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WORSHIP IN MAY

In May we will finish up our 7-week sojourn through the Book of Acts, exploring the story of the early church, and its response to Jesus’s resurrection. Though the lectionary keeps us jumping around, backward and forward in the story.

We’ll conclude our journey with the story of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended, granting Jesus’s disciples the ability to speak in other languages. Jews from all around the world who were in Jerusalem for the festival heard them preaching, each in their own native language.

Before that is the story of Matthias, the so-called 13th apostle. He was selected to take the place of Judas Iscariot among the twelve. (continued on page 2)

May 5, 2024, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Communion
Acts 10:44–48
“Even on the Gentiles”

May 12, 2024, The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26
“The Lot Fell on Matthias”

May 19, 2024, Pentecost

Acts 2:1–21
“New Wine”

May 26, 2024, Trinity Sunday

Family Camp at Camp Magruder
Guest preacher



Flower Cross—Easter Sunday

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Worship in May (continued)

And to start May, we'll explore the story sometimes called the second Pentecost. The first Pentecost was experienced by Jews from across the world. The second Pentecost was experienced by Gentiles. The spirit descended on them, astounding Jesus's followers. Up until now, they thought that Jesus's message was only for Jews. But now, the Holy Spirit was teaching them otherwise.

Blessings,

+ Pastor David

Update on Discernment

Submitted by FGUMC Council

After intense discernment by the congregation over a number of months, four values were identified. Those values are that the Forest Grove United Methodist Church

- ◇ believes that all persons are loved by God, and we are called to enact that love.
- ◇ values putting faith into action.
- ◇ values art and music that glorify God.
- ◇ believes that we can change the world through Christian education of children, youth, and adults. The Church Council used those values to identify the following goals for the 2024 calendar year.

Goal 1: We want to focus on providing educational opportunities that support our understanding of God.

- ◇ One opportunity has been the on-going Lenten study of *"The Chosen"* season 1 that many of our members have explored along with members from the Hillsboro UMC.
- ◇ The church is working with Emily Tabb to re-establish a youth group. The group currently meets one Sunday a month. Pastor David King and Melissa Mimier-King both provide support as the additional adults during the meetings and outings. Church Council has included a line item in the budget as financial support for the Youth Group.
- ◇ We will continue to work with the Forest Grove Montessori School to provide space for their school.

Goal 2: We want to provide opportunities for families with young children to be a part of our worship experience by putting faith into action.

- ◇ We offered an Easter Egg Hunt for young children from our congregation, the neighborhood and students of the Montessori School that shares our facility.
- ◇ We will develop a service that is focused on making young children and youth feel included in the worship experience.

Goal 3: We value art and music that glorifies God.

We will continue to offer space in our Education Wing to the Music Bridge program. This is a program that connects seniors with music in both an in-person and online environment. Besides space, the Church Council has also established a line item in the budget to provide support to the program.

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH—6TH GRADE AND UP

April's Youth Gathering, photos below, was going to see Kaylah in *Legally Blonde* at FGHS. The group had a great time and Sandy Mueller joined us too!

May's Youth Gathering, May 19, will be our first *Destination Unknown!* The destination is a surprise for the youth (adults know of course) to build trust, anticipation, and a special experience as a group. We will meet at the church, near the **youth room 8B, at 12:30** and will be back around 4:00. The cost is: \$20.



CHURCH CORNER: Emily Tabb

submitted by M.J. Nordgren

Co-leader with Melissa King of our Youth group, Emily and her husband Bobby built our resounding Youth ministry here at FGUMC years ago. Proud parents of Chase (16-year-old sophomore at Banks HS who is into sports), Kayleigh (14, in 8th grade who loves the arts and music, including flute and oboe), and Declan (10, 4th grader who thrives on basketball and being outdoors), Bobby teaches first grade at Banks Elementary and Emily teaches pre-school at Mt. Olive Lutheran.

