



# The Viewpoint

News from the Forest Grove

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 2011

## Update on Our Third Annual Rummage Sale Friday-Sunday, August 26-28

**Volunteers Needed! Our immediate needs are as follows:**

- **Help sort items at the warehouse.** We just picked up a HUGE amount of donations from Banks Christian School on Friday, August 5. We will need tons of help this week sorting and organizing these donations, so please stop by the warehouse as you are able, between the hours of 10-3, Monday-Friday.
- **Post Flyers in the community and area.** We are asking everyone to take a few FGUCC Rummage Sale flyers to help canvas businesses throughout the area. Please ask permission to post a flyer in establishments that you frequent such as coffee shops, downtown businesses from Forest Grove to Hillsboro, and on employee bulletin boards where you work. The more advertising we do, the better results we will have from our sale.

**Ongoing organization of rummage and help during sale.** Please set time aside during the week of the rummage sale, especially beginning Wednesday August 24th (both during the day and in the evening) for setting up tables, and then Thursday the 25th for putting items out on display. (Times will include day

AND evening as well). And finally, we will need help with sales on Friday, Saturday & Sunday during the rummage sale. Any time that you can help will be appreciated, even if it is only for an hour or so.



We are really counting on the help from volunteers to make this important fundraiser for our church a HUGE success. Please contact me by phone (at 503-324-4220 or 503-803-2608) or email (Qkenbetp@gmail.com) to let me know if you have donations and to find out how you can

help with this event.

We will continue to send out regular updates as more information becomes available. In the meantime, blessings to all of you, and a heart full of gratitude for all of you who have volunteered so far and for those of you that will be helping out to make this a successful fundraiser.

Thank you!

— Ken Prickett, Coordinator

# Kid Stuff



Another July has come and gone leaving another week of Junior High Summer Camp to fade away along with the tie-dye on our camp t-shirts. This past month, five Forest Grove UCC adults—Ken Prickett, Robert and Kathleen Lacock, Deva Harris-Williams and I served as adult leaders at Camp Adams. Robert and Kathleen were Camp Directors, Deva was Camp Nurse and I served as Chaplain. Ken got the big gold stars as he bunked with the kids as a Counselor in Alpha Cabin.

We accompanied six FGUCC youth: Helen and Jack Thais, Ethan and Levi Ouellette, Jenna LaBonte, and Ellie Schnorr which made the FGUCC contingent account for about 20% of the total number of adults and kids at camp.

I love the simplicity of Camp life; the idea that you can turn a big grassy field into the best sports stadium ever, a fire ring into a concert hall, and a spot in the woods into the holiest cathedral.

But the thing I love best about camp is that for this one magical week, everyone has plenty to eat, a safe place to sleep, immediate medical care if needed, and caring adults looking after their safety, inclusion, fun and well-being 24/7.

Program staff was aware of the fact that, for several campers, this was not the case at home. Some of these kids were functionally homeless, if not yet on the streets, making do by drifting from couch to couch wherever they might find a few weeks of welcome.

Other kids, when they were back home, ate irregularly from whatever food could be salvaged. For them, even our overcooked pasta and translucent vegetables qualified as the best food they've eaten in their lives.

A few kids suffered from ADD or Asperger's Syndrome badly enough to make us wonder how they made it through the day. Some kids had already been exposed to enough bad religion or judgmental religious attitude to make them resent the "church" part of church camp.

Two of the kids had just lost a grandparent who was the primary caregiver in their lives. They went from camp to the funeral and then would be moving to another relative's house. Other kids were coming to camp from families where parents were fighting, abusing drugs or alcohol or where financial

stresses were tearing their families apart.

We don't usually think of hunger, homelessness, illness, or grief as part of the Summer Camp experience or as a background to children's lives, but there it all was, in every game of Kick the Can, woven into every friendship bracelet. But the amazing gift of Outdoor Ministry demonstrates that even while that pain and fear is real, God loves them, people care for them, and that sometimes Grace breaks through into joy and laughter and memories that last longer than tie-dyed t-shirts.

I want to thank FGUCC for supporting not just our kids but all of the youth and adults that make Camp Adams a place of heaven on earth. And I invite all of us to make the rest of life more like Camp year round. Amen.

—Pastor Jennifer

## **PASTORAL SUPPORT—**

If you are in need of pastoral support while Pastor Jennifer is out of the office for the next two weeks, please contact Carlene Krueger, Stephen Ministry leader, through the office at 503-357-9121.

