



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

# Messenger

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## HOLY WEEK AT FOREST GROVE UMC

### Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Come for special music and palm decorations with children and the choir in processional.



#### “YOU ASKED FOR IT”

On Palm Sunday, we will hand out cards on which you may write questions you have about faith, life, the Bible, Jesus, God, or any religious or spiritual matter. You will be invited to return these cards during worship. Responses to these questions will form the basis of Pastor Dan’s sermon on the Sunday following Easter, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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### Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

We will celebrate the Last Supper Jesus had with the Apostles by gathering at the church in the Library, in successive table settings of 13 persons for a 30-minute worship service. You may



sign up to be part of a group of 12, with Pastor Dan leading each group in worship and Holy

Communion. Worship times will be at 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm.

Sign-up sheets will be on the tables in the Fellowship Hall the first two Sundays of April, or you may reserve your seating at a specific time by phoning or e-mailing the church office.

### Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

There are two opportunities to worship and remember this day on which Jesus was crucified and died:

Community *Stations of the Cross* worship service at 12:00 Noon at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 1660 Elm St., Forest Grove. Community clergy members will be participating in the service, led by **Fr. William Holtzinger**.

An evening *Tenebrae*\* worship service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This service focuses on the reading of scripture and successive extinguishing of candles.

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### Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Easter Brunch, organized by **Ann Ulum** and **Patty Davie**. Come break the fast and join the feast!

9:00 a.m. Come rain or shine we’ll be searching for eggs. Open your eggs to reveal candy or tickets you can use for prizes. Bring your family & friends. Ages 10 and under to hunt please.

10:00 a.m. **Festival Worship celebrating the Resurrection.**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism and the Reception of New Members. If you would like to join the church this day, please speak to Pastor Dan.



\* See page 6

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

**T**hirty-eight years ago on March 20, my father died. At twelve years of age, I was the oldest of five children. My mother wondered how she would ever make it. My father's old boss, Donald K. Grant, then head attorney for Guy F. Atkinson Construction Co. in South San Francisco, California, reached out to our family at that time and since, until his death some years ago.

The year of my father's death, Easter fell on April 14<sup>th</sup>. During Holy Week of that year, a couple of days before Easter, my mother received a card in the mail from Don Grant. The card read simply:

*He is Risen! (also!)*

We stopped going to church as a family after my father's death. But over the years, and as I eventually returned to church, I found that that note sent by Don Grant rang truer and truer. As I came to believe that not only has Jesus risen, I also began to realize that although my father had died, he had also risen.

I met my father's love in the men who reached out and nurtured me in my life including the same Don Grant, my Uncle Jack, and many others. Of course, none of them replaced my Dad and never would, and it's not as if I wouldn't have given anything to have him back. But these men's love and care and guidance over the years reminded me of my father - and my experience of that love was, in some strange way, an experience of my father's love.

As Christians, we are a death and resurrection people. Death is real. It can happen to our dreams, health, and those we love. When it happens, ours is the task to see the new life given, the resurrection beyond the death. Sometimes we don't see it or realize it until years later. But it is there. There is always something born when something dies. Always. I believe that.

In faith,




**Pastor Dan**

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### LIFE TOGETHER

Interested in our church's history? Or thinking of joining the church? Want to know more? Come to a class led by Pastor Dan and others, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, to get acquainted with Forest Grove UMC's past, what membership in the church means, how we approach the Bible, and what spiritual growth opportunities are available for you here. *If you need childcare, call the church office.* Have any questions? Call **Pastor Dan** at the church: (503-357-2689).

