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WORSHIP IN JUNE

We have made it through the festive cycle of Lent-Easter-tide and enter the liturgical season known as “Ordinary Time.” You might think that it’s ordinary time because nothing extraordinary is happening. No big festivals. Nothing particularly exceptional. In some sense, that is true, but that’s not why this season is called Ordinary Time. (continued on page 2)



June 2, 2024, The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

1 Samuel 3:1–20
“Speak, For Your Servant Is Listening”

June 9, 2024, The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Graduate Recognition

Mark 3:20–35
“He’s Out of His Mind”

June 16, 2024, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:24—16:13
“The LORD Sees into the Heart”

June 23, 2024, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

Rev. Wendy Woodworth, guest preacher

June 30, 2024, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 5:21–43
“Twelve Years”

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Worship in June (continued)

The “ordinary” in this case refers to ordinal numbers—first, second, third. That’s how time is tracked in this season. How many weeks is it after Pentecost. In June, we mark the second through fifth Sundays after Pentecost. By the end of the season, it will be the twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

In June, we’ll be jumping back and forth between the stories of Samuel and Jesus. We’ll begin with Samuel’s call story, when he hears the voice of God speak directly to him, but he doesn’t recognize it. On June 9th, we will recognize recent graduates. We’ll also hear a story about when Jesus first started to head out on his own, and his family was not on board with what he was doing. Then we’ll hear the story of Samuel helping God to choose a new king for Israel.

On June 23, I’ll be away at Annual Conference. It won’t be far—we’re meeting at Tigard UMC this year—but I’ll be busy as part of conference worship team on Sunday. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Wendy Woodworth, will be providing a video sermon that day.

Finally, on June 30, we’ll hear the intertwined stories of two of Jesus’s healings, and the surprising connection they have to one another.

Blessings,

+ Pastor David

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Trustee Chair

The Trustees completed the following projects in May:

- 1) Repairs were made to the gate by Room 9 of the Education Wing so that it no longer sags and is easier to lock and unlock.
- 2) Room 7A has been rented to Growing Baby USA through the end of the year.
- 3) The faucet in the kitchen has been repaired after it was found to be dripping.
- 4) The locks on the outside bathrooms in the Education Wing were replaced so that the doors can be locked and unlocked easily.



MUSIC BRIDGE PROGRAM

Music Bridge is a free weekly program of Forest Grove United Methodist Church that serves seniors in Washington County through interactive music playing and singing. The program has an **Abundant Health** focus, a priority initiative of The United Methodist Church. In particular, Music Bridge brings the benefits of improved cognitive health and social connection for participants.



While the focus is on serving senior citizens, the program is also adaptable to include all generations, with the potential of bringing people of all ages together in order to share in music making, music listening, music sharing, and music learning.

The program is led by Lisa Peterson, MT-BC, a board-certified and Oregon licensed Music Therapist with thirty years of experience in the field. She plays multiple instruments, including accordion, piano, guitar, ukulele, and flute. Her passion lies in making live music accessible to all seniors who have interest and who would benefit from it.



Financing for the program consists of a mixture of grants and donations. To support the program, donations may be made to **Forest Grove United Methodist Church** designated to **Music Bridge**.

Music Bridge is on summer break. Weekly hour-long music sessions, open to everyone, resume in the fall in the Garden Room.

Stay tuned for starting date and time!

UP-COMING EVENTS

- **Food Bank Donations** - For the first Sunday, **June 2**, please bring in your gifts-donations for the food bank—simple meals like Hamburger Helper and canned dinners
- **Graduate Recognition**—during service, June 9
- **Father's Day**—June 16
- **Adelante Mujeres Preschool Celebration**—June 17
- **Annual Idaho / Oregon Church Conference**—Jun 20-23
- **Adelante Mujeres Staff Meeting**—June 28

ON-GOING EVENTS

- **SA Group** - Thursday, 7:00 pm - Room 8B
- **Chair Yoga**—Saturday, 10:00 am—Room 8A

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Submitted by Cricket O'Neill

