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WORSHIP IN JULY

submitted by Pastor David

Luke 9:51 tells us, "When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (NRSV). Or in another translation, "As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem" (CEB). From this point on until Luke 19:29, Jesus is on his way there. Scholars call it the Travel Narrative. Jesus knows where he is going: to the cross and death. The question is, who will be able to follow him? After all, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

Throughout the summer, we'll be following Jesus on his journey. We'll see as he sends out seventy of disciples, without any provisions, to proclaim the good news of God's Reign. We'll hear him answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan. We will study the contours of the prayer that he teaches his disciples. And we will consider his warnings about wealth and greed.

On July 17, we'll have a special guest, pianist John Nilsen. Many of you have heard his amazing playing before. With him, we will spend a Sunday praising the greatness of God in music.

July 3, the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

"Whenever You Enter a Town"

July 10, the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 10:25-37

"Go and Do Likewise"

July 17, the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 150

"The Word in Song"

John Nilsen, guest artist

July 24, the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 11:1-13

"Teach Us to Pray"

July 31, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 12:13-21

"The Abundance of Possessions"

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

submitted by Pastor David



Dear friends,

I spent this last week meeting with the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. As it has been for the last three years, most of the conference was conducted online via Zoom. This year, we met in conjunction with the two other conferences with whom we share a bishop: the Pacific Northwest Conference and the Alaska Conference.

My favorite part of the church year is ordination service at annual conference, and I was blessed this year to be able to attend in person. It was especially delightful to be present for the ordination of some close friends: Rev. Jorge Rodriguez of Hillsboro, Rev. Alyssa Baker of Salem, and Rev. Jessie Conner of Vancouver. I was delighted to celebrate with Rev. Jorge, who is, I believe, the first latino ordained in our conference. This year also saw the retirement of eight Oregon-Idaho clergy, including former Forest Grove pastor, Rev. Dan Wilson-Fey.

The conference passed several resolutions affirm our commitment to inclusion and dignity for all person. In particular, we passed a resolution affirming the rights and dignity of transgender persons, another calling for comprehensive immigration reform, and a third affirming our commitment to inclusion of all people. The conference affirmed its intention to remain a part of The United Methodist Church. In late action, the clergy and laity of all three conferences voted to affirm a statement supporting access to vital reproductive healthcare a day after the Supreme Court announced its overturning of Roe v. Wade.

I am proud of the work the conference did this year, and I am really looking forward to a future conference where we can all gather together physically as the incarnated Body of Christ.

Your servant in Christ,

+ Pastor David

CHURCH GARAGE SALE COMING IN AUGUST – DATE NOT YET SET

submitted by Janet Hummel

Tables or parking spaces only for sale
for \$10 table/space. SO start getting
your stuff together and PRICED!!!!
We hope to have it in the Fellowship
Hall and the center parking lot only.

NO STORAGE AT THE CHURCH!!

Questions:

Janet Hummel 503.341.2182 call/text



Food Pantry Needs

The food bank this month is asking
for **bisquick and syrup**, officially, and
staples like flour and sugar are always need-
ed.

So bring these items and any other nonper-
ishable food in. The last day for collection
this month is July 3, 2022. Again, your help
taking it over on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. is
always appreciated!

submitted by Chuck Pritchard

CARE OF CHURCH GROUNDS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

submitted by Janet Hummel

Green Thumb has been hired to mow the extensive lawn of the church, both around the complex and within the court yard. However, they are not hired to maintain the landscaping around the parking lot or facility. The landscaping has been maintained in prior years by a group of individuals who would meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month and which was well known as the GARDEN PARTY.

The grounds were divided by families including the Oakbergs, Swensons, Hoerbers, Bonds and Stewarts. Each family was assigned a section of the landscape primarily by the parking lot. Lois Oakberg still maintains her section but we are looking for volunteers for some of the other sections.

Normally just a small section will be assigned and can be maintained as time permits on your own schedule. If you would like to volunteer and select a section needing care, please contact Janet Hummel after service on a Sunday.



RED CROSS IS COMING TO FGUMC

submitted by Janet Hummel



Together, we can save a life

**Red Cross Blood Drive
in Fellowship Hall
October 28th
12:00p.m.—5:00 pm.**

We will need 1-2 volunteers to help.
If interested or if you have any questions
please contact Janet Hummel 503.341.2182

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PLAN ON GIVING THAT DAY IF YOU CAN!!!!

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP TIME

*submitted by Val Hawkins, Alter Guild Chair
(reprinted from March 2022 Messenger)*

As we 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.

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LAY LEADER REPORT

submitted by Chuck Pritchard

In church choir, we always have a small bass section, which is even smaller due to Covid. Now, I was hoping it would get larger with Ed coming back but due to illness in the family, we still only have a small bass section of one. It hit pretty hard to find out that Ed was in the hospital not only with an infection but with a severe infection.

I felt really small about wanting his companionship but I felt really small when I remembered that Ed also edits the church newsletter. It is amazing how one person could do so much. Now Noelle is stepping in to put together this newsletter in addition to all else she does.

It makes me think of all the things that are done around the church that I don't think about.

- Janet and Betty cleaning and organizing rooms.
- Liz and Karl working so hard on the food bank.
- Amy doing her thing in the kitchen and doing it week after week.
- Val and Brian making sure the alter vestments are just right.
- Gary playing with the plumbing.
- Dan and Ken pruning and working around the outside of the church.
- Brian, who again is on call for all the problems in and out of the church building (Didn't I just see him out weeding the playground?).
- Sharon making sure funerals goes smoothly.

And these are just a few of the people who help at the church. To say nothing of all the things our minister does for the Church and our congregation; visits, Sunday services, Early church, and with the church conference. We have a lot of people to thank—if we remember.



SERVING IN JULY

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

BIRTHDAYS

Derek Rose	July 7th
Elizabeth Larsen	July 7th
Ann Ulum	July 14th
Cecilia Brungard	July 26th

ANNIVERSARIES

Mat & Leah Henriksen	July 26th
Janet & John Hummel	July 29th

CHAIR YOGA CLASS

submitted by Janet Hummel

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

Are you interested in trying a new exercise that is good for your body and your brain?

Come and join us on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for an easy yoga class using a chair.

First class is FREE!!!

Questions?

Contact Janet Hummel
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**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.**

Fran, with the wonderful hint of an accent, was born in Scotland and raised in England. As a young woman, she lived in Canada for a while. It was on the ship returning from Canada to England that she met the young Scotsman who later became her husband. He rejoined his parents in Zambia and wrote to invite her to visit. They married three months later. He worked for the copper mines there. Their three children, Gary, Neil and Alison, were born in Africa. When Alison was only 11 months old, they moved by train and ship and train to Los Angeles.

The family later went on vacation to Oregon. "This is where we're moving to." In Oregon, he worked for UPS, being the only driver who came to Forest Grove. The company really liked Strachan. After his heart surgery, they made him an administrator. Fran worked for more than ten years at Pacific University but was primarily the strong mother and homemaker.

Fran is a regular in FGUMC. She does not get to see her grandchildren or her one great-grandchild often. Husband and son Gary have passed away. Neil is in Idaho. Alison is in Hillsboro and comes when she can on Sunday afternoons to take her mother shopping.

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