## **STUMP THE PREACHER—**

Next Sunday, August 14 get ready to "Stump the Preacher" with any questions you might have about church, the Bible or theology.

## Stewardship Update

**T**hanks to all for a very generous July! Last month, our income exceeded expenses for the first time in a long while, leaving us \$6,892.33 to the good side of the ledger for the month. We're still running a deficit for the year (\$23,054.22), but we hope that a strong showing from the Rummage Sale August

26-28 will go a long way toward trimming that figure down. We remind everyone that we are more than happy to receive funds through electronic transfer and will be happy to assist you in setting that up. Thanks again for supporting the mission and ministries of our church!

—Your Stewardship Team

## Contributions during Summer

**I**f you're planning to miss church services this summer due to travel or other family commitments, we would like you to consider committing to a recurring giving schedule or automatic payments. Your consistent support is very much appreciated, especially during the summer months.



Contact the church office for more details. Thank you!

— Elena Parker

## Save the Dates!

- ◆ August 26-28 is our 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
- ◆ September 1-3 is our RAFTING TRIP
- ◆ September 4-11 host FAMILY BRIDGE
- ◆ October 1, 9:00 AM CROP Hunger Walk
- ◆ November 1, at noon is our next Senior luncheon with special guest Lesley Hallick, President, Pacific University
- ◆ November 19 from 6-9 PM is our third ANNUAL AUCTION



## Seeking volunteers for floor waxing project

**I** need 1-2 people to prep hallways and classrooms for waxing. I can do the waxing myself, but need help with prep. This work can be done over one day (about 8 hours) or two days (about 4 hours) — your choice. Friday and or Saturday are the best days.

Possible Dates:

- ◆ Friday, August 12 and/or Saturday, August 13
- ◆ Friday, August 19 and/or Saturday, August 20
- ◆ Saturday, September 9 and/or Saturday, September 10



Please contact the office if you can help at (503) 357-9121. Thank you!

— John Davis, Sexton

# Joys & Prayer Concerns

## Prayer Concerns—

Please remember Royce Hostetler as he was recently diagnosed with cancer and will be facing surgery in the near future. Please continue to remember Mairi Scott Aguirre as she recovers from recent breast cancer surgery, and also keep Mairi's family in your prayers. Please remember Jean Nixon as she continues to recover from a broken hip; also continue to remember Dick Rogers, Glenn Cooper, Dick Johnston, Lois Campbell, and any other members, friends and family of our church, not named here, who are homebound or who have other ongoing special needs.

## Sympathy—

Our hearts go out to Karen Thias upon the recent death of her aunt Katherine, who died on Friday, July 29 after a long illness. Her memorial service was held on Friday, August 5. Please keep Karen and her family in your prayers.

## Newborns—

Congratulations to Megan and Justin Nicholson as they are the very proud parents of their first-born son, Noah, born on Monday, August 1. This is Geoff and Alisa Johnston's second grandchild and Dick & Lois Johnston's second great-grandchild.

Congratulations to Brandi & Aaron Frye on the arrival of their son, Adrian James, born on Thursday, July 28.

## Thank You!

Dear FGUCC Community,  
Simon and I would like to thank you so much for your wonderful wishes and very warm farewell. We were sad to leave all of you and we hope to come visit in the near future. A special thanks for the great support in the FGUCC music community and life.

Finally, a special thanks to all the musicians who agreed to present special music during the summer months, including Lauren Hansen, Deena & Laura Barrett, Laura & Jerry Frye, Jane Romig and her group Classics a la Carte, Ellen Fiscus and Jennifer Yocum, Howard Ashley, Geneva Houx and Elena Parker.

It was my pleasure to work with so many talented musicians! Thank you for the great year!

— Sincerely, SeungJin Bae

## OWL Review—

Many thanks to the 15 folks who participated in the Our Whole Lives class. Your commitment to the schedule and openness to participating in all activities made it enjoyable for your instructors!

— Sandy Freeman and Diane Jackson.

## The Pastor's Pint returns on Wednesday, August 24

Please join Pastor Jennifer on Wednesday, August 24 for the Pastor's Pint at McMenamins in Pat's Corner (formerly The Yard House).

Because Pastor Jennifer is participating in the youth group mission trip this week, and she



will be on vacation the week of August 14, there will be no gathering at McMenamins for the next two Wednesdays. If you are a friend or visitor to our church (not yet a member) your beverage is on the house—the House of God, that is. See you on Wednesday afternoons between 4:30 and 6:00 PM.

