



FOREST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 2nd, Ash Wednesday
12 noon in the sanctuary,
9 a.m., 12 noon, and 6 p.m. on Zoom with
Rev. Wendy

Mondays in Lent, Lenten Devotion
12 noon on Zoom with **Rev. Wendy**

Wednesdays in Lent, Communion Service
12 noon in the Sanctuary

Thursdays in Lent
5:15 p.m. on Zoom with **Pastor David**

March 6th, The First Sunday in Lent
Luke 4:1-13
“Practical Exams”

March 13th, The Second Sunday in Lent
Luke 13:31-35
“Fox and Hen”

March 20th, The Third Sunday in Lent
Guest preacher, **Rev. Lowell Greathouse**
Exodus 3:1-15. Psalm 63:1-8
“It’s Time to Start Walking Barefoot”

March 27th, The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Luke 15:1-13, 11b-32
“Reckless Love”

Submitted by: *Pastor David*

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Although Family Promise (FP) is no longer asking homeless families to move from church to church weekly, they are continuing to support homeless families, currently at their Beaverton house and in the future the Hillsboro house. FGUMC is able to help the organization by allowing FP to store contributions in Room 9 (previously the rummage room) of the Education Wing.

Although they have quite a few donations to store, they are still requesting the following items if you would like to help out.

- ◆ Baby items for a soon to be mom in our program. We are holding a baby shower for her.
- ◆ brand new dish sets and/or pot and pan sets. You can find each of these at Walmart for \$20. Due to covid we would like new sets at this time. We are thinking of holding a fundraiser or drive to raise money to purchase new kitchen sets.

Contributions can be dropped off at the church office.
Thank You.

Submitted by: *Janet Hummel*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS
SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH
CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?**



PASTOR'S MESSAGE AND WORSHIP PREVIEW

March 20th marks the beginning of Spring, a season of growth and renewal. In the church calendar, March 2nd marks the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation, leading up to the great joy of Easter, on April 17th.

Lent lasts forty days, not including Sundays. Traditionally, Lent is a season of fasting, but every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, every Sunday is a little Easter, so they are excluded from the Lenten fast. In the ancient world, meat was the most common thing to fast from during the season.

Today, we usually think of giving something up for Lent; we also often add something for Lent. So, someone might give up television for Lent, and at the time take on reading a religious book. One might give up desert and take on donating toward the elimination of hunger. The idea is to change our patterns in a way that makes us more attentive to God, and therefore more attentive to our neighbors.

This, Lent will come along with a number of new worship opportunities. There are three offerings on Ash Wednesday. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Wendy Woodworth, will be offering an online worship via Zoom at 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 6 p.m. on April 2nd. The Ash Wednesday Service will feature prayer, reflection, and engagement with ashes or a symbol of ashes. Participants will have to provide their own ashes or the like such as dirt/soil or have an image of ashes available to them. Look for the link on our church website, umcforestgrove.org. I'll lead an in-person Ash Wednesday service at 12 noon in the sanctuary.

There are also three new mid-week offerings during this season. On Mondays at 12 noon, Rev. Wendy will lead a 30-minute Lenten devotion via Zoom. On Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., I'll be leading evening prayer via Zoom. Links for both of these can be found on the church website. Finally, on Wednesdays, I'll be celebrating a communion service in the sanctuary at 12 noon.

On Sundays this month, we'll hear the story of Jesus tested in the wilderness before his public ministry. We'll consider how Herod and Jesus represent two very different kinds of kingship. We'll hear how Moses reacted to the presence of God. And we'll ponder the parable of the prodigal, or is it the parable of the reckless father.

Blessings to you in this season.

+ Pastor David

Pastor David, Your servant in Christ

SANCTUARY FLOWER REQUEST

As we hopefully continue being able to worship in the sanctuary, it is lovely to have flowers on the altar. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please let me know. Call, text or email and we will work it out.

You can arrange your own flowers as gardens start to bloom, pick something up from the store or florist, or earmark a donation for altar flowers and I can take care of it. You can take them with you after church or arrange to get them later if you worship online.

Val Hawkins, Altar Guild Chair
971-404-5152 bvhhawk@gmail.com

MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY CAMP

Campers - Get your CAMPING Gear together - although FGUMC no longer has a sponsored family camp over Memorial Day at Camp Magruder, we can all register separately and request rooms in the same cabin! If interested, please go on line to register and contact me so I can add your name to the list! Need help with funding, let me know!

Site: Camp Magruder

Dates: 5/27/2022 - 5/30/2022

Age Level: All Ages/Family

Cost: \$217 Adult | \$175 Youth 5-17 | \$0 Child 0-4 | \$800 Family Maximum (A non-refundable \$50 deposit (one per adult) is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)

[Click here to register](#)



Get away with the family this holiday for restful fun on the Oregon Coast. Get to know other families as you share in fun Magruder activities like swimming, boating, crafts, beach time, archery, and campfire. Share delicious meals cooked by our camp chefs and meaningful worship time prepared by our creative staff. This is one of our most intimate family camps, so family groups will have the opportunity to get close and develop meaningful friendships all while making memories lasting for years to come.

