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WORSHIP IN MAY

Submitted by Pastor David

May 4, 2025, The Third Sunday of Easter

Communion

Acts 9:1–20

“Still Breathing Threats and Murder”

May 11, 2025, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Revelation 7:9–17

“Tribulation”

May 18, 2025, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 13:31–35

“Love Each Other”

May 25, 2025, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Guest preacher

In May, we are celebrating the Season of Easter, which lasts 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. First, we’ll consider the story of Paul and how he transformed from being a persecutor of the church to being its chief hardest-working apostle. Then we’ll spend some time with the Apocalypse of John and think about what good news sounds like when the whole world is falling apart. Finally, we take seriously Jesus’s central commandment: to love our neighbors.

In the final week of May, Melissa and I will be at Camp Magruder leading Family Camp.

Blessings, Pastor David+

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Church Council Chair

The Church Council discussed the reports from the SPRC, Youth, Finance, Trustees and the 3-Church Co-op. We are focusing our energies at this time to strengthen our support for the outreach programs at the three churches as well as fostering the collaborative worship opportunities that are taking place during the 5th Sunday services. In addition we are determining how to traverse the transition on pastoral leadership that will take place in June and July both in terms of saying goodbye to Pastor David and his family as well as saying hello to Pastor Ansley and his family.

TRUSTEES' CORNER

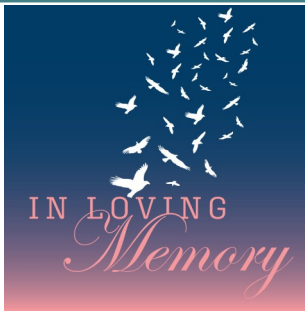
Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Trustee Chair

In the month of March, the Trustees did the following:

- Worked on the garden space.
- Sent out the organ pipe regulator for repairs. Once it is returned, we will have the organ tuned.
- Upgraded the mixer and cabling for the sound system, upgraded microphones, added microphones for the chancel choir and the handbell choir and added a direct sound cable for the streaming of worship.
- Approved a variety of building use requests.
- Trimmed the tree on the west side of the Education Wing that had branches hanging over and onto the roof of the building.
- Began monitoring the temperature in the organ pit.
- Had the annual fire extinguisher testing done.
- Completed the repairs on the water heater for the Sacristy bathroom.
- Began hiring contractors to do the various repairs needed for the parsonage. Talk to the Trustees for more details about this work.

In the month of April, the Trustees did the following:

- Approved building use requests.
- Continued working on the parsonage repairs.
- Replaced the heating system in the Fellowship Hall with a heat pump HVAC system.
- Thank you, **Robbie**, for noticing the leak with the water heater and making us aware of the problem.



Memorial Service for Rhoda Fuentes
May 25, 2025, 12:00 pm
Aloha United Methodist Church
2270 SW 198th Avenue
Aloha, Oregon

A memorial service will be held for Rhoda Fuentes at Aloha United Methodist Church on May 25 at 12:00 noon. Rhoda was a long time member and Deacon at Forest Grove Methodist Church and was much loved.

Donation opportunities in memory can be made to:

- **Adelante Mujeres**
(<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/adelante-mujeres/donate-today>)
- **Strength for the Journey Camp** via Oregon/Idaho United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries (<https://www.gocamping.org/donate>)

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY!!!!

Church Family Photos are being taken
Each Sunday before and after service. See
your church family photos on the Family
Tree in Fellowship Hall!

We are taking individual and family photos.

DON'T MISS OUT!!!



ESTATE SALE IN MAY

Sale on May 10
ONE DAY ONLY!!!!
9 am - 1 pm

Set-up on May 8
9 am - 2 pm

Tables for rent and contributions
to church sale welcome.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SUBMITTED BY CRICKET O'NEILL

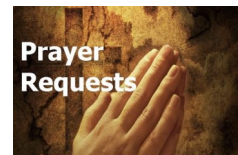
Joys April 20:

