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WORSHIP IN APRIL

Throughout April, we are celebrating the season of Easter. Also known as the Great Fifty Days, or the Week of Weeks, it begins on the Feast of Easter and continues to the Feast of Pentecost. (continued on page 2)

April 7, 2024, The Second Sunday of Easter
Communion
Acts 4:32–35
“Everything in Common”

April 14, 2024, The Third Sunday of Easter
Carole Heun, guest preacher

April 21, 2024, The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:1-20
“The Name of Jesus”

April 28, 2024, The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40
“How Can I Understand?”



Our beautiful sanctuary—Palm Sunday

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Worship in April (continued)

And throughout this month we'll be focusing on the stories of the early church in the book of Acts. We hear about earliest church in Jerusalem. They lived in community, sharing their possessions with anyone who was in need, and eating and worshipping together. We hear about Peter and John preaching in the temple. They faced persecution and arrest in order to share the good news. We hear about St. Philip and the Ethiopian official. Upon hearing the Philip's preaching, he insisted on being baptized, and he brought the faith back with him to Ethiopia.

These texts ask us, how is it that we live with one another? How is it that we live out the truth of the gospel? How is it that we share the good news of new life in Jesus Christ?

+ Pastor David

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Trustee Chair

Here is what the Trustees have been working on recently.

- 1) Installation of security cameras at different points on the outside of the church. The areas viewed are described below. Our intent is to make sure that the areas around the church are safe and secure.
 - A) The west side of the flat roof.
 - B) The breezeway alongside the kitchen and Garden Room.
 - C) The main courtyard lawn and patio area and the breezeway along the Education Wing from the parking lot gate.
 - D) The bell tower pull rope box and west church entryway.
 - E) The office courtyard.
- 2) Replaced the tree that was removed from the backyard of the parsonage with a small maple tree.
- 3) Inspected and completed maintenance of the sump pumps in the parsonage basement and the organ pit.

There are other projects in process and will be reported upon completion.

LET'S GO CAMPING

The United Methodist Church has multiple camping opportunities throughout the year. Go to <https://www.gocamping.org/> to read of the many camps this summer.

Camp Magruder Family Camp, May 24-27—\$256 Adult | \$199 Youth 5-17 | \$0 Child 0-4 | Fees include all meals from Saturday evening to Sunday morning. Each family has their own room. Activities include boating, swimming, camp fires with smores, singing, talent show and much more!

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH—6TH GRADE AND UP

ARE INVITED TO A MULTI-
CHURCH YOUTH GROUP
APRIL 14 —ROOM 8B
4—6 PM

GROUP LEADERS:
EMILY TABB &
MELISSA KING

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!!



Lenten Bible Study THE CHOSEN

Please join your church family for the first two Sundays in April to conclude our 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 final 2 episodes of Season 1 will be shown 4:00 - 6:00 pm at alternating churches.

- April 7 at Hillsboro UMC (HUMC) — 168 NE 6th Ave, Hillsboro—car pool available
- April 14 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 !!!!

Questions - contact Janet Hummel—503.341.2182 cell/text

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SUBMITTED BY CRICKET O'NEILL

Joys in March:

Sharon said she is joyful that she is through her surgery, that's she's cancer free, thankful for all of our prayers, and thankful to God for his healing powers.

Amy is thankful the daffodils and flowering trees are in bloom.

We are all thankful for Alisa's cinnamon bun contribution on Palm Sunday.



Concerns in March:

Cricket asked for prayers for her right eye, her eye pressure is very high, she has inflammation in her eye, is having to use eye drops that are making her feel unwell.

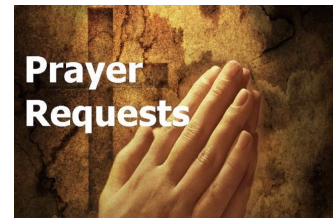
Sharon asked for prayers for Jan Schrock who is fighting another bout of COVID. Please pray for her healing.

Bonnie asked for prayers for her brother Lonnie who has heart issues and is needing to change medications. She is asking for prayers to get and keep him stable.

