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CUPCAKE SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 5TH

It's Labor Day Weekend, and sandwich cookies are in vogue – but cupcakes are more fun! So bring a dozen (or two) of your favorite cupcakes to Cupcake Sunday on Sept 5th, or come to church and taste all the fun cupcakes brought to share. Questions? Contact Janet Hummel, 503-359-1799.

Submitted by *Janet Hummel*

WESLEYANS' POTLUCK

Wesleyans' annual potluck dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 7th, at the church. We'll talk about summer experiences and make plans for fall and holiday activities. All ladies are very welcome to join us. Come and bring a favorite dish to share. We look forward to seeing everyone again -- on the seventh!

Submitted by *Virginia Heald*

FORT CLATSOP BUS TRIP

Wesleyans are planning a journey to the Astoria area to visit historic Fort Clatsop in mid-September, with a possible stop at the outlet stores in Seaside and perhaps dinner at Camp 18. The details & date will be decided at our meeting on September 7th. If you would like to join us, please sign up with Marilyn Carr, 503-357-2622. If the bus fills up, we'll add some cars so no one will be left behind.

Be looking forward also to a trip to Alton L. Collins Retreat Center on October 21st, for *Great Hymns of the Faith III*.

Submitted by *Marilyn Carr*

WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to these members of our church who were recently or are soon to be married:

Jenny LaCombe will be married to Bryce Englin on September 4th here in Forest Grove. They will make their home in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Sarah Vance was married to Will Vance on August 14th, here at the church. They live here in Forest Grove.

Jenna Gamble and Robert Zenk were married on August 15th. They will be making their home in Lebanon, OR.

Submitted by *Pastor Dan*

NEW TIME FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade will be meeting in both sides of room 7, following Pastor Dan's Time with Children during worship each Sunday. You will welcome back teachers Terri Jones and Ian Rice along with Betty Pritchard and others with music. Be sure you're in attendance and learn about Bible heroes: Moses, Samuel, David and Matthew who, pretty much like you, were doing important work for God. **See you on September 12th.**

A reminder to you all; the Nursery is intended for ages birth through 4 years old (or start of Kindergarten).

Submitted by *Rhoda Pittman Markus*
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Every once in awhile, some voice from the past unexpectedly calls out and touches your life again.

Nine years ago this month, our family embarked on the still-unbelievable journey of full-time mission work for the United Methodist Church in Honduras. In August 2001, we headed to Atlanta, Georgia, for 4 months of mission training with our then 5-year old and 8-year old sons, Noah and Max. Our oldest, Max, had just completed second grade. This week, he just completed registration for his Senior year at Forest Grove High School.

This week, also, we unexpectedly received an e-mail from a special person in our lives who found us thanks to *Google*. Sarah Gorringer was Max's first and second-grade teacher of a class of those combined grades at Sunnyside Elementary School in Nampa, Idaho. Mrs. Gorringer, in our eyes, is a saint. A brand new teacher in the fall of 1999, Max was in her first class when he started first grade that year. Max really liked Mrs. Gorringer. Kathy and I really liked Mrs. Gorringer. And as Max blossomed and grew, and eagerly got swept up in the joy and pleasures of learning and education, we were aware that Sarah Gorringer was a very talented teacher who played a huge role in planting seeds and nurturing the love for learning that Max still carries to this day. When our family left Idaho, Kathy and I both wrote letters to Mrs. Gorringer thanking her for the huge, positive impact she had made in Max's life in helping to set the stage for giving him a sound basis upon which he could build his future educational pursuits.

And so it was that recently, Mrs. Gorringer found those letters Kathy and I wrote, along with a book of memories Max made for her, and it set her to looking for us. And she found us. And I was reminded, poignantly as Max's final year of high school begins, of the huge, huge impact teachers can and do make in a student's life. Max and Noah have had many fine, fine teachers along the way, and I do not have enough gratitude in my heart to adequately express my deepest appreciation for the dedication, the commitment, the inspiration, and the love for their students, these teachers had and have.

