



# FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Messenger

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### PASTOR'S STUDY LEAVE

Dan will be spending time away from the Forest Grove area. Please support Dan as he takes this journey.

The study leave will run through July 20<sup>th</sup>. That is a span of 3 Sundays in July. During the time that Dan is away, there will be guest preachers including pastors and lay members. Please contact the church office should a pastoral need arise. You may contact a member of SPRC if you have any questions about the leave.

Submitted by: *Bryan Hawkins*

### TILLAMOOK FOREST HIKE

There will be a morning hike in the Tillamook Forest on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a potluck lunch at the Jensen's house. If you wish to join us and need directions then call Pearl or Harold at 503- 842-0026.

I know this is a short notice for planning, but there will be more such hikes -- we will plan one for August. Our hike will be about three miles and we will accommodate most hiking abilities or speeds. The route goes on one trail to a destination and then returns on the same trail so members that do not wish to go the full distance will be met by the rest of the party on the return.

Hiking trails in the Tillamook are great fun and only 30 miles from Forest Grove. Hope to see you on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and also in August.

Submitted by: *Harold & Pearl Jensen*

### SECOND SATURDAY GARDEN PARTY

Our monthly garden party will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> in the churchyard. Hope you can spare us an hour or two. Weeds and refreshments are furnished; please bring your own tools (and sunscreen; I'm feeling optimistic). We begin at 8:30 and finish no later than noon.

Submitted by: *Margaret Hoerber*

### PARKING LOT SALE

Mark your calendars for **Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>** for the parking lot sale in our church parking lot. Rent a space and have your own garage sale here! The event will be well advertised and lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.) will be available. See the poster outside the fellowship hall for details.

Submitted by: *Lois Oakberg*

### BROWNIE SUNDAY

Brownie Sunday will be July 3 this year – so dig out your favorite brownie recipe or find a new one and bring a dozen or so to share at fellowship time. It's always fun on Brownie Sunday.

Submitted by: *Janet Hummel*

### THANK YOU

*Cal Clayton Sr., Loretta and Jayne* wish to thank all of you that supported us on our recent Honor Flight to Washington D.C and those that greeted us at the airport on our return to Portland.

Submitted by: *Cal Clayton Sr.*



## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

I am writing this from the Annual Conference session at the Salem Convention Center where I spent one of the days with these people from your church who came to listen to Conference presenter, Michael Slaughter:

Ted Oakberg  
Patti Rose  
Liz Swenson

Lela Baskins  
Dave Rose

Rhoda Markus  
Ann Ulum

Michael Slaughter is pastor of a United Methodist Church church in Ginghamburg, Ohio, that has completely changed its focus toward mission and outreach. He told us amazing stories of lives changed, disciples made, and hearts transformed by the power of God's Holy Spirit in Jesus name. I think all of us were inspired by his presentations. I encourage you to ask the people above about this.

One thing Rev. Slaughter reminded us is that we, like any business, need to know and remember what business we are in. For the United Methodist Church, we know what our business is, and we name it this way:

### **TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**

People do this in different ways. Churches do this in different ways.

I am sure our church will do this a new and different way in the days to come. I don't know the details, but that it will happen, I have no doubt.

I'll say it again: ask Ted, Lela, Rhoda, Patti, Dave, Ann, and Liz what Mike said. They may have a clue about something new God is about to do in, among, and through us to...to what?

### **TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**

Part of my job as pastor is to equip you to do this. But wait! Help is on the way! The Annual conference is starting "The Vital Church Project" and "Vitality U," where churches learn to make disciples and transform the world in new and different ways.

I do ask for you to pray for me as I discern how to equip and nurture disciples.

I'm praying for you.

You already know that I am away from the church for awhile for some personal discernment. When I return, I will share with you what I've learned, what God has said, and directions I feel led. And I'll want to hear what God has done in your heart, too.

This is God's church. And what God has yet to do in, through and among us, as the Hymn of Promise says, is "unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

God sees it. And soon, it will be revealed to us all. So ask around. Look around. Pay attention. Wake up. There's a call coming in...