Bonnie asked for prayers for herself as she gets her meds straightened out. She really struggled with chronic issues last week.

Robbie is asking for prayers for his stepdad, Jerome, who dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia. He witnessed him speaking to a brother he no longer recognized.

Robbie is also asking for prayers for his car situation. Now, his emergency break is no longer working. He needs to get it fixed as soon as he can and for as little money as he can.



UP-COMING EVENTS

- **Food Bank Donations** - For the first Sunday, **April 7**, please bring in your gifts-donations for the food bank—soup and beans of any variety
- **Lenten Bible Study** - THE CHOSEN - 4-6 pm, **April 7** (Hillsboro UMC), **April 14** (FGUMC)
- **Youth Group** - Sunday, **April 14**, 4-6 pm—Room 8B
- **Adelante Mujeres** - **April 12**, 7 am—5 pm - Fellowship Hall/Kitchen (set-up on Thursday, April 11)

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

LAY LEADER REPORT

Submitted by Chuck Pritchard, Lay Leader

April Fools! I always enjoyed this time of year when I was a kid. Apart from the antics of April first, I enjoyed the fact that school was ending but not close enough that you had to worry about exams and the weather was improving so we could go camping.

I grew up back east, and I mean way east, so when the snow was melting and the thermometer was rearing its head above 32 degrees F. or 0 degrees C. and you didn't need 3-4 inches of insulation under your sleeping bag to slumber at night, we camped. As a kid, we would hike along the canals, the railroad tracks, and the lesser roads to get to the woods where we would set up camp and enjoy nature for the weekends.

You could always tell the weekend was over because we would have a small church service before packing our gear and heading back to the city for five long days in the burghs. During those five days, my patrol would get together to perform some sort of good deed, be it raking a yard, gathering food or just helping a neighbor. It was a good time to look back on.

Well, now it is I who is grateful for the help around the yard. As an older member of society, I can still help by collecting things for the food bank and for this month it was cans of beans.

For next month, it is still cans of beans as well as soup and things like hamburger helper. I know it is not exciting but people need these food extenders to make ends meet. So please help the cause by bringing in a can or two or a 4-pack or even a case. This is not much for you or me, but together we can continue to take over a hundred pounds or so of stuff to help the food bank and the people they serve. - Chuck

SERVING IN APRIL

Lay Leader	Chuck Pritchard
Altar Guild	Valerie Hawkins
Choir Director	Robbie Boles
Pianist	Alisa Hampton
Coffee Coordinator and Bulletin Boards	Sharon Adame Amy Scott Cricket O'Neill

BIRTHDAYS

Freya Henriksen	4/06
Angie Gunther	4/07
Ed Davie	4/11
Logan Anderson	4/12
Rei Hampton	4/12
Connor Dionne	4/13
Matthew Hampton	4/13
Doug Scott	4/18
Frank Colcord	4/19
Alyssa Bond	4/24
Marion Gustafson	4/26
Ryan Jones	4/27
Laura Cattell	4/28
David King	4/29



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: Shirley Gamble

submitted by M.J. Nordgren

The great-grandmother of a close, loving family, Shirley had just come home from visiting Seaside with her eldest daughter Patti and husband Dave. "It was windy. The waves were white-crested far out. I haven't seen the ocean like that in a long time."

Family life was vital to Shirley's husband of 59½ years, too. LeRoy, F.G. School administrator, loved the young people of the community as well as his own three children, Patti, Tom (and Debbie), and Eileen (and Dave). Their children and grandchildren are the heart of the extended family.

Both Shirley and LeRoy have given abundant service to our church, LeRoy as working head of Trustees, among other offices. Shirley as church secretary for 17 years.

Active in many community projects, Shirley recently needed to move to Jennings-McCall, but it didn't slow her down. She found many friends already there and met old friends and even relatives of high school buddies to enjoy coffee and conversation with. "I love it here. I have my own things and two bedrooms, so it is like my own home, only in a smaller space."

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.

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