



The Viewpoint

News from the Forest Grove
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 2011

Dancing jigs of thanks for your generous stewardship in 2010!

We began this budget year in the midst of the second worst economic recession our nation has endured in a hundred years. The outlook was grim, even with freezing salaries and taking a sizeable distribution from our endowment, we projected a budget deficit of over \$18,000! But as the year went on, your generosity grew. Fundraisers did better than expected, gifts and contributions came in, and we all worked hard to keep costs down. At year's end, with only taking half of the endowment distribution we'd

planned on, we've ended up with a little over \$3,000 to the good this year! Hooray!!!

Remember, next year's proposed budget also projects a deficit, closer to \$24,000, but also includes expectations for additional programming, enhanced communication and continued growth. Thank you so much for your support in 2010. We look forward to continuing our happy dance next year!

— Your Stewardship Team

A New Year Wish!

May the New Year bring us:
 Enough happiness to keep us sweet;
 Enough trials to keep us strong;
 Enough hope to keep us lively;
 Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon God;
 Enough failure to keep us humble;
 Enough success to keep us eager;
 Enough friends to give us comfort;
 Enough wealth to meet our needs;
 Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward;
 Enough faith to overcome despair;
 And enough determination to use every day
 and situation somehow for good.

No matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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What we wish we knew about each other



Back in the late 1980s, I went home to spend Christmas with my parents and my brother. I was getting ready to work overseas as a missionary, planning to spend the next three and a half years earning the whopping sum of \$125 per month. My brother, bored with nothing else to do, picked up a copy of my college alumni magazine. The magazine featured an article about my year of voluntary simplicity which included working with homeless people in Colorado where I had my basic living expenses covered and received an allowance of \$60 per month.

My brother, who is only 20 months younger than me, was working on his business degree at the time. His goal was to graduate and find the best paying job he could immediately. He read the article, looked at me and said, “It seems impossible that we grew up in the same house.”

NPR recently reported on a study of siblings, explaining

how people who ostensibly grew up in the same home, under the same parents, attending the same school with the same teachers, and following the same routines can grow up not being “the same” at all. Differences in age, gender, sexual orientation all play a role as do the relative ages of people going through experiences at different times in their lives.

Churches don’t model the exact same dynamic as families do, but we notice some common traits. There are general assumptions that people hearing the same message, singing the same music, and participating in the same events will start to think alike, sound alike and fully understand each other. Well, if that’s not true at home, it’s certainly not true at church.

The question is how do we find out how “others” think? Our last two newsletters have contained a survey asking “What we wish we knew” about the “others in our lives—what men and women wish they knew about each other, what youth and elders wish they knew, parents and children, etc. “Otherness” in this way looks at race, ability, class, and sexual orientation as well.

To date the survey has not generated as much response as I’d like to see, but you still have time to get your thoughts in for some of the major questions **IF YOU TURN YOUR SURVEY**

IN BY JANUARY 15. Outside of the survey, however, I’d love to collect your stories about finding out how people you thought shared the same points of view perhaps didn’t. Or if you have stories about how what you thought you knew about the “other” wasn’t true at all. Have you “walked a mile in another’s shoes?”

Please send your stories, questions or ideas to me at jennifer@fgucc.org. Thanks!

— Pastor Jennifer

All voices Welcome to our Choirs!



Greetings to you all and welcome 2011!

All choirs welcome new voices to join us at anytime. These are the schedule for our rehearsals and services.

Choir Rehearsal and Service Schedule for January 2011—

- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals/ Services—Thursdays 7:15-8:45 PM (1/6, 1/20 & 1/27) and Sundays, 9:30-11 AM (1/2 & 1/23)
- Gospel Choir Rehearsals/ Services—Sundays 11:30 AM-12:30 PM (1/2 & 1/16) and Sundays 9:30-11 AM (1/16 & 1/30)
- Children's Choir Rehearsal—Sundays 9-9:30 AM (1/2 & 1/16)

All Sanctuary choir rehearsals/services are in the choir room and the Sanctuary. All Gospel Choir Rehearsals/services are in the Sanctuary. The first Sunday Children's Choir Rehearsal is in the Sanctuary and the third Sunday Children's Choir Rehearsal is in the choir room.

Director of Choirs,
SeungJin Bae

Youth Activities in January

Play & Plan—



Junior and Senior High Youth, please plan on attending our “Playing and Planning Day” immediately following church. Starting with lunch, of course, we will break in our new Wii system (THANK YOU HOLLY AND SHERRI VANN!), and spend some

time planning for fund raising for the mission trip and calendaring fun events for the rest of the year. All Junior youth and Senior High youth are invited to attend! Other youth dates in January will be determined at this event.

Youth Mission Trip Summer 2011

Youth Mission Trip Update: We are off to Yakama Christian Mission to Learn and Serve from Sunday, August 7 through Friday August 12. It is now time to make our commitments, pencil in our calendars, and continue our fund raising! To reserve your spot, we need a \$50 deposit by Sunday, January 16, 2011. Plan on joining us for a “Play and Planning Day” on Sunday, January 9 to determine our fund raising efforts!



— Audrey Ouellette
Program Coordinator
503-758-4114

Finance & Property News

2011 Budget Talk Back!

After worship on January 16!

