



# Messenger

## September 2025

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### “Getting To Know You”

I love musicals! In fact, I prefer to live my life as a musical. Unfortunately for my family that means they must endure hearing a song for every moment, and even my own humming in the “silent” moments. That said, “Getting to Know You” from *The King and I* has been my theme song these past two months.

Now that we have completed the “Meet and Greet” listening sessions, I do feel like I am beginning to know you better. I’m learning about the ways the church reaches out in service to others and thrives when bound by a common purpose. I have loved hearing about those times when you are most proud of your church. I am currently in the process of compiling all of your responses from our time together and look forward to sharing these findings with you. I think they will provide us with some clear and actionable steps for ministry through the end of the year.

I will now turn my attention to getting to know the community. I will be attending upcoming community events, walking neighborhoods, and sharing lots of coffee. If you can help facilitate meetings with community leaders, please let me know. Every visit is helpful and provides me the opportunity to connect in a meaningful way.

Finally, I hope that as we begin September, you will join me in faithful celebration. This is the sort of celebration without the “but.” It is the sort of celebration that encourages us to give thanks to God and then sit with the joy that comes with giving thanks. I believe this will be a helpful spiritual exercise as we become even more attentive to God’s good work among us!

God’s peace,  
Pastor Rhett Ansley

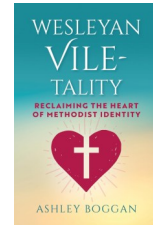
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR—2 UPCOMING FALL CLASSES

**United Methodism for a New Day**  
**To be held at Hillsboro UMC—Mondays at 6:00 PM**  
**6 Weeks (Beginning September 8)**



Pastor Rhett will teach a class on United Methodism beginning Monday, September 8. You're encouraged to bring a dish/snack to share as we gather. "Covered Dish" is core vocabulary for United Methodists!

We will use Dr. Ashley Boggan's *Wesleyan Vile-tality* as our text. You can order a copy for yourself online or a copy can be ordered through the church office. This reading will inform our weekly discussion.

Not able to make Monday evenings? No worries. This will be offered again at another time.

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**Cultivating Community**  
**To be held at Forest Grove UMC—Thursdays at 10 AM**  
**6 Weeks (Beginning September 11)**



Pastor Rhett will teach a class on “Cultivating Community” beginning Thursday, September 11, at 10 AM. You’re invited to join the conversation as we explore how relationships are essential to the future of the Church. Join us after class for a “no host” lunch at a local restaurant.

We’ll use “The Art of Neighboring” by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon as our text. You can order a copy yourself online or a copy can be ordered through the church office. The weekly reading will inform our conversation.

Not able to make Thursday mornings? No worries. This will be offered again at an alternative time.

## TRUSTEES’ CORNER

*Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Trustee Chair*

Trustees projects for August were:

- found a community garden organization affiliated with Adelante Mujeres who can use the large tractor/mower. We donated the machine to them.
- reinforced the modesty wall in front of the Choir Loft so that it no longer wobbles.
- continuing to work on the sound system to fine tune the sound.
- investigating how our church fits into the Oregon Building Performance Standards program.
- discussed placing signage in the green space about appropriate use.



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

SUBMITTED BY CRICKET O'NEILL

### Joys - August 10

- Cricket was joyful and grateful that her mom could cut her hair this last week, they took off nearly 6 inches!
- Emily was so grateful for the opportunities God has opened up for her to connect with neighbors she has had for 7 years
- Sarah was joyful for the ministry of youth the UMC provides. She just took her grandson Zackary to Grand Camp
- MaryJane was joyful that this morning she found out they can use the Sky Lounge for the Meet and Listen sessions

### Joys - August 17

- Joy was thrilled that Pastor Rhett reached out to Ella and thanked him for his pastoral care.
- Mary Jane said she loves having the little ones with us as well as Jacquie and Morris
- Sharon said she was so happy that she got to spend some time with her great-grandchildren; they are tiny but growing fast
- Taylor said she is so happy her parents are here and that she and her husband bought a new house



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





# HELLO september



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	<p>1</p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A <b>Labor Day</b> 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm 6:00pm Potluck in the Park at FGUMC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Library</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Sanctuary</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A</p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>Food Drive Collection Youth Gathering at HUMC</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Brownie Sundaes Fellowship Time 3:00pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm 6:00pm <b>United Methodism for a New Day Class @ Hillsboro UMC</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Food Delivery Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am <b>Cultivating Community Class</b> 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Sanctuary</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Joint Worship Service at Cornelius UMC - Potluck lunch to follow 3:00pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm 6:00pm <b>United Methodism for a New Day Class @ Hillsboro UMC</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:00pm <b>Meet &amp; Listen Report by Pastor Rhett in Fellowship Hall</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am <b>Cultivating Community Class</b> 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Library</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 7:00pm <b>Youth Gathering @ FGUMC</b> 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Sanctuary</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall 3:00pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>First Day of Autumn</b> Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 1:00pm Music Bridge in Garden Rm 6:00pm <b>United Methodism for a New Day Class @ Hillsboro UMC</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:30pm Tabernaculo de FG in Garden Rm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am <b>Cultivating Community Class</b> 7:00pm Choir in Sanctuary 7:00pm SA Group - Rm. 8B 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Library</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 6:00pm <b>Game Night @ HUMC</b> 7:30pm Ciudado de Refugio in Sanctuary</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Growing Baby USA in Rm. 7A 10:00am Chair Yoga - Rm. 8A</p>
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## YOUTH GATHERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Submitted by Emily Tabb

### Hillsboro UMC—Sunday, September 7

Youths will gather at Hillsboro UMC on the first Sunday of each month.

### Forest Grove UMC—Friday, September 19

Youths will gather at Forest Grove UMC in Room 8B at 7 PM on the third Friday of each month.

### Game Night at Hillsboro UMC—Friday, September 26

Gather on the fourth Friday of each month from 6 – 8 PM at Hillsboro UMC, September . All ages gather for board games, video games, and good laughs. Bring a snack to share and a friend!



## Brownie Sundae Sunday, September 7!!!

Bring your favorite brownies to share during fellowship time; toppings and ice cream will be provided to make an AWESOME brownie sundae!

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

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