Check in at Camp Magruder will be between **3 and 4 p.m.**

on **Friday** afternoon. If you are unable to arrive by 5 p.m., please contact the Camp Magruder office at **503-355-2310**. Camp will conclude on **Monday at 10 a.m.**

For registration information, please contact our camp registrar at 503-802-9214 or registrar@gocamping.org. **A non-refundable \$50 deposit (one per adult) is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session. The family maximum (\$800) applies only to family members residing in the same household. Please contact the registrar after paying the deposit if the family maximum applies to your household.** All balances should be paid at least two weeks before camp unless prior arrangements have been made.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP

Our website has the information about what to bring, directions to camp, camp policies and health forms on one page: [Ready, Set, Go to Camp!](#)

If registering by mail, please send a completed [medical form](#) (one for each adult or child) to the camping office at least 10 days before the camp begins.

If you have special dietary needs, please contact the camp at least two weeks in advance. (Contact information below.)

The address for Camp Magruder is:

17450 Old Pacific Hwy.
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136
Phone: (503) 355-2310

troy@campmagruder.org

hope@campmagruder.org

Submitted by: *Janet Hummel*

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

These words have been on the wall of my home office for many years.

“Our ancestors regarded Friendship as something that raised us almost above humanity. This love, free from instinct, free from all duties but those which love has freely assumed, almost wholly free from jealousy, and free without qualification from the need to be needed, is eminently Spiritual. It is the sort of love one can imagine between angels.”

C.S. Lewis in *The Four Loves*

In the book “Leap Over a Wall” which is the book being read by Early Church, Eugene Peterson, perhaps commenting on the words of C.S. Lewis, has this to say:

“That it’s ‘spiritual’ doesn’t make it safe. But its spiritual quality does make it rare and, for those who enter into it, exquisite”.

I have a few friends (and I bet you do as well) that are made of the same stuff of which C.S. Lewis speaks. Some of them are long term from when I was quite young. Some are of medium duration. Sometimes a person enters our life and in an instant both know that they are destined for an important friendship.

In these days when people move around – often quickly – it is difficult to establish the roots of deep friendship. I would hope for each of you that you have found that kind of exquisite friendship at some time in your life. If you are still young, please keep on the lookout for that kind of love.

Reverend *Rhoda Pittman Fuentes*, Retired Deacon

LAY LEADER REPORT for March, 2022

Wow! I thought last month when I challenged all of you to give up to one hundred pounds of PB and J, that it was an impossible goal, what with our last few months averaging 50-60 lbs. Then on Sunday with 77 lbs. and no more donations coming in, I figured that it was a good try. But with at least three more gifts coming in, we almost made it. Remember last year with us having services in person, we only had about 80 lbs. This year, with extremely limited, virtual church, all I can say is Thank You for being such a great Christian group and supporting one of our Church’s missions!

This month, March, we have a sweet treat. Sugar is what we need to concentrate on collecting. A bag of sugar will help a family’s cook make things that the family wants and needs. So be it brown or white, cubed or granule, please bring your 4 lb. (they used to be 5 lbs. – they cost the same but they put less in) or larger bag in.

The official collection date is the first Sunday of March, the 6th of March 2022.

I know you will.

FOOD DRIVE IN MARCH

What: Sugar

When: The month of March

Why: Food Bank at **Solid Life Church**

Submitted by: *Chuck Pritchard*, Lay leader

Church Visitors

Sandy & Kent Mueller

An Air Force family, Kent and Sandy Mueller were stationed in three states and two countries. Raised in Iowa, they were married in 1970, and their travels began. They have always loved to camp and travel. Both enjoy being active outdoors. They retired in Colorado, where their son lives, but moved to Oregon in 2014 when their daughter had their second grandchild.

While Kent served, Sandy did volunteer work in schools and chapels, and was a church Administrative Assistant for 18 years. Sandy describes herself as a group singer (alto) and a “pray-er”. She is active in Stephen Ministry, caring for persons experiencing difficulties in their lives. With her sense of humor, she says she and Kent “enjoy life.”

The COVID pandemic has cramped their style. Their son has a new granddaughter for them, but they have needed to postpone visiting her as often as they would like. Meanwhile, they are “lurking” around local churches, “But it is an awkward time to be a new-comer.” They have loved our Pastor David’s sermons and his “gentle way of challenging”. We welcome the Mueller’s “lurking” with open (virtual) arms.

Submitted by: *M. J. Nordgren*

HAVE YOU MOVED?

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

Submitted by: *Noelle Voepel*
Church Administrative Assistant

MISSION STATEMENT

Know God.
Build Community.
Impact the World.

Rev. Dr. David King	1-541-399-9020	Pastor
Rhoda Fuentes	503-357-3998	Deacon
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Ed Davie	503-357-3185	Messenger Publisher

Please remember to send your articles to me by the 18th of each month!

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SERVING IN MARCH

Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins
Coffee Coordinator	Amy Scott
Nursery Supervisor	TBD
Kitchen Elves 6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	TBD

BIRTHDAYS

Fred Raycraft	March 2 nd
Morris Haney	March 5 th
Adam Hampton	March 7 th
Patty Davie	March 8 th
Chuck Pritchard	March 10 th
Micah Hampton	March 24 th
Pat Styles	March 28 th
Melissa Mimier King	March 30 th

ANNIVERSARIES

Adam & Alisa Hampton	March 6 th
Ed & Patty Davie	March 28 th

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