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WORSHIP IN APRIL

Submitted by Pastor David

April 6, 2025, The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Communion
Philippians 3:4b–14
“Press On”

April 13, 2025, Palm-Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28–40, Luke 22:14–23:56

April 17, 2025, Maundy Thursday, 7pm

Joint Service with Cornelius & Hillsboro @ Forest Grove UMC
Communion
Rev. Linda Quanstrom, preaching

April 18, 2025, Good Friday Service, 7pm

Joint Service @ Hillsboro UMC

April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday

John 20:1–18
“Apostola Apostolorum”

April 27, 2025, The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27–32
“Any Human Authority”

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During the season of Lent, we have been following Jesus on a 40-day sojourn through the wilderness. Now, this April, we follow him on his journey to the cross, to death, and ultimately to resurrection and new life.

Holy Week begins with Palm-Passion Sunday. Jesus entered Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. But before the end of the week, the crowds had turned on him. This year, we hear Luke's account of Jesus's last week, his suffering, his Passion.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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- April 13th** **Palm Sunday** Worship at Forest Grove UMC **10 AM**
- April 17th** **Maundy Thursday** Service at Forest Grove UMC **7 PM**
- April 18th** **Good Friday** Service at Hillsboro UMC **7 PM**
Address: 168 NE Eighth Ave. Hillsboro 97124
- April 20th** **Egg Hunt** at Forest Grove UMC **9 AM**
*****Come early to add a flower to the flower cross!!**
Flowers from your yard are welcome if available.
Easter Worship at Forest Grove UMC 10 AM

WORSHIP IN APRIL *(continued from page 1)*

We'll be sharing our mid-week Holy Week services with some of our neighboring churches. Cornelius UMC hosted us at the beginning of Lent for Ash Wednesday. It's our turn to host for Maundy Thursday, as we remember how Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples and instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion. Rev. Linda Quanstrom will bring the message as we celebrate Jesus's last supper.

Hillsboro UMC will host a Good Friday service, along with several area congregations. As we remember Jesus's arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death, we will consider Jesus's seven last words from the cross.

But death does not have the final word. Through his death, Jesus conquered death, broke the power of sin and death, and brought forth new life. As we celebrate Easter, we consider the role of Mary Magdalene, the apostle Jesus sent to tell the story of his resurrection.

Finally, on the last Sunday of the month, we check in with the apostles, in the wake of Jesus's death and resurrection, as they seek to spread the good news, whatever the consequences may be.

I pray a blessing on each of you, as we celebrate this holy season, as we tell again the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.

Blessings, Pastor David+

THREE CHURCH CO-OP UPDATE

Hello to all members of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church,

We are working alongside the members of the Cornelius UMC and Hillsboro UMC to share resources and opportunities for service. This cooperative program is intended to strengthen the connections among the churches. It is not intended to encourage any of the churches to close.

You will be receiving an email from 3churchcoop@hillsboro.org asking you to join an email group. Initially, emails will be a monthly calendar so that we can support each others events, but can also be an opportunity to better communicate across the three churches when needed. If you don't join the list, you will be left out of the fun. Emails will come from 3churchcoop@hillsboro.org.

The Hillsboro UMC has graciously offered to let the three churches share a calendar and notification system so that we can communicate more efficiently.

Do not be put off by the message that you may see welcoming you to Hillsboro UMC. That is just welcoming you to the communication system.

Sincerely,

Brian Hawkins & Betty Pritchard

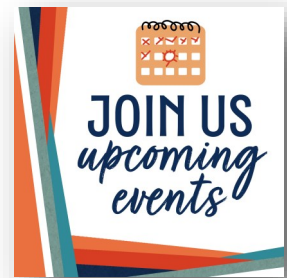


PHOTO OPPORTUNITY!!!!

Church Family Photos are being taken
Each Sunday before and after service.
We hope to get a photo of each member!
We can also print copies for you upon request.

We are taking individual and family photos.

We will be posting a church family tree
in the Fellowship Hall Soon!

DON'T MISS OUT!!!



ESTATE SALE IN MAY

**Sale on May 9th & 10th
9 am - 1 pm -**

**(Set-up on May 8th
9 am - 2 pm.)**

Tables for rent and contributions
to church sale welcome.

Questions?
Contact Janet Hummel
janet.hummel@frontier.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

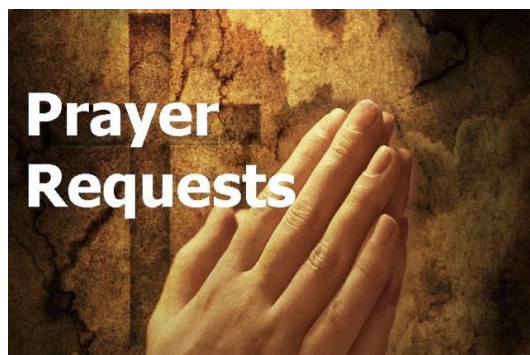
SUBMITTED BY CRICKET O'NEILL

Joys in March:

- Janet is glad that Robbie is feeling better and can attend church again.
- Everyone is joyful for Spring Break
- Amy is happy to see the daffodils and flowering bushes and trees!