It is back-to-school time everywhere: public and private schools, church school. And I imagine, as you read this, you could stop and think of some teacher you know who has made an especially positive impact in your life or the life of one of your children, grandchildren, or loved one.

I encourage you to stop for a moment – it will only take you 5 minutes – stop and write a note of encouragement and gratitude to the person of whom you are thinking. A little can go a long way.

Jesus was a teacher. In fact, he is called by that name more often than any other title in the Bible, except for the word "Lord." I thank God for that particular teacher, who taught so much about justice, kindness, and love, as I thank God for all those teachers whose love, care, compassion, commitment, and calling lead them to do what they do so that we all might learn. I especially thank those teachers in our church who teach our children and the rest of us about THE TEACHER: Jesus.

Thank a special teacher today. Offer an expression of thanks to some teacher you know. Or express your gratitude to THE Teacher, the Rabbi Jesus. Many people say "thanks" to that particular teacher in worship. Join us.

In great gratitude for all who teach with compassion, skill, and love,



Pastor Dan

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

By the time you are reading this, I will have completed 6 appointments with my awesome chiropractor. Over a year ago I started having problems with my left side glute muscles that caused me to limp, especially on my long walks. I kept on keeping on, even though I really had to push and wasn't finding much enjoyment in walking. Overall the tight muscles and limp threw my body out of kilter. I finally convinced my primary care provider that I needed to see the chiropractor. Midway through my treatments of heat therapy, massage therapy and adjustments I'm getting better, learning new things about the interrelatedness of skeleton and muscle and being mentored or coached in stretching exercises to help keep the muscles loose and increase my flexibility and balance.

Now you may be wondering why I'm telling you all of this. Here's why. I've found this to be a wonderful metaphor for spiritual life and discipleship in the world. First of all, the exercise I've been doing is a very good thing. On the other hand, when I began having some problems I just kept on doing the same old things, expecting the situation to change. My muscles were tight (or bound up) just as one's spiritual practices and theological and moral thinking can be. That leaves one pretty unbalanced and inflexible. My body needs some adjustments as do our minds and spirits from time to time. I need to be stretching – a new thing for me - just as stretching our attitudes, thinking and experiences is good for our soul. The balance of seeing diverse sides in issues, flexibility in relating to a new and often perplexing world keeps our faith relevant and of interest to those outside the church.

So much for my rambling on the metaphors of body conditioning and soul/mind conditioning. I'd like to invite you to a new experience at 9 o'clock on Sunday mornings, starting on September 12 in the library. I will be leading a group of learners using a curriculum called *Faithlink*. *Faithlink* is published online each week and based on current issues in the news. It's so fresh it could be a headline on Thursday or Friday and curriculum by the first of the week.

Sometimes when a class takes on current issues each participant comes with their own preconceived notions on the subject and the class spirals into holding fast to old ideas and little learning or growth takes place. This curriculum will ask us to come with fresh minds and look at the issue from the perspective of Scripture, United Methodist Social Principles, Hymn theology, and our Wesleyan heritage. It guides us to being Christians informed about contemporary issues, not by the "spin doctors" of media, but by our faith.

I'll have the curriculum available in the church office by Wednesday, September 8, for the first week. Thereafter, for those with email I will send it to you by Wednesday and have copies available in the office at the same time as for those with email. Of course, you're welcome to come to the class whether you've had the materials in advance or not.

Your servant in Christ,
Deacon *Rhoda Pittman Markus*

SUNDAY SCHOOL BARBECUE

**ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES:
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
"BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL" BARBECUE!**

On Saturday September 11th, come for a feast at Joseph Gale Park from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, watermelon, chips, water, juice, and Popsicles for dessert. Please bring a salad or other "can't miss" barbecue item.

On top of the *super fun* jungle gym and other play toys at the park, we will provide Frisbee, soccer balls, croquet, and bowling. So bring the whole family to kick off the Sunday School season!