During COVID, Emily earned her Master's degree in Learning and Technology. Despite her full life, she felt the call to work with young people. The Youth meet once a month, getting to know each other as "a unique and wonderful mix of diverse young people". In April they attended a play at FGHS. In May, they will enjoy a *Destination Unknown*. Summer camp is huge in Emily's background as she worked and lived at Suttle Lake, three years as Program Coordinator. She worked for 10 years in Youth Ministry through the Methodist Conference, including 2 years as Conference Youth Coordinator.

A born teacher, Emily chuckles that even as a kid, she'd corner her siblings and teach them when they couldn't get away. We are grateful she is finding time to work with our Youth now.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Submitted by Cricket O'Neill

Joys April 14:

- Sparrow was joyful that they reconnected with a family friend this last week.
- Robbie is so grateful that his car is fixed and his breaks work again.
- Chuck thanked Carole, Dale and Becca Heun for attending today and special thanks to Carole as being our guest speaker.



Concerns April 14:

- Val asked for prayers for a successful surgery on Wednesday and successful and quick recovery.
- Kayla is acting in the play at the high school and hopes it goes well.
- Kiahla is the executive producer/manager of the play and hopes lots of people will come.
- Sharon is having radiation treatment starting Wednesday, there will be 5 sessions, please pray this goes well.
- Sparrow asked for prayers for their sister in law who has just had an ovarian cyst burst and is dealing with a kidney stone.
 - Janet asked for prayers for the family of Edythe Westlund, who passed away April 14th.
- Robbie asked for prayers for his students' concert coming up.
- Lindy Larkins is asking for prayers for his sister Judy Sherman. She lives here in Forest Grove and is having knee replacement surgery in one week on Wednesday, April 24.
 - MJ asked for prayers for her niece Laurie who is having breathing issues and the doctors have not been able to determine if it is lung or heart related.
- Dale asked for prayers for Becca whose friend, Linda, died recently.



UP-COMING EVENTS

- **73rd Annual National Day of Prayer**, May 2, Forest Grove Flag Pole, 5:00-7:00 pm
- **Food Bank Donations** - For the first Sunday, **May 6**, please bring in your gifts-donations for the food bank—soup and beans of any variety
- **Youth Group** - Sunday, **May 19**, Special Destination Unknown—12:00 pm—\$20.

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

There I was, going to write about the importance of Mother’s Day, but looking at the calendar, I happened to notice a lot of other special days noted in May.

Our home calendar was a gift and only has a few special days are listed for each month, (there is only one listed for August and that is a Canadian holiday), but May has six; May Day, Ascension Day, Mother’s Day, Armed Forces Day, Victoria Day (another Canadian holiday) and Memorial Day.

What it boils down to is, let us celebrate each and every day as a special gift from God and joyfully share it with each person we meet along the way.

Sunday, May 5th, is our collection day for this month. Our desire for this month and next is simple canned meals like spaghetti, stews, and meal-extenders like Hamburger Helper. So don’t stew about it, just grab a can or box of food and bring it in.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join the Forest Grove community for the National Day of Prayer at the Flag Pole
May 2, 2024 — 5-7 pm



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 - Family members of all ages welcome!

SERVING IN MAY

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

BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Krogman	5/03
Lela Baskin	5/04
Andrea Edgerton	5/06
Loretta Evans	5/09
Karthik King	5/11
Donna Berget	5/13
Sarah Hampton	5/15
Janet Hummel	5/18
Dylan Gunther	5/25
Lynn Anderson	5/27



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.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Trustee Chair

The main task that the Trustees worked on in April was the placement of security cameras. There are 8 cameras total placed outside the building. We have placed them to help ensure the safety of members of the congregation as well as people using the church facilities.

- two cameras in the office courtyard, one in the main courtyard,
- one monitoring the breezeway to the bell tower and along the Garden Room,
- one monitoring the ADA door and the gate by the kitchen,
- one monitoring the east courtyard, and
- two monitoring the flat roof over the Fellowship Hall and narthex.

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.

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