



# Messenger

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### WORSHIP PREVIEW

*submitted by Pastor David*

We have an eclectic month of worship in August. As usual, the first Sunday of the month we celebrate communion. We will be premiering Pastor David's jazz communion setting. We'll consider a text from Isaiah in which God offers to let us argue it out when we have differences with God.

Then on August 14th, we will worship outside in the courtyard. Bring your lawn chair, or use a metal folding chair from the church. We will consider our many ancestors in faith and how their stories contribute to our lives of faith today. August 21st, we are having a pulpit exchange with Hillsboro UMC. Pastor David will be preaching in Hillsboro, and we will have Hillsboro new senior pastor, Rev. Jorge Rodriguez preaching here.

We'll close out August considering the call of the prophet Jeremiah, and how sometimes old things need to be cleared away in order for something new to begin.

#### **August 7, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Communion Sunday  
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
"Let Us Argue It Out"

#### **August 14, the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Outdoor Worship in the Courtyard  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
"Cloud of Witnesses"

#### **August 21, the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Pulpit exchange with Hillsboro UMS  
Rev. Jorge Rodriguez, guest preacher

#### **August 28, the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
"In the Womb"

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*submitted by Pastor David*



Dear friends,

Over the next several months, we're going to be going through a process of congregational visioning. We will be finding ways to tell the story of this congregation and engage in deep discernment of what God is doing and how we are being called to participate in God's work. We're still in the planning stages of this process, so expect to hear more details next month.

For now though, you can help by praying. Pray in thanksgiving for the life of this congregation and all the ways it has moved in faith in the past. Pray for the community around us and for all its gifts and needs. Pray for the movement of God's spirit in our midst, and we can hear the call of that spirit. And pray for us to have faithfulness and the courage to respond to the spirit's call for us.

May God bless you as we enjoy the end of summer. And may God lead us forward in faith.

*Your servant in Christ,*

*+ Pastor David*



*Church Photo*

**for Directory / Board**

We are planning to update our church directory with pictures of current and future members.

Please stay after the worship service for a chance to have your picture taken.

For more information, please contact Janet Hummel ([janet.hummel@frontier.com](mailto:janet.hummel@frontier.com))

## FINANCE UPDATE

*submitted by Doug Scott*

The finance committee with approval from the church council has decided to take an additional draw of 5% for the balance of the year to support day to day operations. The draw from our Edward Jones account will be taken in two phases starting immediately. This is necessary to maintain expenses due to lower-than-expected givings for this year.



I also just became aware of QCD's which may be a tax advantage for some of our members. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution from a Traditional or Roth IRA made directly by the IRA trustee to a qualified charitable organization when the IRA owner is age 70 ½ or older. A QCD may satisfy the client's required minimum distribution (RMD) and up to \$100,000 of QCDs may be excluded annually from an individual's taxable income.

Making a QCD provides an opportunity to make a charitable contribution that you might otherwise not have been able to make and/or receive potential tax benefits for charitable contributions that you are already making. You should consult your tax advisor and estate planning attorney about your situation.



## THANK YOU, CONNIE!!

*submitted by Dan Gustafson*

The church has a neighbor who, for the last couple years, has been coming to our property to work as a volunteer. Connie has been trimming and shaping trees and bushes, taking out dead plants, and replacing them with new plants at her own expense. She has worked on the brick walls on the east alcove on Cedar Street—turning the bricks that had become black with dust and dirt and making them look new again both inside and out.

In the fall, Connie blows off the sidewalks and after snowfall she uses her snow blower to clear the sidewalks, not only on the church block but also on other neighborhood sidewalks. Connie is presently working in the alcove on the west side of the sanctuary, cleaning up, trimming and shaping trees and bushes and plants.

When you come by the church and see her working, please stop to introduce yourself. She is a warm person, easy to talk with. You might thank her for all the work she does on our behalf.