- Emily is joyful that her son, Chase got his driver's license
- Emily enjoyed seeing the youth group putting prayer into action by walking the 3-mile Easter walk here in Forest Grove and praying for Forest Grove and all its people
- Karthik is joyful that his grandparents are here
- Sharon is joyful for the beautiful flowers both outside and inside on the flower cross
- Rob is joyful he got to share music with so many choirs this week
- Michele Gordon said that she, Josh & Ken are joyous to be visiting here from CA
- Alisa said her mom's home went on the market Thursday, had showings on Sat and have several offers
- Mardean is so happy to be here and grateful to have seen the play that Kaylah is in and Kailah is working on



Joys April 13:

- Cricket expressed gratitude for all of the prayers, thoughts, email cards and USP cards during her time of being sick, she is so thankful for all of them.
- Janet said that the Ludlam estate has closed and there is a sculpture being made in their honor
- Bonnie expressed joy for the luau held at Pacific University
- Robbie is grateful and relieved that after the tests there is no cancer and he will not need invasive surgery
- Kathy is happy that she will be with her kids in New York next weekend



Please contact the church office for prayers or concerns.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY GROUP RENTAL:

The National Guard Armory will be using our parking lot to park cars for a food drive to benefit St Anthony's Food Pantry. They will be here on Saturday May 3rd from 6 am to 2 pm

FOOD DELIVERY:

Chuck, Betty and team will be delivering donated food on Thursday, May 9th

ESTATE SALE COMING UP IN MAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Set up on May 8th 9 am - 2 pm Sale on May 10th 9 am - 1 pm Tables for rent and contributions to church sale welcome. If you would like to volunteer for set-up or help with the sale, please contact Janet Hummel 503-341-2182 or email her at janet.hummel@frontier.com. If you have donations for the sale, you can bring them to the church office, Monday– Thursday 9 am - 1 pm.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

Tuesday June 3rd 11 am - 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers needed. Contact Janet Hummel for more information 503-341-2182.

COMMUNITY GROUP RENTAL:

Adelante Mujeres Preschool Graduation in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, June 12th 8 am - 4 pm.

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. in the Garden Room
- **Cuidado de Refugio** - Thursdays, 7:30 pm in the Library, Fridays, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary Bible Study once a month Wednesday, 7:30 pm in seating area of the Fellowship Hall
- **Growing Baby** - Monday - Saturday in Room 7A
- **SA Group** - Thursdays, 7 pm in Room 8B
- **Choir Practice** - Thursdays, 7 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Chair Yoga** - Saturday, 10 am in Room 8A

Lay Leader Report

Submitted by Chuck Pritchard, lay leader

‘Tra-la, it’s May, the joyous month of May’. That is what we always sang at the beginning of May when we were kids. It always meant the start of warm weather and that school would be letting out soon for the glories of the never - ending summer, or so it seemed. Those were the days!

With summer on its way, don’t forget the oil, no not the sunscreen oil, we need cooking oil. Little jars, big some jars, any size will do, and we were requested to donate **cooking oil** or the like during this month ending the first Sunday of June. Also we were asked to continue to give **bulk foods**, such as rice, flour, and beans. Speaking of beans, it seems that some of the recipients prefer the bags of dried beans over beans in a can, but not all.

We got some socks in and one pair was pretty wild, while I think most guys prefer the solid white or dark socks, it is “any pair of socks in the storm”, that is what I always say (though not very often).

So for a quick review, for May through the first of June, 2025, we are collecting cooking oil, cereal and continuing with bulk foods like dry beans and socks for any age.

Thanks for putting up with my bad jokes and for your wonderful contributions for May.

Thanks, Chuck

SERVING IN MAY

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

Loretta Evans	5/09
Karthik King	5/11
Sarah Hampton	5/15
Janet Hummel	5/18
Dylan Gunther	5/25
Lynn Anderson	5/27





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Library	2 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Sanctuary	3 Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:00am National Guard Armory Food Drive - Us- ing Parking Lot 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A
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MISSION STATEMENT:
Know God.
Build Community.
Impact the World.

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 including **Camp Magruder located on the Oregon Coast just north of Garibaldi and south of Rockaway Beach.**

Consider going with YOUR FAMILY!!!!

Camp Magruder Family Camp, May 23-26
\$269 Adult | \$209 Youth 5-17 | \$0 Child 0-4 |
\$1,215 Family

Family members of all ages welcome!

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