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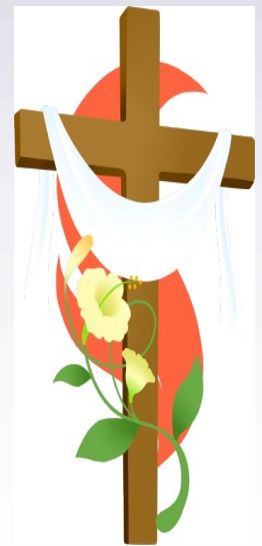
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EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES

April 6—Maundy Thursday Service
Service at FGUMC—7 pm

April 7—Good Friday Service
Service at Hillsboro UMC—7pm

April 9—Easter Service
Easter Egg Hunt—9 am
Worship Service and Flower Cross —10 am
Bell choir to provide the prelude!!!

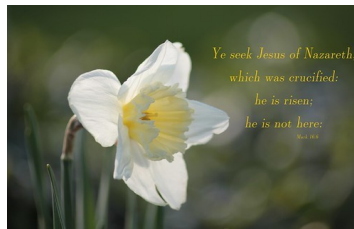


EASTER FLOWER CROSS

Every year for Easter we place flowers on a cross in the sanctuary.

Bring flowers prior to service on Easter Sunday and enjoy the beauty of Spring in our sanctuary on this special Sunday.

He is risen!!!!



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English Classes

Beginning April 17, we'll be hosting classes for adults learning English as a new language. Classes will be Monday and Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:00 pm, April 17—June 14, with in-person registration on Monday, April 10th at 6:30. Cost to students is \$20 for the course book.

We're looking for volunteer teachers. You don't need to know any language other than English, and you don't need to have prior teaching experience. We'll be using curriculum from Intercambio. What you do need is to be patient, enthusiastic, dedicated, friendly, and encouraging, with a desire to learn. I hope you'll join me in the exciting new ministry opportunity!

+ Pastor David

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY	FOOD BANK	KITCHEN ELVES	ALTAR FLOWERS
Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Doug & Joy Scott	Volunteers Needed

St Patrick's Day—Fundraiser Success!!!

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND GAVE!

Over \$2000 was raised for the ADA door—nearly 30% of what is needed!

Over \$100 for the Christmas Baskets—we're well on our way to having generous baskets again this year!

Thanks to all who attended, enjoyed the food and festivities!



PET OF THE MONTH

Handsome black and white neutered male lap cat seeks new position. Harlie is 11 years old, healthy, vaccines current. He wants to be only cat (he doesn't get along well with his current feline house-mate). He prefers to be indoor & outdoor. Anyone interested can contact Liz Swenson, 503-840-0016, lizswenson@coho.net.



IF YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF YOUR PET and would like to share the photo and a few words about how special your pet is—please submit by the 18th of each month to fgumcorg@gmail.com

LAY LEADER REPORT

submitted by Chuck Pritchard

As you exit the Sanctuary, you enter the broad hallway to enter the fellowship hall. You pass around those temporary folding panels and on the fellowship side on the folding panels, near the light switches on the west side, there are postings listing who has volunteered as kitchen-elves; helping with the treats for fellowship time.

Fellowship time is a great time for all, what with all the snacking, the coloring, and talking with friends. Sadly, this may be changing. We need people to help set up and clean up. There are snacks in the pantry; we need someone to help get them out.

There is coffee under the sink; we need someone willing to make it. There is fellowship time after church; we just need you to sign up to do it. The coffee and the snacks cannot do it by themselves, so please sign up for a Sunday, a month, or any convenient amount of time.

It can even be done as a couple. Homemade snacks and cookies are also nice. If not this, there are three other sign-up sheets to peruse.

The next food delivery will be the Thursday after the first Sunday, April 2, 2023, and we are doing fairly well.

Thank you.

Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni and other meal helper foods are the special requests, along with the bulk flour, corn meal and such will be needed for the month coming up.

SERVING IN APRIL

Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins
Choir Director	Robbie Boles
Organist	Alisa Hampton
Coffee Coordinator	Amy Scott

BIRTHDAYS

Freya Henriksen	04/06
Angie Gunther	04/07
Ed Davie	04/11
Logan Anderson	04/12
Rei Hampton	04/12
Connor Dionne	04/13
Matt Hampton	04/13
Doug Scott	04/18
Frank Colcord	04/19
Alyssa Bond	04/24
Marion Gustafson	04/26
Pastor David King	04/29

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

**BRING THESE ITEMS AND ANY OTHER
NONPERISHABLE FOOD FOR APRIL:**

**HAMBURGER HELPER, RICE-A-RONI OR OTHER MEAL HELPERS
ALONG WITH FLOUR, CORN MEAL AND SUCH**



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: Bonnie Bolkan, Ph.D.

submitted by M.J. Nordgren

Bonnie's 14 year old brother was asked how he felt about having a new little brother on May Day. He answered, "At least it's not a sister on April Fool's Day." But Bonnie came a month prematurely, April 1.

A professor of biology at Pacific U., Bonnie says that her dad's family had a nearly 100% cancer rate, so she knew even as a child that her Ph.D. would be in genetics. Her undergraduate degree is from Willamette U. where she knew David King when they were both active in the campus ministry. Her advanced degree is from Cornell.

An avid nature photographer, Bonnie plans another trip to Africa this summer. She has been several times before, as she and her family are active in Hope for the Hopeless in Ethiopia. She has helped refurbish dorms, taught health lessons at the school, and collected supplies for the community health clinic the organization has built. Because of her job commitments, she worked for the group primarily from the U.S.A. Soon, Hope for the Hopeless will be taking in 1,000 of the millions of orphans created by the civil war of the last few years. They hope their promise of guaranteeing to feed them for a year will help people in local communities and nearby cities to take the children into their families. A number of the children Hope has rescued for have gone for medical degrees.

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.

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