For questions feel free to contact the Rice's at ianrice@hotmail.com

Submitted by *Christie Rice*

MISSION CORNER

I would like to be a Mission Volunteer, but can I do it? I know that helping others is the tradition of the UMC, but me, now? They say I should put my faith into action. They say I can work with a team locally, or within the US, or internationally and will make new friends. I have heard that a mission team could even help strengthen our own Church.

Well, if I do join a mission team, what should I expect?

Great Question!

You should expect that when you are on a mission, things will be different from home; you are going out to serve others. It will be a different culture, even if it is a local mission. Remember, no culture is superior or inferior, each is just different. You will be with a team, not a single person. Skills are less important, as the focus is on working with people to improve what they have and to bond. Being flexible, patient and relaxed are keys. You will be joining the greater UMVIM (Volunteers In Mission) team which is one of the most effective mission organizations in the US. The motto of UMVIM is from I John 3: 18, Christian Love in Action. You will be letting your actions be your good words.

There will have to be a Team Leader who will call several meetings of the Team before departing so that you will get a good understanding of the task before you, how the team will work together, and training on what is required to be part of UMVIM.

Some funding requirements are expected for a mission trip. You must pay or get support for your travel and living costs while away. The Team Leader puts a budget together for the team so you will know your travel costs well in advance. By working through UMVIM you will get all the proper documentation for tax deductions. You will also need to obtain donations from the FGUMC for any supplies or other such needs for the mission task.

And when the day of departure comes close, you will be sent out on the mission with a Commissioning service in our Church. Upon your return the Church will be waiting for a full report of your adventure.

What should you expect? You should expect to have an experience of a lifetime. So now think positively, enjoy what you are doing and then join a mission team to witness a new world.

Submitted by **B. A. Mission**
The Mission Ministry Team

First Aid/CPR Classes

We will be offering the following First Aid/CPR Classes:

September 18, 2010, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Full Course

April 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. CPR Only (Unless someone needs First Aid).

If interested please contact **Chuck** or **Betty Pritchard** at 503-359-9340 or b2c2m2@gmail.com for a registration form.

Submitted by **Betty Pritchard**

LOOSE CHANGE FOR HUNGER UPDATE

This year we collected a few dollars under \$300 for the Loose Change for Hunger Offering. This money goes to help with food pantry start ups and maintenance as well as education and advocacy on hunger concerns. The conference offering totaled over \$10,000. Many thanks for all those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, silver dollars and bills!

Submitted by **Rhoda Pittman Markus**
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YOUTH SUMMER AND PLANS FOR FALL

What an amazing summer! We went to Hagg Lake, laser tag, swimming at Ann and Robert's, served two meals at Family Fiesta, the Mission Team went to San Francisco, and so much more. We also welcomed the new members of the youth group (the 7th graders) on August 25th at Messy Olympics.

Youth group this school year is going to look different. Since we have only a few in Jr. High and most in Sr. High, we are combining the two. Starting September 13th, we will meet Mondays from 5-8:30. We will continue to have Destination Unknown (Dunk) on the first Saturday of the month. Here is the tentative lay out of youth group:

- 5:00 -5:30 Share a meal together with discussion questions.
- 5:30 -6:30 Small Groups (probably 3-4 per group)
The groups will discuss how they have accomplished or need to work on the three areas of the mission statement: 1. Do justice, 2. Love kindness, 3. Walk humbly with God.
- 6:30 -7:30 Focus Groups
We will have 2 choices for the youth, ranging from a girl and guy Bible Study, topic study, Confirmation and Confirmation renewal, and more.
- 7:30 -8:30 Closing
Parents and families are encouraged to join us from 8-8:30 to hear what's going on, to worship, and to pray together.

The first youth group of the month will focus on mission and outreach. That may involve going and doing, or learning and researching about possibilities and things going on in the world around us.