Walking with you in faith,



Pastor Dan

## FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

**A**t the May Church Council meeting, there was a big conversation concerning leadership and confusion around the way we are currently organized and lots more. One strand of the conversation was around taking pressure off of the need to meet in committees throughout the summer and into the fall while spending time on building relationships and maybe even discovering passions. This came with openness to anyone with an idea going ahead and developing it. Any person taking the council up on developing an idea is urged to consult, first, with some church council members and/or Pastor Dan.

Later that week, in reading from Mike Slaughter's *CHANGE THE WORLD – Recovering the MESSAGE and MISSION of JESUS* in preparation for Annual Conference, I came across a few lines that I would like to share with you. The illustration is set in the context of a discussion of the priesthood of all believers, meaning every follower is anointed and appointed by the Spirit to use the gifts that he or she is given, for the benefit of Christ's body and mission.

*“When Ginghamburg Church had fewer than one hundred people, I was the only salaried staff person. Every hand was needed to accomplish the aggressive mission agenda that we were called to do. **Peggy** began the gently used clothing store; **Sue**, the food pantry. A local school **teacher /track coach** created one of the most mission-driven student ministry programs in the country. Two years later **Mike** became our second full-time staff person. **Mary** oversaw the newly formed cell group ministry, and **Lou** created a children's program and, within five years, a preschool day care. **Dean** directed our visitation and hospital teams, and **Tom** organized our mission team. **Randy** put together four worship teams. **Rose** led the prayer chain. **Diane and Len** nurtured seekers through the membership assimilation process. The church of fewer than one hundred people had fifty to sixty disciples functioning as unpaid staff with a budget of \$27,000 a year.” (p. 53,54)*

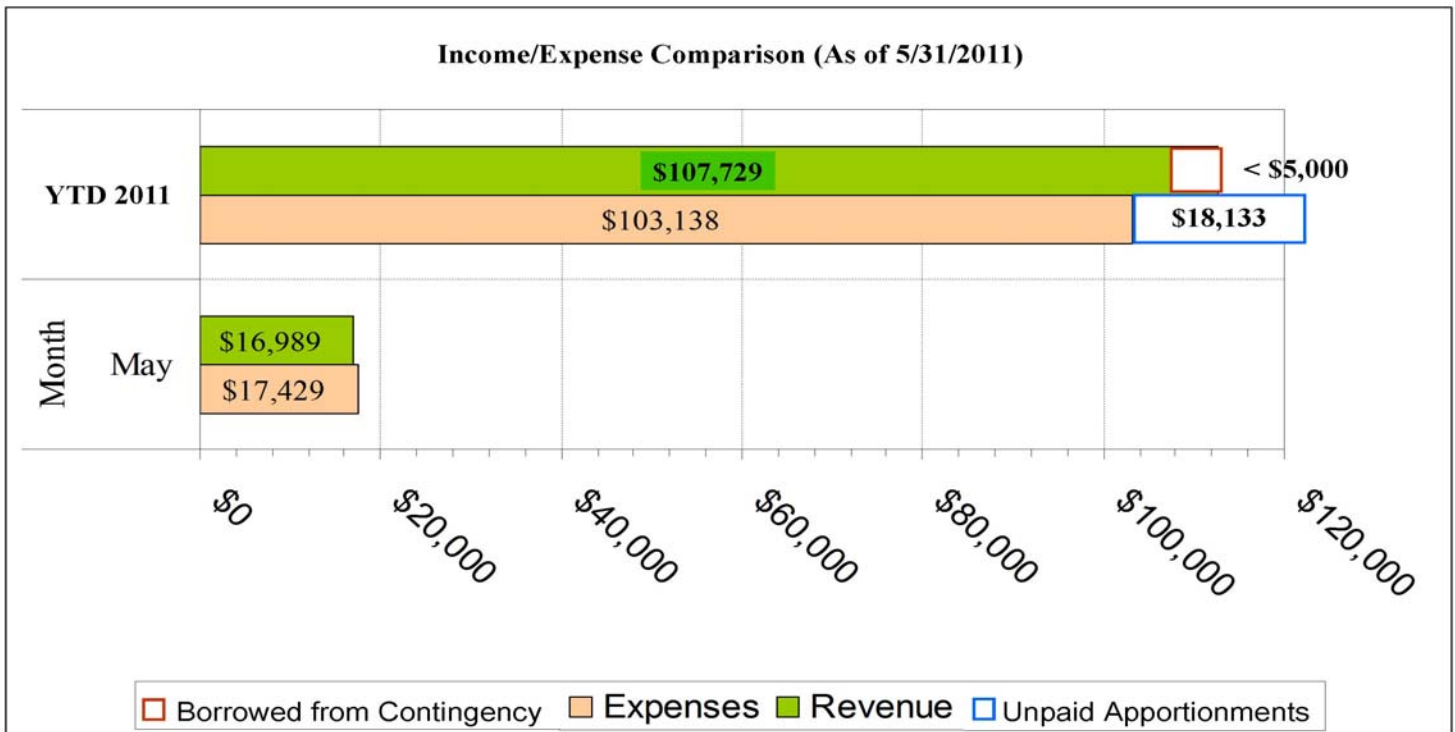
It is not only adults who take this seriously. Bishop Hoshibata told the story of 9 year old Hayden who likes to fold paper airplanes. He visited a friend's church and was excited by the paper cranes hanging above the altar. At home he asked his mother if she thought people would buy paper cranes if he folded them. She supported the idea and asked him what he would do with the money. His answer surprised her. He told her he would give it to the Bishop's Loose Change for Hunger campaign. On Pentecost the altar of his church was covered with brightly colored cranes and he gave over \$200 to the Hunger campaign. What an inspiration!