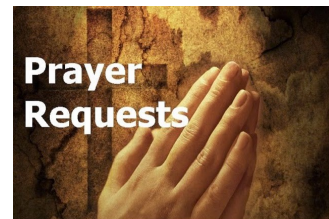
Joys May 12 (Mother's Day):

- Darlene said hearing the choir was a joy this morning, that their song was just lovely
- Cricket said it a joy to have Sharon as her mom
- Sharon said it has been such a joy seeing all the flowers come to bloom recently. She also said the bell choir this morning was just beautiful
- Lucinda said she is thankful for her mom, Sylvia
- MJ was so grateful for the sharing experience of seeing the Northern Lights Friday night with all her children
- Chuck said thanks to all the moms, grandmas, and moms-to-be
- Melissa said this coming Thursday is Karthik's 18th birthday!



Concerns May 12:

- Brian asked for continued prayers for Val who is recovering from surgery
- Margaret asked for prayers for her son, Steven, who is having open heart surgery tomorrow. He and his wife live in Las Vegas
- Bonnie asked for continued prayers for her brother, Lonnie who is recovering from a brain bleed. He is stable enough to be at home but the doctors still have to determine the extent of brain damage
- Bonnie asked for us to remember the women who have been or would have been mothers but are not due to the loss of a baby or child, this day is very difficult for them



GROWING BABY USA

We welcome the non-profit organization GROWING BABY USA to our facility this month. The organization is occupying Room 7A and supplies clothing to kids in the community. They supply bags of 15-20 clothing items per month that are ready for pick-up from preemie to 5T.

WELCOME GROWING BABY USA!!!



LAY LEADER REPORT

Submitted by Chuck Pritchard, Lay Leader

I like to talk and express my opinion, but as the lay leader I have to wait and listen to all the other opinions first. Fortunately the other leaders of the Church are very intelligent and I can just listen.

With a new bishop, a special meeting was called of the Lay Leaders, so I went to Salem for a five-hour meeting on Monday, May 30. This meeting consisted of an introduction of our local churches for Bishop Bridgeforth.

Most of the twenty some-churches in our group had the ministers or other public speakers give their three-minute talks with the use of slides or short film clips. When I presented our church, I told of the 88 registered members of which there were 28-35 consistently on Sunday mornings and of our several projects. When I got to food collection, I told of the Little Pantry and how we didn't have an individual foodbank but a community bank of several local churches to allow a larger base and selection for those in need.

Speaking of collecting, we have a request for more of the same type of food contributions for next month, June, as we have be giving, quick simple meals and can dinners, not very exciting but needed over the summer for kids to make for themselves.



What do you think of a special collection for a challenge for our local Methodist Churches, any ideas??? Let me know!

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SERVING IN JUNE

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

Rebeka Connell	6/02
Cindy McConnell	6/07
Tom Gunther	6/07
Barbara Schultz	6/08
Elaine McConnell	6/09
Kendra Swartz	6/10
Margaret Hoerber	6/14
Emma Englin	6/14
Alisa Hampton	6/18
Taylor Haney	6/21
Janet DePooter	6/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Paula Gassman	6/03
Angie & Tim Gunther	6/06
Joanne & Tom Rannells	6/08
Bobby & Emily Tabb	6/12
Linda & Thomas Krogman	6/15
Jacque & Morris Haney	6/21



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: Mardeen King

submitted by M.J. Nordgren

In 2005, Mardeen, Pastor David's mother, became a Master Gardener. Becoming a Master Gardener really opened up a new life for Mardeen. She volunteered at The Oregon Garden and in 2013 was volunteer of the year. She was instrumental in getting a fuchsia garden planted.

Charlie, her husband, passed away in 2023 after 54 years of marriage. Mardeen continues to live in Salem where she is active in the Fuchsia Society, PEO, Church choir, and takes ukulele lessons.

She sang in Festival Chorale Oregon for over 10 years and was on the Board of Directors. During those years, she sang with the choir twice in Carnegie Hall.

In her spare time, she crochets baby blankets to donate to a pregnancy crisis center. She also likes spending time with her family David, Melissa, Karthik, Kayla and Kiahla.

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Open Minds.
Open Doors.

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