# And We're off on our Yakama Youth Mission Trip!



**T**hirteen youth and four adults headed out immediately following worship on Sunday, August 7 to White Swan, Washington, for the Learning and Serving Trip. We are looking forward to the opportunity to assist in the final stages of re-construction after a devastating fire last February, helping with the remodeling of the parsonage, working on their farm and experiencing the culture of White Swan on the Yakima Indian reservation. We have been able to fund raise to cover the cost of our lodging and programming at the Mission. Thank you to all members of the congregation for your tremendous support and enthusiasm for our

youth as they grow and experience God's love and grace in the world.

Participants in the 2011 Yakama Mission Trip include:

Abby Aguirre  
Bailey & Brent Becker  
Lauren & Emma Hansen  
Brian Lacock  
Ethan & Levi Ouellette  
Elli Schnorr  
Helen & Jack Thias  
Ruby Van Dyk  
Cassandra Young

Adults: Audrey Ouellette, Pastor Jennifer Yocum, Deva Harris-Williams and Bob Van Dyk

## The Whipped Cream Pie in the Face fundraiser was a HUGE success!

**A**tremendously HUGE thank you to everyone for posting votes for our willing participants: Pastor Jennifer, Ralph Brown, Audrey Ouellette, Pete Truax,

Amber Mather-Hall and Tom Epler, Jr. An extra thank you to Jennifer and Ralph as they took the pie in the face Sunday, July 31 at our Annual Founders' Day Potluck. Great fun was had by all. You can check out our photos at [www.facebook.com/fgucc](http://www.facebook.com/fgucc). We collected \$452 in votes, \$129 in raffle tickets, and an extra donation to make everyone's sum of money equal, which brought our grand total for this fund raiser to \$926.00! WOW!! Thank you to everyone for such fabulous support toward our Mission Trip!

— Audrey Ouellette,  
Program Coordinator



## CROP HUNGER WALK — October 1, 9:00 AM

**J**oin the CROP Hunger Walk — Ending Hunger One Step at a time! Step Up! We need you!

**What are CROP Hunger Walks?** Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Different ages, faiths and backgrounds — together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. Some 2,000 communities across the country take part each year.

**What's the point of walking?** Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. We walk because we want to end hunger — one step at a time.



This is a community event sponsored by our church and churches in the area. We will have more detailed information available in early September. For more information please call the church.

— Audrey Ouellette, Program Coordinator

# Outreach Commission Summer News

## Auction set for November 19!

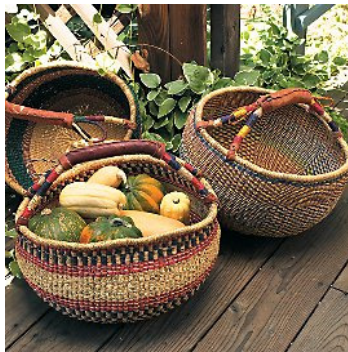
**L**azy Days of Summer? That just does not seem to be happening...So let's get ready for our 3rd Annual Auction set for Saturday, November 19. We are encouraging everyone to think creatively, utilize your talents and get started on projects for now for the Auction.

Our auction is a HUGE fundraiser for our Benevolence funds. Think outside the box to make this a fun and profitable event. Build Bird houses. Grow that special herb to make fancy vinegars, plant something to can or make Pies, make jewelry or a quilt. Create some art.

If you have a friend who has a special talent, please ask your friend to consider creating something special for this community event.

Blessings on our multitalented community.

— Deva and Bonnie  
Auction Co-chairs



## Baskets from Ghana

The Outreach Commission will be selling baskets from Ghana at the Forest Grove Farmers' Market on Wednesday, August 17. We'll be seated alongside our FGUCC Best Team, like we did last year. All proceeds of the basket sales will go to Framework International, Seth Prickett's organization that builds schools in Ghana. In the meantime, we'll also be selling baskets from time to time in Fellowship Hall directly after church. We hope to see you there!

— Nancy Christoph, Outreach Commission member

## Coffee, Tea & Chocolate for Sale this Summer

In August the BEST Team will be selling Equal Exchange products on the second Sunday only (August 14). We will also have these products available at our table at the Forest Grove Farmers' Market on August 17 (in addition to insulated shopping bags and water bottles). Re-

member, for each pound of coffee, tea or chocolate purchased through the UCC Coffee Project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the UCC Small Farmer Fund for projects supporting small farmers and their families.