**Please contact the church office for
prayers and concerns.**



CHURCH CORNER: Kathi Helwig

Kathi, veterinarian at Neighborhood Animal Hospital in South Salem, drives an hour and a quarter north most Sunday mornings to sing alto with our FGUMC choir. She and her artist husband Bill were married in our sanctuary within days of her graduating with her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Her sister, Alisa, and mom, Mary Jane, checked on the wedding cake and realized the baker had iced the wrong theme. Dismayed, the baker commanded, "Cancel all my appointments for the rest of the day," and ripped into scraping off his mistaken creation so he could decorate as had been ordered for delivery that evening. But Kathi was happy. As she and Bill reached the foyer after the ceremony, she leaped for joy.

The new Helwigs moved into Washington. Son Chris and daughter Robyn came quickly. Bill worked nights so he could be the one to be with the kids while Kathi worked for a vet with a small-animal practice. Opportunities enticed them to come back to Oregon where Kathi set up her own practice. Bill continued with his commercial artistry, finally publishing his collection of wry and witty cartoons, (a)musings. Cancer stopped his pen, including all the maps and posters he made for our church. His service nearly filled our sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Such loving care makes the long commute worth it to our alto.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 6 (FGUMC) & April 13 (HUMC) - Lenten Study - the Chosen - 4 pm.** Fellowship Hall / alternating with Hillboro
- **April 9 - Staff, Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) meeting, 7 pm**
- **April 10 - Food delivery to Food Bank**

ON-GOING EVENTS

- **Youth Group** - 2nd and 4th Sundays
- **Tabernaculo de Forest Grove**—Tuesdays, 6:30—9:30 pm and Sundays, 3—6:30 pm in the Garden Room
- **Music Bridge** - Mondays, 1—2 pm. - Garden Room
- **Cuidado de Refugio** - Thursday, 7:30 pm - Library, Friday, 7:30 pm - Sanctuary
- **Growing Baby** - Monday - Saturday, Room 7A
- **SA Group** - Thursdays, 7:00 pm - Room 8B
- **Choir Practice** - Thursdays, 7:00 pm - Sanctuary
- **Chair Yoga** - Saturday, 10:00 am - Room 8A

Lay Leader Report

Submitted by Chuck Pritchard, lay leader

April Fools !!! (But is anyone the fool ?)

Please let me explain by giving an example. I enjoy singing, but I'm not very good, so I like singing with others. I sing in the lower range while my wife sings in the upper and is very good. If we sing together I sing softer so we sound better but it's bland. So we sing different notes – better. With a third person it will sound better because we can hit three tones and have a chord and with a fourth voice we can emphasize a note and make it sound even better. When we have even more voices (and a piano) we can harmonize and have a choir. When you have a group that can tease each other, we have the “FGUMC Choir and FUN Club”. (Come join us.)

It works the same way with the food donations, one person doesn't do much. Two or three can do a lot better, and with twenty or thirty you get a whole lot done. This is why we can and do get four projects accomplished with each donation of a single can or box of noodles, please keep it up.

For the month of April we are asking for jam, jelly and spaghetti, of course we can always use flour. One of the churches has mentioned they could use socks (if you have any new ones) to give away. If they keep asking for more and more things, I will not have any room to write.

Don't worry, I can always make room.

Thanks, Chuck

Lenten Bible Study- THE CHOSEN

Please join your church family for a LENTEN Study based on “The Chosen”. “The Chosen” is a popular streaming series based on all four gospels, but with personalities and back stories added. “The Chosen” (Season 3) continues through April 13 at 4 pm
4/6 @ FGUMC and 4/13 @ HUMC

Questions - please contact Betty Pritchard.

SERVING IN APRIL

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

BIRTHDAYS

Freya Henriksen	4/06
Angie Gunther	4/07
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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm	2 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm Trustees Mtg. in Garden Rm.	3 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Library	4 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Sanctuary	5 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A 12:00pm Baby Shower (Noelle) in Fellowship Hall
6 Food Drive Collection 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall 3:00pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm. 4:00pm The Chosen @ FGUMC	7 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm 2:00pm Piano Tuning - Sanctuary 6:00pm PEO Mtg. in Fellowship Hall / Library	8 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm	9 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm SPRC Mtg.	10 Adelante Mujeres Set-up Fellowship Hall Food Delivery Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Library	11 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 8:00am Adelante Mujeres All Staff Mtg. in Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Sanctuary	12 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A
13 Palm Sunday 10:00am Palm Sunday Worship Service 11:15am Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall 3:00pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm. 4:00pm The Chosen @ HUMC	14 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm	15 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm	16 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A	17 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service at FGUMC 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Library	18 Good Friday Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm Good Friday Service at HUMC 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Sanctuary	19 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A
20 Easter Sunday 9:00am Egg Hunt at FGUMC 10:00am Easter Worship Service 11:15am Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall 3:00pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm.	21 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A HVAC Installation 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm	22 Earth Day Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A HVAC Installation 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm	23 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A HVAC Installation	24 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A HVAC Installation 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Library	25 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A HVAC Installation 7:30pm Ciudadado de Refugio in Sanctuary	26 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A 12:00pm Kiblinger Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall
27 10:00am Worship Service 11:15am Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall 11:30am Youth Lunch/Service Project 3:00pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm.	28 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm	29 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm	30 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A			



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.

Easter Sunday Fellowship

Easter Sunday includes fellowship before and after service.

Please plan on joining your church family prior to service for coffee, juice and sweet pastries while the children hunt for eggs at 9 am.

Easter fellowship after church will include coffee, juice and savory pastries with your church family. As always food and monetary donations are welcome!



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

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