with Patty Davie organizing it.

The 80 to 100 people at the final Family Fiesta night celebration.

The wonderful worship service we held outdoors on August 9th and all who gave of their time helping prepare for it, especially Dave & Patti Rose.

Vegetables from our food pantry garden offered up on the altar during worship.

Bobby Tabb’s commitment and heart to work with college-age students.

*Pastor Dan*

**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 DePooter	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>

**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 SEPTEMBER

Liturgists	TBA
Altar Guild	Marion Gustafson
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Driver	Loretta Evans
Ushers: September	Cal Clayton, Loretta Evans & Juanita Kautzman
Greeters: September	Ken & Nancy Bond Arleigh & Donna Berget
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cupcake Sunday</b>
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ken &amp; Nancy Bond</b>
Nursery Attendant	Lindsay Tovey
Childcare Coord.	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Linda King & <b>Volunteer needed</b>
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Tape Ministry	Media team
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

## CHURCH CORNER – MARILYN CARR

35 years ago at 7 AM on a Saturday, a phone rang in Los Angeles. Marilyn rolled over and answered – two guys from England. They'd been earning extra money installing phones on Saturday. They'd combined parts of their own numbers and called what was for them the center of the U.S., L.A. Unbelievably, Marilyn not only talked with them civilly, they became friends. One ushered her daughter Jenny down the aisle for her wedding.

Born in Illinois, Marilyn was brought to Salem, OR at the age of 2 because her father had shoveled one too many snow-drifted driveways. She graduated from South Salem H.S. and went to Monmouth for college. She then "escaped" to California, where her favorite position was as secretary to a junior high school principal. But she was "rained out of California." Her landlord refused to do more than patch the leaky roof, and one day Marilyn returned home to find a third of her bedroom plaster mushy. Forced to move, she decided to return to Oregon, where she worked at Consolidated Freightways for 25 years until retiring.

Her mother, Lillian, was an avid needlecraft enthusiast, a skill which she passed on to Marilyn, who passed it along to Jenny. The three generations have attended the needlework camp at Magruder together. Lillian also drew Marilyn into involvement with the DAR. Marilyn, vice-regent of the Chemeketa DAR, traces her ancestry to nearly 20 who contributed to the American Revolution. She is a multi-great-granddaughter of William Bradford of the Mayflower.

Marilyn has organized and led a number of outings to historical places and events, and hopes to get a group to attend a music conference in October. She serves on Church Council and other active parts of FGUMC as well as playing in the Bell Choir.

This August, Jenny, her daughter Lilly, and Marilyn flew to England to visit the two men who so unexpectedly struck up a friendship with a 7 AM call.

## 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

Volume 2009, **September**, Issue No. 9.

*Messenger* monthly.

Periodicals Postage (USPS 970920) paid at  
Forest Grove, OR 97116-2434

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:  
FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1726 Cedar Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116-2434

Daniel Wilson-Fey	503-359-4249	Pastor
Rhoda Markus	503-357-3998	Deacon
Emily Tabb	503-707-4971	Youth Pastor
Liz Swenson	503-357-2689	Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours, Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Patty Davie	503-357-3185	Messenger Editor
-------------	--------------	------------------

Bless you for getting your articles to me  
by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month!

e-mail: [plc2fd@verizon.net](mailto:plc2fd@verizon.net)