# APRIL 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday										
March 2006		May 2006														
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	1 1:00 p.m. <b>Walkers and Talkers</b>  Youth: <b>Blazers Game</b>
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<b>Daylight Time Begins</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Lenten Class, Power Hour</b> 10:00 <b>Worship-Communion</b> 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 1:00 p.m. <b>Life Together Class</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group</b>				9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library, all welcome  7:00 p.m. <b>Wesleyans</b> meet in Garden Room	4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  7:00 p.m. Church Council	5:30—7:00p.m. <b>Game Night</b>		Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	8:30 a.m. <b>Garden Party</b>  5:30 Meeting: " <b>The Reason</b> " Potluck and Worship  Pacific University Luau							
9		10		11		12		13		14		15				
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Power Hour 9:00 a.m. <b>Lenten Class</b> 10:00 Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group</b>	6:30 p.m. <b>Education and Congregational Care</b>	9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library, all welcome	4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  <b>NO SPRC</b> this month	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>Evening Worship</b> at 5:00, 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. (see page 1)	<b>Good Friday</b> 12:00 noon: Community <i>Stations of the Cross</i> worship service. 7:00 p.m. <i>Tenebrae</i> worship service  Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	9:30 a.m. Rehearsal for Easter Program  1:00 p.m. <b>Walkers and Talkers</b>										
16		17		18		19		20		21		22				
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Easter Brunch</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Egg hunt</b> 10:00 Worship, Easter Program 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group</b>	3:00 p.m. <b>Gathering</b> at Jennings McCall II	9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library, all welcome  3:00 p.m. <b>Gathering</b> at Alterra  7:15 p.m. Trustee's Meeting	4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg.	5:30—7:00p.m. <b>Game Night</b>  <b>Messenger Deadline May</b> submittals	Office Closed Pastor's Day Off											
23		24		25		26		27		28		29				
9:00 a.m. Power Hour 10:00 Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. <b>Youth Group</b>  Blood Pressure after church	7:00 p.m. <b>Outreach</b>	9:00 a.m. <b>Lectionary Bible Study</b> in Library, all welcome 11:00 a.m. Have committee minutes in the office. 3:00 p.m. <b>The Elms</b> Group	4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting		Office Closed Pastor's Day Off  2:00 p.m. <b>UMW &amp; Friends</b> Meeting	1:00 p.m. <b>Walkers and Talkers</b>  4:00 – 7:00 p.m. <b>Swiss Steak Dinner, Silent Auction &amp; Bazaar</b>										
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### WALKERS AND TALKERS

Come enjoy our beautiful Fern Hill Lake right here in Forest Grove. Our first covenant group "Walkers and Talkers" will meet at Fern Hill wetlands parking lot at 1 pm on April 1 and begin our walk promptly at 1:05 p.m. This little lake is hidden off Hwy 47 on Fern Hill Rd. The path around the lake is wide and level for 1.1 miles. The path is not paved but is gravel and easy to walk on. Slow walkers are welcome. All adults 18 and older are welcome.

This will be a chance to build faithful friendships within our church family with directed conversation following the nine characteristics of biblical fellowship.

Making friends is not always easy. Fortunately God has given us some instruction on this.

#### Our covenant to each other is simple:

1. We will share our true feelings.
2. We will not gossip nor share our confidences outside the group.
3. We will respect our differences.
4. We will make time to share together.
5. We will lovingly speak the truth to each other.
6. We will admit our weaknesses.
7. We will forgive each other.
8. We will encourage each other.
9. We will support each other.

Our second walk will be Saturday, April 15th at 1 p.m. The third, Saturday April 29th. Visiting family members or out of town guests are also welcome.

I will be leading the walks bimonthly on Saturdays at 1 p.m. but the program is available for other times as well. Please let us know if you are interested even if you are not available on Saturdays at 1 p.m. Please contact **Bobby Tabb** or myself.

**Delva Johnson**  
[delvadj@hotmail.com](mailto:delvadj@hotmail.com)  
503-992-0267

### POWERXPRESS NEWS FOR KIDS, PARENTS, TEACHERS.

We're near the end of the current Sunday school Unit.

April 2nd and 9th are dedicated to children and youth meeting for music practice for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. A new unit begins on April 23rd and runs until the end of the school year, with Memorial Day Weekend Sunday off.

