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# Messenger

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### WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

*Submitted by Pastor David*

#### **February 2, 2025, The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Communion

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

“Luv”

#### **February 9, 2025, The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

“One Untimely Born”

#### **February 16, 2025, The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5–10

“A Shrub in the Desert”

#### **February 23, 2025, The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

Luke 6:27–38

“Love Your Enemies”

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## *Valentine Pot Luck*

Plan on attending the  
Valentine Pot Luck

**February 16** - after service

Bring a dish to share and  
enjoy the festivities

**WEAR RED OR PINK**

And be prepared for a photo op!



## **YOUTH & FAMILY GROUP**

*Submitted by Emily Tabb, Youth and Family Director*

The youth rang in the New Year with a youth gathering where we discussed the plans we make and the plans God has for our lives. We had our first 4th Sunday service Sunday and we decorated and wrote cards of encouragement for a Methodist Church in California affected by the wildfires. We also hosted a District Youth Gathering at Hillsboro UMC and our youth did an amazing job planning

### **Upcoming events:**

- Youth Gathering on February 9—**CANCELLED**, instead we will have **Spill the Tea with Emily @ Insomnia Coffee off of Main Street on Feb. 6th 5-6:30pm.**
- Conference Youth Winter Retreat Feb 15-17 @ Suttle Lake UM Camp. **I'm in need of one more driver/adult.** If you're interested, PLEASE let me know!
- 4th Sunday Service- **February 23** 11:30 am -1:00 pm.

We are partnering with Growing Baby to provide families in our community with baby/children/youth gently used clothing, shoes, toys, baby furniture. They use a space in our church and serve many families with young children. If you or you know someone who has items to donate, you can contact me.

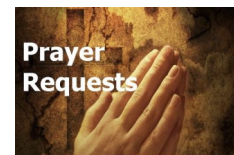


## JANUARY JOYS & PRAYER REQUESTS

*Submitted by Cricket O'Neill*



**For Joys and Concerns  
please contact the  
church office.**



### **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) will start February 23rd at 4 pm. at FGUMC.



Questions - please contact Betty Pritchard.

## TRUSTEES' CORNER

*Submitted by Brian Hawkins, Trustee Chair*

The Trustees did the following in January.

- Continued work on upgrading the sound system in the Sanctuary. More work on that will happen in February to improve the microphones and to expand the coverage throughout the space.
- The gutters and downspouts of the church were cleaned as a part of the regular annual maintenance of the building.
- After notification by the police department, graffiti was removed from the play structure.
- A cracked window in the play structure was replaced.
- Room use requests were approved with more under consideration.
- The main water line to the church and the Education Wing was replaced.



We appreciate your patience as we had to cancel one service on Sunday due to the difficulty in finding where the line to the main church building ran.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 2 - Bell Choir - Prelude 10 am. - Sanctuary**
- **February 5 - Trustees Meeting 7 pm. - questions - contact Brian Hawkins, Chair**
- **February 6 - Food delivery to Food Bank**
- **February 23 - Lenten Study - the Chosen - 4 pm. Fellowship Hall**

### ON-GOING EVENTS

- **Youth Group - 2nd and 4th Sundays**
- **Music Bridge - Mondays, 1-2 pm. - Garden Room**
- **Cuidado de Refugio - Thursday, 7:30 pm - Library, Friday, 7:30 pm - Sanctuary**
- **Growing Baby - Monday - Friday, 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*

During the readings last Sunday, I suddenly realized something when I heard the words that ‘Jesus read the scriptures out to the people’. When and how did Jesus learn to read? I don’t remember anything about his attending school or anyone in the village teaching the local kids how to read and write. It is just part of the great story we haven’t heard, but it does make you think of how and when he, a carpenter’s child, learned to read and write, doesn’t it?

Starting this month, we have been asked to contribute to Cornelius UMC and Hillsboro UMC and their food banks, so we will attempt to. Any contributions will be accepted and our little troop will divide the contributions to go where it is asked for; Hillsboro UMC, Cornelius UMC, our own Little Pantry, or our old standby, St. Anthony’s.

The last day of this collection will be Sunday 2/2/25 and we are asking this time for boxes of spaghetti noodles and boxed meals. They will be shared out, even the large cans.

For March we will be collecting beans, beans, and more beans; be they black, white, pinto, or green; dried or in a can. So be thinking with the old BEAN when shopping during the month of February/early March. Thank you in advance.

Chuck

### SERVING IN FEBRUARY

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

Emily Tabb	02/01
Mark McConnell	02/06
Adrienne Dionne	02/08
Laurie Bond	02/09
Betty Pritchard	02/10
Alyssa Dionne	02/11
Maxine Nichols	02/13
Virgil Foxley	02/17
Cricket O’Neill	02/20
Jan Schrock	02/22
Leah Henriksen	02/24
Jasper O’Sullivan	02/25
Lilly LaCombe	02/26



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.**

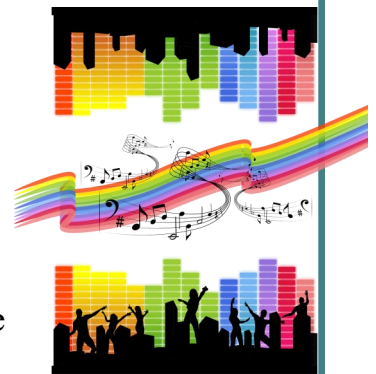
## CHURCH CORNER: Robbie Boles

**Robbie Boles, our AWESOME Music Director,** was born and raised in Forest Grove and Cornelius. He has always been active in the community and youth activities such as the Scouts, and school sports, but he knew in middle school that he wanted to teach, particularly music.

His love of music led him to earn his Master's degree in Music Education from Portland State University during the COVID pandemic. He now teaches enthusiastic middle-schoolers choir, band, and general music in the Beaverton School District.

Robbie directs FGUMC Chancel Choir and the Handbells. In addition, he works with our sound system for both in-person and on-line/Facebook services .

His love of music and ability to laugh and love have brought so much out of his choirs that the members did not know they had in them to give to Robbie or the world.



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

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