We need your help!!! I am looking for people to lead a 3week Focus Group with the youth. The idea of the Focus Group is to bring the youth closer to God and each other. This can happen through learning to knit prayer shawls, learning about the world around them, scripture, enjoying God's beauty, Bible Study, through music, etc. If you feel led to work with the youth and are willing to commit to 3 weeks, please contact Emily Tabb at emily.tabb@gmail.com or 503-707-4971.

We are also looking for people to provide dinner on Mondays for approximately 20 people. If you are interested, please contact Ann Ulum or Emily Tabb.

Thanks for your support! I look forward to another wonderful year.

Submitted by Emily Tabb

P.S. – Apostlips Band practice will be on Sundays from 11:30-12:30. Additional practices on Wednesdays from 4:15 -5:30 **only until the concert on September 24th.**

APOSTLIPS CONCERT

I am pleased to announce the youth band Apostlips will be combining, for one night only, with the Friday night Contemporary service for their first multi-song concert on Friday, September 24th at 6:30pm. This will be a free concert (although donations are always accepted) in the Sanctuary, featuring many of today's Christian radio hits and some of your old favorites with a new beat. The performance will include youth singers, youth musicians, a short message from **Bobby Tabb** and audience-involved worship songs and praise. If you come with an open mind and a desire to praise God, you will not be disappointed. We look forward to seeing you there. CHRIST ROCKS!

Submitted by *Ian Rice*

SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, **September 11th** 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.



Submitted by *Margaret Hoerber*

UMW MEETING

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, September 28th with a Pot Luck lunch. The program will be on the GREEN in our lives as we work with our church on that important program. See you there!

Submitted by *Lela Baskins*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



Our Church continues to be blessed not only with sufficient funding to support our mission, but with the gifts of time, energy and talent from our members to make a difference in the lives of many. Outreach like the recent mission trip our youth took to San Francisco is

just one example. Another is the newly planted memory garden; this was made possible through the generous gifts of several honorariums made in the name of some of our members.

The Finance Committee continues to carefully monitor the budget. Although revenue is a bit behind projections, our expenditures are also down which means our operating position is roughly balanced to plan. We've been able to 'fill in the gaps' through grants and transfers from the endowment fund and contingency respectively. Even in this down economy, the gifts of our members are many.

Submitted by *Barbara Huson*

MONTESSORI SCHOOL RESUMES

School starts soon and we will again see children around the Church every weekday.

The Montessori School begins its 14th year this fall. Their current staff consists of Kathy and Mike Tarnowski, their daughter Kirsten, Elianne Hudson and Claire Parker.

At present our Church rents four classrooms and the parsonage to the Tarnowski family. Kirsten has been living in the parsonage.

The family has a farm near Forest Grove; in the summer time they have a "Farm Camp" for young children. They have four daughters – three of them live in this area. All the daughters have now completed their university degrees.

Maybe you have seen a "Dog in Training" during school time at the Church. Kirsten has trained Guide Dogs for the Blind for the past ten years and now has four of her "graduates" serving blind individuals. At present she is training dogs to serve diabetic patients.

One little girl at the Montessori School is severely diabetic. Her dog has been trained to ring a bell when the dog detects that the girl needs help.

In July, Kirsten and the parents of the little girl sponsored a "Dogs Assisting Diabetics Event". A fund raising walk made \$2000.00 to assist their DAD program.

Our Church has a wonderful relationship with the Montessori School and the Tarnowski family. We look forward to the future with them.

Be sure to smile when you see the lovely children!

Submitted by *Edythe Westlund*

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

HELP WITH THE MARATHON

Emily Tabb is looking for helpers to work at the Portland Marathon on October 10th from 9:30-6.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Emily through the church office.

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*

SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY

In October, the Spiritual Growth team will be having a Spiritual Growth Group Fair to display the amazing ministries happening in our church. This will be a time for the congregation to get involved in new groups, invite others to participate in existing groups, or look at where there is a need for new groups.

We are looking at the need for a network of connecting people and making sure everyone has the opportunity to be spiritually fed.