Teachers, please plan on meeting with Deacon Rhoda on April 2nd during the 9 o'clock hour.

**Rhoda Pittman Markus**  
[revrpm@earthlink.net](mailto:revrpm@earthlink.net)  
503-357-3998 (home)

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**THE REASON \* POTLUCK SUPPER \***  
"IN HOT WATER"

Saturday April 8th is the date for the next meeting of The Reason. There will be a meal at 5:30 PM, followed by worship. Please make this meal a 'potluck' as Kristi has another afternoon commitment and will not be able to prepare a meal.

Please contact **Kristi Thomason** at: [kristi.thomason@comcast.net](mailto:kristi.thomason@comcast.net), or 503-750-7584, to coordinate food, or with any questions or comments.

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**SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTIES**

It's time to get our gardens in shape for Easter and Steak Dinner visitors. Many hands mean less work for everyone and more gardens get helped. The party starts April 8th at 8:30 a.m. We'll break for coffee about 10:00 a.m. and go home at noon. Bring gloves, rakes, hoes, trowels, clippers, brooms and sun screen! Dress for the weather ... we party rain or shine.

**Margaret Hoerber**

**SWISS STEAK DINNER, SILENT AUCTION & BAZAAR**

Saturday, April 29th.

Please contact *Martha Tunall*, 503-357-0197, to offer your help.

or: [mtunall@comcast.net](mailto:mtunall@comcast.net)

**SILENT AUCTION**

contact *Janet Hummel*, 503-359-3510 or: [janet.hummel@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hummel@verizon.net)

**BAZAAR**

contact *Lois Oakberg*, 503-357-8129 or: [loakberg@aol.com](mailto:loakberg@aol.com)

**HEALTH MATTERS**

Coming soon to a classroom near you:  
the **Spirit Room**.

The premier will be April 23rd in Room 6 in the education wing.

In the Spirit Room will be six stations where you will spend five minutes at each location.

- S - Scripture - Read a variety of scriptures.
- P - Prayer - Spend five minutes in prayer.
- I - I can heal - Choose from a variety of health topics to read.
- R - Reflection - Do some journaling or read inspirational stories.
- I - I can help - Read and sign up for volunteer opportunities.
- T- Thanks - Spend 5 minutes thanking someone who has helped you or the church. Write birthday & anniversary cards.

NOTE: No Blood pressure clinic on Easter Sunday.

On April 23rd, Blood Pressure clinic will be after church only.

*Billie Tveit*, Health Educator & Parish Nurse

**FAMILY BRIDGE**

Dates for the April hospitality week were not finalized at press time. Watch the Bulletin or contact *Liz Swenson* for that information when it becomes available.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

2006 OPERATING BUDGET

*Annual Budget:* \$243,865

Through Feb. 28, 2006:

INCOME	\$33,254.50
EXPENSES	<u>36,039.94</u>
DEFICIT	(\$2,785.44)

**ATTENTION FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES**

The Finance Committee reminds all Fundraising committees to be sure to schedule your event through the church office so the rooms you need will be available. The official Calendar is on the wall in the office. When you start planning an activity, you need to fill out an "Application For The Use Of Facilities" and return it to Ella Mae. She will enter it on the calendar and reserve your space.

The committee received resignation requests from Treasurer Pat Gilman and Financial Secretaries Carolyn and Chuck Ashton., asking that this be their final year serving in those capacities. All three have served faithfully for many years. **We thank you for your dedication in service to our church.**

In order to save on materials and postage, the committee will no longer routinely mail out quarterly contribution statements. Instead, one statement will be sent in October, and a second statement at the end of the year. If anyone would like to receive a statement each quarter, please contact the church office, or *Chuck* and *Carolyn Ashton*.