—BEST Team

**MISSION:1**  
11.11-11.11  
That they may all be 1

ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice

[ucc.org/mission 1](http://ucc.org/mission1)

Nov. 1-11, 2011

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# Children's Page

## HERO Sandwich

To celebrate the Bible's many heroes, make this sandwich for a picnic.

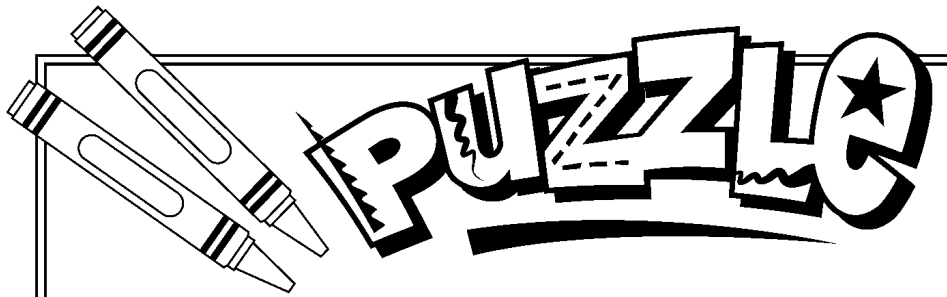
### What you need:

- An adult to help
- Shredded lettuce
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, oregano)
- Italian crusty bread (six inches per person)
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced meat
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced tomato
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Toothpicks
- Tape



### What you do:

1. Drizzle shredded lettuce with oil and vinegar; sprinkle with seasonings.
2. Cut bread in half lengthwise and spread mayo on both halves.
3. On bottom half, layer meats, cheese, tomato and lettuce.
4. Top with other half of bread. Cut in half.
5. Cut paper into small triangles. Write your favorite Bible heroes' names on them.
6. Tape the triangles to toothpicks to make pennants. Stick in sandwich halves. Enjoy!



## action-packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

**Directions:** Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah     | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life.  |
| Stephen  | 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants.                |
| Abraham  | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side.              |
| Luke     | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent.  |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah   | 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death.                                   |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 5, Abraham 6, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.

# Serving Schedule

## Ushers in August 2011

Ken Prickett, John and Mary Welch, and Tom Epler

## Acolytes

August 7: Ruby & Helen  
August 14: Hannah & Clara  
August 21: Ben & Zach  
August 28: Annika & Jenna

## Youth Readers

August 7: Emma Hansen  
August 14: Grace Ronan  
August 21: Elli Schnorr  
August 28: Levi Ouellette

## Adult Readers

August 7: Geoff Johnston  
August 14: Melissa Timm  
August 21: Pamelajean Myers or Gini Petersen  
August 28: Carol Olson

## CAN Typists

August 7: Malinda Alexander  
August 14: Pamelajean Myers  
August 21: Malinda Alexander  
August 28: Bonnie McDowell

## Transportation

August 7: Rob Foster & Mike Olson  
August 14: Dick Kroll & Bob Browning  
August 21: Rob Foster & Mike Olson  
August 28: Darrel Brady & Wendy White

## Flowers

August 7: Peggy Vanderkin  
August 14: Elena Parker  
August 21: Margerette Cooney  
August 28: OPEN

## Summer Scrip Schedule:

Our last summer scrip order will be taken Sunday, August 7 for pick-up on Sunday, August 14. We will resume our regular weekly scrip order schedule on Sunday, September 4. If you have any questions, please let us know.

## Fellowship Hour

Outreach Commission is responsible for fellowship hour during the month of August.

## Summer Office Hours

The church office is closed on Mondays until Monday, September 13. Office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9AM-4PM



## Summer Nursery Care

Children in kindergarten and younger may stay in the Nursery with Windi Withycombe. All children in first grade and up are invited to remain in Worship service throughout the summer months. We will resume our regular Sunday School schedule on Sunday, September 18. Thank you.



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**Sunday Worship Time**

10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

**Summer Office Hours**

Monday: Office Closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 9-4

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**B**est wishes to all of you celebrating birthdays in August!

Mallory O'Harrow  
Mike Olson  
Rebecca Ouellette  
Bebe Schindler  
Vernon Schindler  
Alex Vanderkin

Bob Becker  
Winnie Beu  
Jackie Blair  
Ruth Brady  
Glenn Cooper  
Stephanie Edwards  
Frances Engelen  
Rob Foster  
Brandi Frye  
Naomi Frye  
BJ Jones  
Barbara Klein  
Warren Lancaster  
Kristin Ludwig

**Happy Birthday!**

