



# Messenger

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### WORSHIP IN JANUARY

*submitted by Pastor David*

January 7, Baptism of the Lord  
Communion  
Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11  
“Trouble the Water”

January 14, The Second Sunday after the  
Epiphany  
1 Samuel 3:1-20  
“Speak, for Your Servant Is Listening”

January 21, The Third Sunday after the  
Epiphany  
Guest preacher: Rev. David Nieda

January 28, The Fourth Sunday after Pen-  
tecost—**Joint Service with Cornelius**  
**UMC** (at FGUMC)

*+ Pastor David*



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## CHURCH CORNER: ED DAVIE

*submitted by M.J. Nordgren*

Our gentle bass retired to Oregon because he was tired of shoveling central N.Y snow. He might have managed that, Ed says, but the summers in Bainbridge were hot and humid. Ed had attended Alfred University near Cornell, where he was raised. (“I studied ceramic engineering, but never got to use any of it.”) While he was working in electronics for the Bendix Corp. and raising their 3 sons and 2 daughters, New York was home. But his musical wife had taught school in Portland and Salem, and once she had shown him Oregon, Ed was hooked.

In 1990, Ed retired, and they moved to F.G. In 1992, his first-wife died of cancer. Devastated, Ed went to Hospice meetings and saw Patty, whose husband was also dying. They became a mutual support team of love and generosity. This year, Patty passed away after a long illness.

Ed’s 5 children and 15 grandchildren are spread out over N.Y., Colorado, Vermont, Maine, etc. His daughter Elaine came in December to help him move to New Hampshire to be nearer family. We will miss him terribly as Ed has filled in and taken up nearly every possible role at FGUMC until well into his 90s.

Bless you, Ed, for all you have done. We will miss you!!!

Ed’s farewell party in December





## DECEMBER BEAUTY

December was full of holiday joy with wonderful worship, fellowship time, coloring, and cookies. Thanks to all that made December special, especially the following teams.

*The worship team*—Pastor David, Alisa Hampton, Robbie Boyles, Val and Brian Hawkins, Cricket O’Neill

*The fellowship team*—Sharon Adame, Cricket O’Neill, Amy Scott, Joy and Doug Scott

## YOUTH GROUP

DECEMBER YOUTH GROUP WAS WELL ATTENDED!

YOUTH—6TH GRADE AND UP

ARE INVITED TO A MULTI-CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

**JANUARY 21**

**4—6 PM**

**GROUP LEADERS:**

**EMILY AND BOBBY TABB**



## TRUSTEES’ CORNER

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN HAWKINS, TRUSTEE CHAIR

The Trustees are currently working on the following projects:

- Putting a wireless access point into the Youth Room to extend the church WIFI signal across the courtyard and into some of the classrooms.
- Asking the Church Council to allow us to explore the installation of security cameras. Some things we need to consider are: location, number of cameras, how/whether the images will be stored, and how/whether there will be any notification if someone triggers the camera.
- Working with the city to get access to the parking lot light bulb that is not working so that we can replace it.
- Working on replacing the floodlights that illuminate the large sign on the corner of Cedar and 18th Avenue.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

SUBMITTED BY CRICKET O'NEILL



### Joys in December:

Joy Scott thanked us for our prayers for her brother, Billie Sinclair and her family. Billie is Joy's brother and he passed away after a long painful fight with cancer.

Margaret Elliot said she went with her son to her old church and got to see so many old friends and it was wonderful.

Cricket said she is happy that John is coming home tonight after his week long visit in Toronto Canada to visit his girlfriend.

Robbie said he had a fantastic time with his friends yesterday and last night celebrating his 31st birthday.

Lucinda said she had an amazing time singing Christmas carols with friends on the winter solstice; and really enjoyed singing songs she hadn't in a long time.

Alisa is happy her niece and nephews are coming to celebrate Christmas with her. (This will be their first Christmas without their dad).

Alisa said her son gave her a wonderful gift of a JCPenney family portrait photo shoot. She says they got some silly, fun ones and some really nice ones too

Pastor David announced and congratulated his wife, Melissa for becoming a National Board Certified Teacher. Way to go Melissa!!

Cricket expressed joy at her son taking her to a movie called "the Shift" that is a modern, sci fi retelling of the story of Job.

Robbie and his family are celebrating the birth of his little sister's son, Jackson Jack Philip Smith, 8.59 pounds and 20 inches long, both mom and baby are healthy.

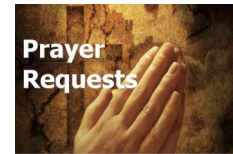
Rob also said that he is so happy and excited over the rental car he has while his car is in the shop.

Cricket expressed joy at Chris Campbell's healing from a traumatic brain injury. The move to the rehabilitation facility went smooth. Please pray that Chris continue to heal in leaps and bounds.

Ed is grateful that he will be moving to the east coast to be closer to family, after living in this area for 30 years. This will be a big move but he is looking forward to it. Elaine, Ed's daughter, thanked all of us for helping her dad and she is so excited that he will be living close enough that he can be a part of their daily lives.

