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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

submitted by Pastor David

As school and activities get started in September, we are following Jesus and his disciples on the road from Galilee to Jerusalem, on Jesus' journey to the cross. Along the way, Jesus is teaching about the nature and cost of discipleship.

It is not an easy thing Jesus asks of those who would follow him. Discipleship demands everything. Our first devotion must be to God and God alone. Therefore, Jesus warns, before you make the commitment, you should estimate the cost. There are other forces out there that want to put themselves in the place of God in our lives, forces like wealth.

In order to follow God, these forces must be resisted. Know, though, that even before you start searching for God, God is already searching for you, like a woman searching for a lost coin.

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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 from 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 Davie

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS STARTING UP

Youth Group, for middle and high school youth, will be on Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning September 11th.

Come to have fun and learn about your faith. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks are provided.





COMING IN SEPTEMBER....

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 Directory / Board

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

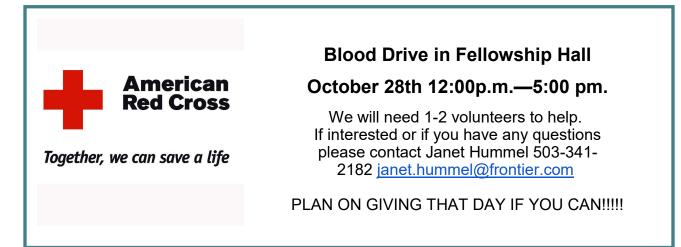
RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

submitted by Janet Hummel

We want to thank everyone for helping to make the rummage sale a success!

- Those who contributed items to sell (especially the Brenner family)
- To the groups that purchased tables
- To the many volunteers!!

Sales totaled \$565 which will be applied to the general fund!





LAY LEADER REPORT

submitted by Chuck Pritchard

Boy, the pandemic has messed up a lot of people and things, but I never thought it would mess up time. It has made a lot of couples and individuals stop and think about what to do. Do you agree to do this or that and what are the repercussions to you or to those around you and these can result in dramatic results. What happens if I go to.....? Everyday important decisions can result with dramatic consequences or not, who can tell?

The time spent on deciding what to do will be gone. I am not advising you to do it quickly or to take a long time to determine what is right. You have to take the time you need to do what is best for you but the time you take is spent, gone and will no longer be available, so use it wisely and to the betterment of all.

For September 4th, the theme for donations to the Solid Life Food Bank is seasonings and spices as well as sugar and flour. Sugar and spice make everything nice!

The theme for the next month, October 2nd, is cake mixes (my favorite!!!).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

BRING THESE ITEMS AND ANY OTHER NONPERISHABLE FOOD

Sunday, September 4th: Seasonings (i.e. pepper, salt, chili powder, etc.) Sugar and Flour

> Sunday, October 2nd: Cake mixes

Again, your help taking it over on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. is always appreciated!

submitted by Betty Pritchard

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER			
Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard		
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins		
Coffee Coordinator	Amy Scott		
BIRTHDAYS			
Calvin Gunther	September 5		
Anne Hall	September 8		
Mary Jane Nordgren	September 10		
Marilynn Carr	September 15		
Mary Ann Mellbye	September 15		
Linda Randle	September 25		
ANNIVERSARIES			
Ken & Nancy	September 11		



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

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

CHURCH CORNER: LYNN ANDERSON

submitted by M.J. Nordgren

Lynn was born on a small farm outside of Washougal, WA. (When she visited the area a while ago, the farm was now an apartment complex.) At 2 years old she moved with her family to Roseburg, OR, where she grew up. After attending Linfield College for two years, she switched to OSU to complete her bachelor's degree in Home Economics. "I wanted to become a dietician, but organic chemistry was my downfall."

Lynn married Glenn, who worked with semi-conductors. Their son, Logan, was born in 1991. Lynn loved the antiques handed down through her family who had been in the Pacific NW for generations. One ancestor was born on the Oregon Trail. She enjoys gardening. Glenn's death after 49 years of marriage, two years ago, left her to care for their front yard of flowers.

A loyal member of the choir and the handbell choir, Lynn has taught Sunday School, been active in SPRC and Education committees and helped with bi-cultural summer camp program. She was our representative to WESTCO for two decades.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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