*Dan Gustafson*, Finance

## Summer Camp

Remember the May 5th deadline for summer camps and retreats; after that date, it costs \$25.00 extra. Pick up catalogs at church, at the Forest Grove City Library, or online at [www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org). Include a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit with the registration form. Campships are available for youth. Call Sue Brenner at 503-357-5409 to get on the list for payment to Conference Treasurer.

Check out the various camps listed. There are many opportunities for a wonderful vacation at each of our beautiful camps. For example, at Wallowa Lake, grandparents can attend a camp, that is similar to an Elder Hostel program, while their grandchildren attend a horse camp all during the same week. The Spirit Life Camps are a great time for a family reunion. Contact Betty or Merrill Ludlam for more information.

### WHAT IS A TENEBRAE SERVICE?

The word *tenebrae* is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is not happy. If your expectation of Christian worship is that it should always be happy and exhilarating, you won't appreciate this service until the second time you attend it.

The service is divided into several long scripture narratives, each one assigned to a different reader. The Tenebrae service works like this: It starts out with the church in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are readings, plus a white Christ candle. The readers go up one at a time, read their assigned selections, and extinguish one of the candles, until only the Christ candle remains. Then someone reads the first part of Psalm 22, which Jesus quoted on the cross. Then the Christ candle is put out, leaving the congregation in near total darkness--and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction and the people leave in silence.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate always needs more committee and board members to help in their effort. There are many tasks to do besides actually pounding nails. Please see Betty Ludlam if you are interested.

## YOUTH NEWS

As Meagan, Emily, Max and I were enjoying our Saturday of service by planting saplings at the SOLV tree planting event in March, we started talking about how wonderful it is to be in ministry. We talked about asking each youth to give one or two hours of each month to be involved in some sort of service. If you have any ideas about possible avenues for service put a note in my box or email me at [bobbybyfgumc@teleport.com](mailto:bobbybyfgumc@teleport.com). Thanks to everyone who supports the youth program with their prayers, thoughts, donations, kind words and time.

Bobby

## THE TRUSTEES NEED YOUR HELP...

We are looking for owners of portable generators! The sump pump that keeps the organ cellar dry runs on electrical power, and in the slight chance that we should have a power outage AND a rainstorm, the organ cellar would be flooded. If we had access to a portable generator, should this occur, we could get it running in short order and not incur any damage. If you have a portable generator, please contact Mac McClelland at (503) 357-1252 and get on the 'emergency generator' call list! We do not need to have the generator here at church, but instead have it a 'phone call away', so that we can get it in short order. Don't let a little weather stop our musical enjoyment!

### CALLING ALL HANDY-MEN (AND HANDY WOMEN)...

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful facility in which to celebrate and share our faith! While our faith is eternal, the facility occasionally needs some care and attention.

Do you have a special skill you might share with the trustees? Handy with fixing lights? Great at stopping a dripping faucet? Please let us know if you have a skill that you can share on an 'as needed' basis. We as trustees promise not to abuse your good intention.

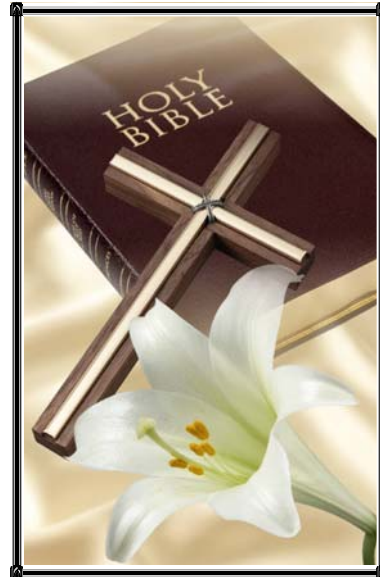
Specific skills that are occasionally needed:

- Light woodwork / carpentry (building frames, hanging pictures, etc)
- Plumbing knowledge (fixing drips, checking out leaks, etc)
- Painting (room touch ups)
- Electrical (fixing light fixtures, checking out the heating system)
- Gardening (troubleshooting plant & grass problems)
- Love to clean & organize ? (closets, rooms, storage)
- Locks & doors (installing locks, trimming doors etc)

None of these are on-going jobs, but instead would generate an occasional call from the trustees when we find something that we need checked out before we incur the expense of hiring a professional. If you have a skill listed, or one you think would be of use to the trustees, please contact **Laura Dionne** (503) 357-5934.