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### Concerns in December:

Val Hawkins said her son-in-law was rushed to hospital last Monday to have an emergency appendectomy. Prayers for his healing please. Prayers also that his 2 and 4 year old sons understand that it's not okay to wrestle with dad right now.

Cricket expressed concern about driving to the airport tonight, due to inclement weather and asked for prayers for safe travels there and home again

Alisa asked for prayers for her mom, MaryJane because she is very dizzy. She asked that we pray for the doctors to find a reason why she is feeling that way.

Sharon asked for prayers for her grandson, Will and his wife Amanda as they have celebrated their healthy son, Lucas's first birthday; but mourn the loss of his twin sister as an infant.

Bonnie asked for prayers for her cousin's family as he passed away a few weeks ago and their car was stolen just a few days ago and they are overwhelmed.

Bonnie also asked for prayers for her and our Jewish friends as we enter this season and for all who are dealing with violence.

Jean Aull posted on Facebook that David is home. He is however continuing to have heart issues. Please pray that David's heart heals.

Robbie asked for continued prayers for his other sister who recently lost her baby. The entire family needs prayers for healing.

Lucinda asked for prayers for Leroy Jackson Jr as he lost his job and his uncle Manuel died unexpectedly. Lucinda asked for prayers that she can keep her stove and oven going strong. They have stopped working a few times and she needs them, not only for food but she also uses her stove at times to heat her house. Lucinda asked for prayers for healing for Millie who has fallen 3 times recently and is at Kaiser. Lucinda asked for prayers for her Mama as she is 94 and losing her sight to cataracts and surgery is not possible due to her age so Lucinda is trying to help keep her feeling chipper. Lucinda is asking for prayers for herself to find a pro-bono or reduced-fee attorney to help her with her issues with PERS, SOC SEC and IRS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Food Bank Donations**— For the first Sunday of the New Year, **1/7/24**, please bring in your gifts-donations for the food bank
- **Adelante Mujeres** — January 12— 8 am— 12 pm —Fellowship Hall/Kitchen ( set-up on Thursday, January 11)
- **PEO Founders Day Brunch**—January 20— 8 am—2 pm—Fellowship Hall / Kitchen
- **Youth Group**—Sunday, January 21—4-6 pm—Room 8B
- **Hillsboro United Methodist Church Retreat** January 27—8 am—5 pm— Garden Room / Kitchen



## ON-GOING EVENTS

- **FGSD Community Transition Program**—Tues. & Wed., 12:00 pm—FH (as needed due to weather)
- **SA Group**—Thursday, 7:00 pm—Room 8B
- **Cancel Choir Practice**—Thursday, 7:00 pm—Sanctuary
- **Bell Choir Practice**—Sunday, after service, 11:15 am—Sanctuary
- **Chair Yoga**—Saturday, 10:00 am—Room 8A
- **Montessori School**—Monday– Friday—9 am—3 pm—Montessori Rooms

## Baptism Celebration

Congratulations to the Schwartz family who celebrated the birth and baptism of Linus Schwartz. Our first baptism since before COVID! Pictured are Chip, Kendra, Nora and Linus Schwartz, Sue Brenner, proud grandmother, and Pastor David.



## LAY LEADER REPORT

Did you realize the shortest day and the longest night of the year is passed? Although winter is the season when cold and darkness predominate, this is also the time that daylight is lasting longer and longer each day. At first it is only increasing by a minute or two each day, but soon the light will be lasting longer and longer until we are back to “normal”.

If only our lives worked like that. Surprise, it does! Sometimes it is slow and things look better only a little bit at a time. Sometimes, it is like taking a trip and suddenly all is great for a while. Things do get better. So don't dwell on the darkness but try to see the stars twinkling thru the night until the sun comes up, dawning to the new and better days of our lives.

For the first Sunday of the New Year, 1/7/24, please bring in your gifts-donations for the food bank. This time we are requesting the usual with special emphasis on boxed meals, canned fruits and vegetables. BUT NO more green beans! Mable says there is a large supply of the green beans still to go through. Many thanks and keep those cans rolling in.

Chuck

## SERVING IN JANUARY

Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins
Choir Director	Robbie Boles
Pianist	Alisa Hampton
Coffee Coordinator	Sharon Adame

## BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Brown	01/04
Kent Mueller	01/04
Angela Cohrs	01/06
Ethan Jones	01/06
Linda Krogman	01/06
Jan Stewart	01/20
Betty Weekley	01/21
Donna House	01/22
Anne Brown	01/27

**Have a birthday or anniversary coming up?  
Let us know!!!**



## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

A BIG THANKS to all who contributed to the Christmas Baskets! \$200 gift card plus small gifts were given to a local family in need—special thanks to Leah Henricksen who coordinated basket delivery.

\$600 was sent to Community Action

\$600 was sent to Family Promise



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.**

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## CHURCH HOURS

Weekly Service: 10 am—11 am

Fellowship Time: 11 am—12 pm

Pastor Hours: Tuesday, 9-11:30 am  
and by appointment

Church Office Hours:  
M-T—9:00 am —1:00 pm

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

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