You notice that all this ministry was not established by a committee thinking about what they might do, and who might do it, and then going home without an action plan, but by individuals with a passion for one idea. I would guess that each person named in the passage found others with a similar passion and together they became a task force or work group. Some of this is happening at FGUMC.

One of the keys is allowing folks to follow their passion, another is real discipleship commitment. One of the ways that many churches have used to help people discover their passion is through some form of spiritual gifts inventory. A spiritual gifts inventory can be as simple as a paper and pencil inventory or as complex as a group process over several weeks. It is key, through. One of the chief reasons for burn out in leadership, I believe, is when a person takes on a responsibility out of a sense of obligation rather than in response to a passion or strong interest or commitment to an idea for ministry.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



**NOTES FROM FINANCE**

You may have noticed that the bar graph showing our revenue and expenses looks different this month. The Finance committee felt that what's been provided for the past few months may have been a bit misleading. Although on the face of it we appear to be ahead of the game with revenue versus expenditures, the reality is that we've had to borrow \$5,000 from contingency in order to make payroll AND we've yet to pay any of our apportionments which are approximately \$18,000. The bar graph in this issue of the Messenger shows both the contingency transfer and the amount of unpaid apportionments. Many thanks to Ed Davie for creating this more accurate bar graph.

In order to balance our 2011 budget, we have requested that approximately \$65,000 in untapped endowment fund dividends and interest from the last few years be transferred to the operating budget. Ted Oakberg, the Grant Committee Chairperson, is helping move this grant request through the process. If you have any questions regarding the church's finances, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Finance Committee.

Submitted by: **Barbara Huson**

**GRANT COMMITTEE ACTION**

\$64,527 of earnings (interest and dividends) has been transferred from the Endowment Fund to the Grant Fund. An Application for Ministry Grant from **Barbara Huson** and the Finance Committee requests this amount of money be transferred to the operating account in order to balance the 2011 church budget.

The Grant Committee recommends this grant request to the congregation for its consideration. The Application for Ministry Grant is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Written input may be left in the grant committee mailbox or contact **Ted Oakberg**. Final action on the grant request will be taken at the Grant Committee meeting Wednesday, July 20.

Submitted by: **Ted Oakberg**

# F. G. U. M. C. CALENDAR FOR JULY 2011

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ARLEIGH BERGET**  
**JUNE 24, 1926 -- JUNE 2, 2011**

We are saddened by the death of our fellow member **Arleigh Berget**; yet we join his family in rejoicing that he is at peace, home in the loving arms of the Lord.

**Arleigh M. Berget** was born to Arthur and Minnie Berget on a small farm in Roslyn, South Dakota on June 24, 1926. Later the family, including his sister Judy, moved to Silverton, Oregon, where brothers Jerome and Ellsworth and sister Sharon were born, and where Arleigh graduated from high school 1944.