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Please NOTE:  
**April 20th Deadline** for  
May "Messenger" information.



### BIRTHDAYS

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Margaret Harshbarger | April 1st  |
| Mablerose Hanna      | April 4th  |
| Stephen Gapay        | April 6th  |
| Ruth Reese           | April 7th  |
| Ted Oakberg          | April 8th  |
| Priscilla Stinman    | April 10th |
| Ed Davie             | April 11th |
| Logan Anderson       | April 12th |
| Connor Dionne        | April 13th |
| Mary Olson           | April 14th |
| Oliver Cobb          | April 15th |
| Lindsay Spangler     | April 19th |
| Frank Colcord        | April 19th |
| Loyd Wells           | April 19th |
| Buzz Brown           | April 22nd |
| Alyssa Bond          | April 24th |
| Marion Gustafson     | April 26th |
| Lloyd Uecker         | April 29th |

### ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Floyd & Verva Loomis | April 4th, 1940 |
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## *Serving in April*

|                    |                                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Liturgist          | Lucinda Hites Clabaugh                    |
| Altar Guild        | Shirley Gamble                            |
| Bus Coordinator    | Linda King, 503- 357-1141                 |
| Bus Driver         | Morris Haney                              |
| Ushers             | Tom & Jan Stewart, Brian<br>& Val Hawkins |
| Greeters           | Linda King, Erma Heisler, Cal Clayton     |
| Coffee Coordinator | Edythe Westlund                           |
| Fellowship Time    |                                           |
| April 2nd          | Linda King                                |
| April 9th          | Alisa Hampton                             |
| April 16th         | Dionne Family                             |
| April 23rd         | LeRoy & Shirley Gamble                    |
| April 30th         | Mary Ann Mellbye & Phyllis Noah           |
| Nursery            | Katie Billings                            |
| Web Master         | Jenny LaCombe                             |
| Kids Prime Time    | Amy Scott                                 |
| Acolytes           | Max Wilson-Fey                            |
|                    | Noah Wilson-Fey, Henry Gulacy             |
|                    | Chante Gustafson, Rachel Hampton          |
|                    | Taylor Haney, Alyssa Dionne               |
|                    | Ann Ulum & Erma Heisler                   |
| Kitchen Elves      |                                           |
| Sound Ministry     | Sound Team                                |
| Tape Ministry      | Tape Team                                 |
| Health Educator    | Billie Tveit                              |
| Parish Nurses      | Patti Rose, Billie Tveit                  |



**Daniel Wilson-Fey** 503-359-4249 Pastor  
**Rhoda Pittman Markus** 503-357-3998 Deacon  
**Bobby Tabb** Youth Pastor  
**Ella Mae James** Church Secretary  
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## **CHOIR CORNER – DACE HORN**

Our talented organist/pianist came in 1996 from Latvia to work in Virginia as an au pair. A distant cousin invited her to visit California, then helped her through community college in the Bay Area. Dace completed her Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance at Pacific University in 2003. On that August 1, Dace married Martin, a graphic artist and musician who composes his own songs for piano and guitar. The young couple lives in Forest Grove.

Dace began accompanying the Gospel Choir at UCC in 2001. Since last fall, Dace has also been its director. "I've sung in choirs all my life, but now I watch Betty Pritchard and George Harshbarger (who leads Pacific's Choral Union) to learn all I can about directing."

Dace gives piano lessons, delighting the parents so much that they donate plots of their gardens for Dace to raise her own vegetables. And delighting Rachel and Sarah so much that they are disappointed to have to wait a week between lessons.

## **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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