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WORSHIP IN MARCH

This March moves us through Lent and culminates in Easter. In Lent, we remember Jesus’s forty days in the wilderness, we travel with him on his way to the cross, and we seek to deepen our spiritual practice (continued on page 2).



March 3, 2024, The Third Sunday in Lent
Communion
John 2:13–22
“Overturned Tables”

March 10, 2024, The Fourth Sunday in Lent
John 3:14–21
“The Serpent in the Wilderness”
Guest musician: John Nilsen

March 17, 2024, The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Psalm 51:1–12
“Truth in the Most Hidden Places

March 24, 2024, Palm-Passion Sunday
Bell Choir plays

March 28, 2024, Maundy Thursday
With Hillsboro UMC

March 29, 2024, Good Friday
At Hillsboro UMC

March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt at 9am
Mark 16:1–8
“Who Will Roll Away the Stone”

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Worship in March (continued)

Early in John's Gospel, Jesus enters the temple in Jerusalem and disrupts the selling and exchanging going on there in order to restore it as a place of worship for all nations. A little later, he compares himself, and his impending crucifixion, with the journey of the Hebrews through the wilderness with Moses. Both these early stories foreshadow Jesus's later journey to the cross.

On **Palm Sunday**, March 24, we explore the poetry of the Psalms, and in particular, one psalm of lament and hope. We hear Mark's telling of Jesus's triumphal procession into Jerusalem. And then we hear about the rest of that week: how he antagonized the authorities, how he was betrayed by Judas, and how he came to be arrested, tried, and executed.

We'll be sharing **Holy Week services with Hillsboro UMC**. We'll be hosting a **Maundy Thursday Service** here in Forest Grove, and **Good Friday** will be at Hillsboro.

Easter Sunday will begin with an **Easter Egg Hunt** at 9 am. Be sure to invite any children you know who might appreciate it. Then in worship, we'll explore Mark's peculiar telling of the Resurrection story.

+ Pastor David

EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES

March 24—Palm Sunday / Bell Choir

Service at FGUMC—10 am

March 28—Maundy Thursday Service

Service at FGUMC—7pm

March 29—Good Friday Service

Service at Hillsboro UMC—7pm

March 31—Easter

Easter Egg Hunt—9 am

Worship Service and Flower Cross —10 am

Fellowship Time—11 am



Lenten Bible Study THE CHOSEN

Please join your church family on Sundays in March for a LENTEN Study based on the The Chosen. The Chosen is a popular streaming series based on all four gospels, but with personalities and back stories added.



The remaining episodes will be shown 4:00 - 6:00 pm at alternating churches.

- Mar 3 at Hillsboro UMC (HUMC) — 168 NE 6th Ave, Hillsboro—car pool available
- Mar 10 at FGUMC
- Mar 17 at HUMC— 168 NE 6th Ave, Hillsboro—car pool available
- Mar 24 at FGUMC

Each episode is based on listed scripture, and comes with a conversation starter and episode questions to follow up with. Then Personal Next Steps are offered for the following week. Participation will be a fun and education experience, mark your calendars and plan on attending—plus you get early Sunday dinner !!!!

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH—6TH GRADE AND UP
ARE INVITED TO A MULTI-CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP

**MARCH 10—ROOM 8B
4—6 PM**

**GROUP LEADERS:
EMILY TABB & MELISSA KING**



FINANCE & TRUSTEE UPDATE

THE BUDGET WAS APPROVED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE LIGHTS IN THE PARKING LOT WERE REPLACED AND HELP TO ILLUMINE NIGHT MEETINGS AND DETER VANDALISM.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SUBMITTED BY CRICKET O'NEILL

Joys in February:

Val said she is joyful that Brian has healed enough he is back on both feet!

Melissa is grateful for the celebration of life they were able to have last week for David's grandmother who lived for 101 years.

Melissa is joyful that they got a new puppy, Abbot, to join the one they already have, Bishop. Abbot is a bundle of chaos and joy.

Janet is grateful that her son, Addison, has moved to a less expensive and safer place to live.

Sharon expressed great joy at the beauty that God grows all around us.

Bonnie is grateful that her sister, Vicky, is up and doing very well after a hip replacement.

Kathy is so happy that her son and daughter-in-law were able to go for a wine tasting event with Chuck and Betty Pritchard in New York.

MaryJane is so grateful that her daughter, Kathy, comes up from Salem to do bells with us.



Concerns in February:

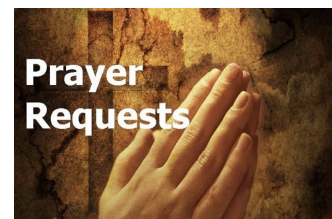
Val asked for prayers for her dad, Paul who fell and broke his hip. He is in rehab and she is asking that we pray for comfort and healing.