Submitted by *Emily Tabb*
Spiritual Growth Ministry Team

TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Join fellow United Methodists and friends exploring the world! This upcoming Spring you are invited to experience the history and natural beauty of our country with an in-depth tour of the eastern U.S. on our *Heritage of America* trip, departing on March 31st, 2011.

Highlights of the journey include New York City, Philadelphia, Amish Country, Gettysburg, Colonial Williamsburg and Washington DC during cherry blossom season!

The tour is sponsored by the Travel Committee at First UMC, Portland, and escorted by Cheryl Luce.

Come and learn more at a travel presentation on this tour at noon on September 19th in the Fireside Room at Portland 1st UMC. For more information contact Cheryl at 503-380-8604 or by email at cheryl.luce@gmail.com.

Submitted by *Cheryl Luce*, on behalf of the Travel Committee of Portland First UMC.

BIRTHDAYS

Lyn Boysen	September 1 st
Estle Hummels	September 1 st
Diane Long	September 4 th
Ted DePooter	September 7 th
Ann Hall	September 8 th
Mary Jane Nordgren	September 10 th
Larean Hodge	September 12 th
Marilyn Carr	September 15 th
Mary Ann Mellbye	September 15 th
Delva Johnson	September 16 th
Joanne Rannells	September 16 th
Christie Rice	September 16 th
Bobby Jo Yarborough	September 17 th
Jaron Rust	September 17 th
Lefty Schultz	September 17 th
Rachel Bailey	September 20 th
Alletta Brenner	September 20 th
Flo Metz	September 22 nd
Muriel Roberson	September 22 nd
Luther Schrock	September 22 nd
Linda Randle	September 25 th

ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & Lois Oakberg	September 3 rd
Arleigh & Donna Berget	September 9 th
Ken & Nancy Bond	September 11 th
Sam & Carolyn Judah	September 14 th
David & Jean Aull	September 22 nd
Hugh & Angela Gapay	September 29 th

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Lay Leader	Ann Ulum
Liturgists	TBA
Altar Guild	Marion Gustafson
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Driver:	Loretta Evans
Ushers & Greeters	Hospitality Team
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
September 5 th	Cupcake Sunday
September 12 th	Dionne family
September 19 th	Bond family
September 26 th	Volunteers needed
Nursery Attendant & Childcare Coord.	Volunteers needed
Web Master	Jenny LaCombe
Kitchen Elves	Erma Heisler & Linda King
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

MISSION STATEMENT

**Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly with God.**

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Rhoda Markus	503-357-3998	Deacon
Emily Tabb	503-707-4971	Youth Pastor
Liz Swenson	503-357-2689	Administrative Assistant

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

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

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CHURCH PILLAR – DAVID SAUCY, JR.

David has served on nearly every committee and filled every office at FGUMC since the Saucys came to Forest Grove in 1950. He met Jeannette at a Freshman mixer dance at Oregon State in 1941. They'd dated for a while, but WWII interrupted their young romance. David went to serve in occupied Germany as a 2nd Lieutenant and came back a Commander, ready, willing and able to again take up with such a beauty, and they were married in 1948.

A native Oregonian, David had been raised on a farm near Salem, the son of a man who had emigrated from Switzerland at age 11 and a gal from Oklahoma whose parents had participated in the Land Rush.

Graduating from Salem H.S., David attended Oregon State and then farmed for 12 years. In Forest Grove, David partnered in Flavorland. He handled the agricultural end of the business and the running of the food processing plants. Nights he took every accounting class he could at Portland State. When he sold out in 1978 he was asked to remain to help with personnel for three years until he could leave entirely. With his gentle-spoken insightfulness, he served on local and regional boards and offices, including on the Tuality Hospital Board, Metro Board and serving as FG's mayor in the 1970's.

The Saucys have three sons, a dentist, an attorney and one who studied 9 years in Switzerland to become a pastry chef in one of Portland's finest hotels.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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