During WWII, he served in the Air Corps and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant. He studied education at Eastern Oregon College, where he met the love of his life, Donna Gordon; they married in 1950. The next year, they both graduated from EOC, welcomed son Monte, and Arleigh began teaching at Lincoln Junior High in Forest Grove, Oregon. Daughter Kelly joined the family in 1954.

Arleigh enjoyed teaching and being a principal at Lincoln, Joseph Gale, Neil Armstrong, Dilley, and Harvey Clarke, all in the FG School District; also one year in the Clatskanie School District early in his career. He loved his students and staff, and was deeply loved and respected by them.

Playing golf with many friends, locally and in Arizona, for almost 70 years, was one of Arleigh's favorite hobbies; he also was privileged to play at St. Andrews in Scotland, with son Monte at Pebble Beach in California, and at several other courses. When he stopped playing golf this year, he made sure that grandson Erik would have his golf clubs, and hoped that Erik would enjoy the sport as much as he had.

He cultivated many deep and lasting friendships over the years. Arleigh's grandchildren were a source of great joy to him; he felt blessed that he could see his son and family while spending winters in Arizona, and daughter and family for the other half of the year while in Forest Grove.

Tracing family roots led Arleigh to meet several family members while traveling in Norway. Arleigh and Donna also were able to travel extensively to Europe, the Panama Canal, Alaska, Hawaii and throughout the United States. Two celebrations, one in Sunriver and another at FGUMC, their church for almost 60 years, marked the couple's 60th wedding anniversary.

In October of 2009, Arleigh was diagnosed with ALS. Treatment followed at two topnotch ALS medical centers: Providence in Portland and the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ.; at both, he met knowledgeable and caring people. The Paralyzed Veteran office in Portland was also very supportive during this time. Arleigh's family was able to spend a lot of time with him during his battle with ALS.

Arleigh was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ellsworth, and sister Judy Sieberg.

Survivors include his wife Donna of Forest Grove, son Monte (Debi) of Gilbert, AZ, daughter Kelly (Robin) of Portland, brother Jerome (Janiece) of Waldport, OR, sister Sharon (David) Roth of Portland, sister-in-law Mary Berget of Cedar Hills, UT, grandchildren Dana (Jeremy) Sackrider of North Pole, AK, and their children Logan, Ashton, and Tatum, Lexi Berget of Gilbert, AZ, Erik Olson of Lemoore Naval Air Base in California, former daughter-in-law Maureen Bles of Tempe, AZ, and several nieces & nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the ALS Foundation at 310 SW 4th Ave, Ste 630, Portland, OR 97204, or to Paralyzed Veterans at 100 SW Main St., Floor 2, Portland, OR 97204, or a favorite charity.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence, go to [www.fuitenrosehoyt.com](http://www.fuitenrosehoyt.com).

**A LETTER FROM THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

Tuesday, May 3, 2011  
Dear Pastor Dan, members of the youth group and all members of the church,

This morning, Tuesday, May 3, the children and parents of Elizabeth Perry Montessori were greeted by beautiful artwork chalk drawings on the cement as they walked in.

The children were abuzz. We let them know that members of this church want us to know that Jesus loves us and that they love us too.

It is a message that goes to our hearts and reminds us why we are here.

With deepest respect, gratitude and love,  
Members of the  
*Elizabeth Perry Montessori School*



**USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED**

Usher and Greeter slots are open for the remainder of the year. If you are unsure what to do – we will be happy to show you the ropes – it’s fun, easy and a great way to meet your fellow members!

**THANK YOU, JACK AND ROSEANNA**

Jack and Roseanna Murphy are stepping down as lead ushers and they’ve done a great job the past two years.

Please join me with a big **Thank You** to Jack and Roseanna for their dedicated service.  
Submitted by: *Janet Hummel*

**NEW PHONE # FOR DONNA BERGET**

Due to confusion at the phone company, Donna Berget has a new phone number in Forest Grove: **503-941-9948**. If you have a church phone directory dated 5/26/11 or later, the new number is listed there. If not, you can pick one up in the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by: *Liz Swenson*

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Our coffee supply is almost depleted. Donations of regular and/or decaf are welcome. Simply leave it on the center island in the kitchen.