Melissa said that ELPA testing starts tomorrow and that over the next 3 weeks they will be administering 201 tests. This is a very stressful and chaotic time. She asks for prayers for the students and teachers.

Dan Meares' wife contacted the church to put him on the prayer chain. He fell 3 times on Friday, Feb 23, due to his Parkinson's. He is currently at St. Vincent Hospital.

Nancy Bond relayed a prayer request from Joyce Burkhalter for her husband Renee. Renee is just coming out of rehab after a stay at the hospital for an infection. He is also dealing with several ongoing health issues including congestive heart disease and diabetes.

Cricket asks for continued prayers for her best friend Chris Campbell who now has 2 blood clots in her right leg. They cannot use blood thinners on her because of her brain bleed but will be doing a procedure that will keep the clots from traveling any further up her leg.



St. Patrick's Day Fellowship

Plan on attending the
St. Patrick's Day Fellowship time
March 17 - after service
Bring a St. Patrick's Day snack to share and
enjoy the festivities
WEAR GREEN !!!!!



UP-COMING EVENTS

- **Food Bank Donations** - For the first Sunday, **March 3**, please bring in your gifts-donations for the food bank—soup and beans of any variety
- **Lenten Bible Study** - THE CHOSEN - 4-6 pm, March 3 (Hillsboro UMC), March 10 (FGUMC), March 17 (HUMC), March 24 (FGUMC)
- **Youth Group** - Sunday, March 10, 4-6 pm—Room 8B
- **Adelante Mujeres** - March 15, 7 am -12 pm - Fellowship Hall/Kitchen (set-up on Thursday, March 14)
- **St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Time** - March 17 - After service
- **Palm Sunday and BELL Choir Performance** - March 24
- **Easter—March 31**—9 am Easter Egg Hunt, coffee / hot chocolate and sweet rolls, **Easter Service 10 am**, Fellowship time 11 am



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
- **Chancel Choir Practice** - Thursday, 7:00 pm - Sanctuary
- **Bell Choir Practice** - Sunday, after service, 11:15 am - Sanctuary

YOUTH GROUP WINTER RETREAT

The Youth Group Winter Retreat at Suttle Lake Methodist Camp on Feb. 10-12 was filled with lots of snow, laughter, hot chocolate, growth, and God. The scripture from the weekend was Micah 6:8. It was an amazing opportunity to bond as a group and get to know about 50 other youth from 4 other churches.

NEXT YOUTH GROUP MARCH 10 4—6 pm ROOM 8B



LAY LEADER REPORT

“Beware the Ides of March! “, or the inferred— watch out for the fifteenth of March — each month has an ides or 15th of the month, but, AHHH, it is a great line from a great writer.

Why do I bring this up? Our pastor gives us a great sermon week after week. He teaches us a few facts mixed in with an excellent interpretation and then presents it well. We are indeed blessed by having him and his family here. Well, enough preaching and appreciation.

The food collection for this month is for canned vegetables, especially pinto beans and tomato products along with our standard requests for the First Sunday, which this month is Sunday, March 3. We will be late taking the food over to the food bank because Betty and I will be out of town, but we will get it there when we get back.

Yours in love, Chuck

PASSING OF VIRGINIA HEALD

It is with sad tidings we hear of the passing of Virginia Heald, a long time member of our church family. Remembrances can be sent to:

Corby Howell
547 Woodlark Drive
Medford, OR 97501



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:
Mon - Thurs, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

SERVING IN MARCH

Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins
Choir Director	Robbie Boles
Pianist	Alisa Hampton
Coffee Coordinator And Bulletin Boards	Sharon Adame Amy Scott

BIRTHDAYS

Fred Raycraft	03/02
Morris Haney	03/05
Adam Hampton	03/07
Zackary Henriksen	03/09
Chuck Pritchard	03/10
Bobby Tabb	03/11
Micah Hampton	03/24
Kayleigh Tabb	03/24
Pat Styles	03/28
Paula Gassman	03/29
Melissa King	03/30

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



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: Rhoda Fuentes

submitted by M.J. Nordgren

“I’m doing well – my life is simple now.” After a damaging fall on ice, our deacon Rhoda was hospitalized and had a difficult recovery. She was unable to return to her home but found an apartment (#122) in Pacific Grove Senior Center on Oak Street in Forest Grove. It has two bedrooms, the second of which is furnished with her antiques, including a century-old ‘fainting coach’ on which sits a toddler-sized doll dressed in a blue velvet dress Rhoda wore as a two-year-old.

Unable to drive now, Rhoda attends Sunday services at the main building of Pacific Grove. She continues to walk daily as she can, but the damaged hip sometimes makes that impossible. Friends visit, including Laura and Dan Thompson-Aue. Son Mark and grandson Zak keep in touch, especially with news of great-granddaughter Aaliyah, a champion cheerleader, now doing well in middle school.

If you would like to visit or call Rhoda, please call the office for contact information.

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.

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