## RUMMAGE SALE – AUGUST 27TH

*submitted by Janet Hummel*

### RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED FOR:

- August 26th - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Set-up and contribution drop off
- August 27th - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - SALE!!!!

The sale will be INSIDE of the fellowship hall and possibly Room 8B to sell furniture and electronics. Covered walk ways and Garden room will be open to outside sellers for \$20/table. We will be accepting donations to the church to be delivered with pricing on August 26.



### RUMMAGE SALE

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **August 26th**  
Set-up and movers - 10 am - 12 pm
- **August 27th**  
Set-up - 7:00 a.m. - signs out  
Cashiers, Monitors - 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Clean-up 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Be sure to sign-up on the Volunteer Needed Board in Fellowship Hall or via Email.**  
**If you plan on donating items please send a list to**  
**Janet Hummel ([janet.hummel@frontier.com](mailto:janet.hummel@frontier.com)) in advance to help with advertising.**

## SUMMER FOOD SHARE

*submitted by Liz Swenson*

It's high summer, and our gardens are thriving. In past years we've brought extra produce to church to share with our members. Let's do that again!

We can set up a food-share table at the back of Fellowship Hall. And it couldn't hurt to include canned goods and other nonperishables. Anything left over will go to the food pantry at Solid Life church across the street.



## LAY LEADER REPORT

*submitted by Chuck Pritchard*

I'm late; I'm late for an important date. What in the world is happening to me? I thought I had just penned one of these and it is time again. What am I talking about? Communicating with you and I am sorry to be late. I really am.

Today while working I saw the wife of a friend who had recently died and I turned away to continue my work. I began thinking, "What if it was me or one of mine who had died? Wouldn't it be nice if one of us would receive a quick visit from a friend?" So I went and found her and asked how she was doing. It turned out to be a pleasant discussion about how she was handling things and about how the friends and neighbors were helping.

She also told me how they left her alone to cry and grieve for a week, but when she needed to talk to someone they were there. They had not deserted her, they just let her decide when she was ready to face the world again.



I hope and wish all of you have such good people around you—supporting you and yours.



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

The food bank is asking for **Tuna and Condiments for August and Seasonings** (i.e. pepper, salt, chili powder, etc.) for September.

In July we collected over 175 lbs. of food for our Forest Grove community!

So bring these items and any other nonperishable food in on **Sunday, August 7th and September 4th**. Again, your help taking it over on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. is always appreciated!

*submitted by Betty Pritchard*

## SERVING IN AUGUST

Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins
Coffee Coordinator	Amy Scott

## BIRTHDAYS

Sue Brenner	August 2
Sadie Gunther	August 2
Kaylah King	August 8
Kiahla King	August 8
Dan Gustafson	August 15
Dick Brenner	August 27
John O'Neill	August 29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Laurie Bond	August 1
Melissa & David King	August 14
Frank & Ella Collins	August 31







Forest Grove  
United Methodist  
Church is rooted in  
loving God, loving our  
neighbors, and sharing  
God's abundance.  
We welcome everyone  
on the Christian way of  
learning to live  
generously.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
Know God.  
Build Community.  
Impact the World.

## CHURCH CORNER: AMY SCOTT

*submitted by M.J. Nordgren*

Our gracious coffee lady has been, for years, running Fellowship Hour after church service for us. She comes early to set up, leaves service early to be ready with the hot coffee. And she usually does all the KP duty for us, too. (You might think about dropping by to give her a hand in the kitchen now and then.)

Amy, the fourth of five kids —(J.D., Mary, Tom, Amy and Mark) had been substitute teaching in the Forest Grove School District, but has not been since 2015, so things can get pretty tight. She drives the car for Lucy Patterson, who has recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Scott family moved to Forest Grove from New Jersey in 1969. Her mother, Corinne, was a respected social worker. Her father, John, was a registered seed technologist. His analysis of the true content of a seed shipment was needed for the seed to be shipped across state lines. He relaxed in the FG barbershop choir.

**Open Hearts.  
Open Minds.  
Open Doors.**

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