Also, we need powdered drink mix and/or frozen juice/lemonade. Thanks to everyone.

Submitted by: *Janet Hummel*

**ANNOUNCING EMMA ENGLIN**

Emma was born June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:45a.m. She is a healthy girl at 7 lbs 14 oz. She is 19.5 in. long. And... a **redhead!**

Submitted by: *Jenny Englin*

**NOTE TO WESLEYANS**

The parking lot sale is fast approaching. If you have items to donate, please price them if possible and bring them to Room 9 in the Education Wing by Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call 503-357-7281. Thanks.

Submitted by: *Virginia Heald*

**July Youth Mission**

Tentative schedule:

July 23rd Meet at Forest Grove United Methodist Church @ 12 p.m.

Do mission project in afternoon  
Swim at Ann and Robert's?  
Stay at church

July 24th- Mission work around Forest Grove  
Help with The Gathering (youth led worship)  
Stay at church

July 25th- Head to Hillsboro for mission work  
Stay at Hillsboro UMC

July 26th thru 28th- Stay at Tigard UMC  
Mission work varies from Oregon Food Bank, Medical Team International, Humane Society, etc...  
End with dinner together  
Back home by 7pm

Submitted by: *Emily Tabb*

## YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Last month your Board started addressing the subject of unfilled volunteer jobs within the Church. Some of these jobs are Board positions and some are the opportunities we have each week to help, for example Fellowship Time. The Council felt that if members got to know each other better the reluctance to help would be reduced. Thus, Tables for Seven, groups of seven that gather for social times such as dinner, is being re-started. I am glad to report that over fifty members have signed up and Emily Tabb has created seven tables, informed all, and we are on our way. This should be a great start in coming closer together.

I see many ways that we are working together now. The Garden group is getting things green and we have wonderful music. The Wesleyans women's group stepped up to a need, saved for 3 years, and we now have a new refrigerator. We were filled with accomplishment and fellowship at the end of the Swiss Steak dinner a few weeks ago. This month we will have the opportunity to help at the Parking Lot sale on the 16th and also chances to jump in when needed during Pastor Dan's leave.

But we are not doing all we could or should do. We need help in the Nursery. *Janet Hummel* took on a very difficult job, Hospitality, with a large portion of the job being just getting members to sign up for Fellowship Time, Ushers, and Greeters. Many times there were last minute scrambles in the background to fill in when nobody stepped forward to help their fellow Church members. When things were not right people have said "why didn't *they* make coffee?" Well, *they*, people, are *us, me, and you*. *We* are the Church. *We* are the "*Doers*." If *We* do not step up and be the "*Doers*" then *We will all be the Losers*. If a large portion of the Hospitality job is just getting members to help fellow members, that is sending a strong message about ourselves.

Please step forward so that all the needs of our Church are filled. Tables for Seven could help us on our way to becoming a closer, warmer, Church that does good works both within the Church and within the community.

Submitted by: *Harold Jensen*  
Chair, Church Council

## MISSION MOMENT

In March, Rhoda Markus and Chuck and Betty Pritchard went on a mission trip to Costa Rica. We prepared a building site for construction of 4 apartments for married student housing at the Biblical University of Central America. It involved a lot of hard work clearing debris, breaking up cement and leveling 4 plots so that construction of these apartments could proceed smoothly. Our mission team welcomed Paul, a gentleman from Texas, to our team. Paul seemed to be asked to work with several of the ladies breaking up concrete. We called ourselves Paul and the Grandmas! Chuck and team members Sam and Glenn were busy preparing a "bodega" or work shed to protect tools needed for the construction site.

In early June, Betty and Chuck heard of a need to transport cleaning kits to the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City. These cleaning kits were collected at First UMC in Portland with no way to get them to Salt Lake. Meanwhile, Donna and Glenn Waltman, of Welches, Or., had collected 12 grocery bags full of health and birthing kits that needed to be transported as well. Chuck and Betty decided to include Salt Lake City in their travels. "We had been wondering what the Depot was like and we found out!" There are 3 warehouses available for storage of a variety of kits that are made ready to be sent out to disaster areas around the world.

We would like to take a mission team to the West Depot sometime in 2012. We would be checking and filling emergency kits. Let us know if you are interested in this project.

Submitted by: *Chuck and Betty Pritchard*



GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH



From Left to Right: *Betty Pritchard, Marilyn Carr, Marion Gustafson, Lela Baskins and Janet Craig.*

On May 26th, Betty Pritchard, Marilyn Carr, Marion Gustafson, Lela Baskins and Janet Craig attended a "Great Hymns of the Faith" session at the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek. A morning of inspiring music led by Rev. *Laura Jaquith Bartlett* was followed by a delicious lunch at the center.

Submitted by: *Janet Craig*

*(Watch for notices of other trips; there will be another session on 8/25 and again on 10/27, each with different hymns.) -Ed.*

THANK YOU FOR THE NEW GARDEN

Have you seen the lovely setting Ann Ulum created against the South East corner of the Fellowship hall? Chuck, Betty, Earl and I had donated the bench in memory of Charles and Alice Pritchard and Mildred Nemecek. But the setting Ann created is beautiful way beyond my expectations!

Submitted by: *Mary Jane Nordgren*

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please be sure that the church office has your new address as soon as possible. Thank you.

Submitted by: *Liz Swenson*  
Administrative Assistant

BIRTHDAYS

Fletcher Johnson	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rebekkah Anderson	July 5 <sup>th</sup>
Elizabeth Larsen	July 7 <sup>th</sup>
Derek Rose	July 7 <sup>th</sup>
Carson Ashton	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Embree	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Noah McGee	July 11 <sup>th</sup>
Pat McClelland	July 11 <sup>th</sup>
Lois Brewer	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Ann Ulum	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Beth Hall	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Hugh Gapay	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
Corinne Scott	July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia McLeod	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Cecilia Brungard	July 26 <sup>th</sup>
Jean Aull	July 28 <sup>th</sup>
Dominic Pultz	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Sefler	July 30 <sup>th</sup>

ANNIVERSARIES

Cliff & Mildred Kennedy	July 8 <sup>th</sup>
Matt & Terri Jones	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Mac & Pat McClelland	July 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mat & Leah Henriksen	July 26 <sup>th</sup>

UMW -- UMM MEETING

The United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men will share a potluck lunch on Sunday, July 24th at 12:20 p.m., followed by separate meetings and a program. Please join us!

Submitted by: *Lela Baskins*

## SERVING IN JULY

Lay Leader	Ann Ulum
Altar Guild	Shirley Gamble
Bus Coordinator	Lois Oakberg, 503-357-8129
Bus Driver:	David Rose & TBA
Ushers & Greeters	Hospitality Team
Coffee Coordinator	Janet Hummel
Fellowship Time	
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brownie Sunday
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jones Family
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Englin & Lilly LaCombe
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Bond
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Brenner
Nursery Supervisor	Melissa Holcomb
Web Master	Jenny Lyn Englin
Kitchen Elves	Virginia Heald & TBA
Sound and Media	Steven Wong
Parish Nurse	Patti Rose

## MUSIC CORNER –LEAH HENRIKSEN

Leah grew up in Newport and graduated from Linfield College, majoring in sociology with minors in both Spanish and anthropology. While in college she'd studied in Ecuador and Mexico, reinforcing her love for Spanish. To combine her varied interests, she earned her Master's in bilingual education at OSU.

In 2003, Newport High School sweethearts Mat and Leah were married in the Newport church in which Leah's parents had been married. The couple moved to Forest Grove for Mat to begin his Master's in Special Education at Pacific U.

Leah has taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Cornelius for seven years and this past year taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Cornelius. While she teaches, a loving caregiver from Guatemala has their daughter Freya. Hoping to give Freya a painless bilingual education, Mat speaks to Freya in English while Leah speaks to her in Spanish. The Henriksens are thrilled with how much Freya grasps naturally in both languages.

Leah loves to run, to sew and quilt. Her "ear" for languages is complemented by her ear for music. Leah plays piano and hand bells, and can be heard playing sweet soprano in the recorder group.

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