At our Annual meeting on January 23, we will vote on our 2011 budget. Copies of the proposed 2011 budget were sent out in November and additional copies are available in the Narthex of the church. Our budget for next year is ambitious and projects a deficit, so we'll want to be very thoughtful and prayerful in moving ahead. Please plan to attend this meeting or contact Alisa Johnston or Ken Prickett with questions.

Scrip update and good news!

Thank you everyone for your generous support of Scrip during Advent. Our church benefited by your purchases in the amount of \$405.65 just for the orders placed on November 28, December 5 and 12. This is gross profit, and does not include handling and shipping fees.

Our regular scrip schedule resumes on Sunday, January 2, 2011.

— Scrip Team

Notes on Year-End Contributions

Especially this time of year when many of us are making year-end contributions, if you are planning to donate stock, it is very important that you call Elena to let us know your name, which stock, and which company we will be receiving the stock sale information from, i.e. Edward Jones, etc. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you!

—Linda Feik, Financial Secretary



Trivia Questions

What time does church start? What is the church address? What does our church believe? What kind of activities are available at Forest Grove UCC? What are the youth up to? Where is the Youth Mission Trip going to and when? What music groups are there at church? What time are practices? When do Commissions meet? Did you know all these questions – and many more – can all be answered at any time, day or night, on our updated website? YES – THEY CAN! Check it out at www.fgucc.org!



Budget note— What is OCWM?

In our budget each year, you'll see a line that reads "OCWM." This year, that amount shows \$17,000 and that's a decent amount of money. Here's a short explanation of what OCWM means. Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) is the name of the offering given to support our denomination and conference staff. In other churches, you might hear about an apportionment or tithe to their denominational structures. That's usually a set fee those other churches have to pay without much choice in the matter.

But, as in most matters of congregational polity, the UCC is different. We choose what we will pay to support the broader, or in this case "wider" work of our

The "Mission" in McMinnville

Last month's Viewpoint carried a full page article describing Sally Godard's vision to create a "church-without-walls" devoted to mission and justice concerns in McMinnville.

McMinnville has no UCC presence at this time; Sally would like to start an ordained ministry that invites the "spiritual but not religious" set to engage in the business of building peace and justice without having to maintain a church building or budget. To

church. About 25% of the money we put into OCWM goes directly to our national offices in Cleveland. That money gets used to create our communications efforts like the God is Still Speaking campaign, curriculum for adults and youth like the Our Whole Lives human sexuality program, and justice networks that alert us to ways we can put our faith to work. At the denominational level, OCWM also funds the databases that help pastors find churches and vice versa.

Close to 75% of our OCWM monies go to support similar efforts at the conference level. Conference OCWM monies are spent on communication, search and call efforts, continuing education, and making sure that our 47 churches stay in touch with each other. OCWM money does not go directly toward disaster relief or the kind of other activi-

engage in this ministry, Sally has proposed to partner with our church and with Salem First Congregational so that she receives supervision and support and in return, we'll get to learn from her work while we support the spread of our particular flavor of God's Good News of unlimited, never-ending love.

This partnership does not assume financial responsibility for Sally's ministry. She plans to keep working as a psychiatrist in McMinnville, a town she's called home for the last 20 years. In addition to her psychiatric practice, Sally is a

ties we typically call "mission," but it does help maintain our covenantal relationships with our sister churches and our larger whole. OCWM ensures that we have a denomination that calls us to greater faithfulness, courage and growth.

Forest Grove UCC has a strong history of support for OCWM. In past years, our OCWM support expressed as a percentage of our overall operating budget has exceeded what most churches give to this fund. We are confident that our budgeted amount for next year still shows strong support but is in better alignment with what most churches expect to contribute as an overall percentage. If you have any further questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer.

—Your Stewardship Team

recent graduate of the Pacific School of Religion with her Master's of Divinity degree and she will preach on January 2nd and field questions after worship on that day. The Executive Board of our church has recommended that our congregation support Sally's ministry as fitting in well with our proposed vision of spreading: More Joy. More Justice. More Compassion. In our hearts. In our homes. In our towns. In our world. Our vote to enter into this partnership will take place at our Annual Meeting on January 23rd.

— Pastor Jennifer Yocum

Outreach & Mission News

Thank you for the Holiday Baskets

As most everyone know, this year we partnered with the Forest Grove Fire Department to provide local families with food for their holiday meal and gifts for the children. On Monday, December 20 several youth from our youth group and Pastor Jennifer Yocum went shopping for food and additional gifts and then packed and delivered 20 baskets to the fire department for distribution to the families. This amazing event took only about six hours!! Thanks to all the youth for your amazing help and many thanks to each and every member of this church for your tremendous support with food and gifts and monetary donations! We could not have accomplished this mission without your generous support!

—Elora Kemp and
Audrey Ouellette

A miracle has happened!

Combating homelessness and issues of poverty involves many segments of society working together. When that happens miracles happen.

I'm here to report a miracle has happened.

I reported a while back that the Essential Health Clinic was clos-

ing their Tigard office. Rolling Hills Church in Tualatin took the news and decided to see what they could do to restore the Essential Health Clinic in Tigard. They took seriously the prospect that when people are struggling with poverty and get sick or injured they need a place to go for treatment. They knew about the wonderful work of the Essential Health Clinic, an agency that effectively brought medical people who volunteered their time into contact with people in desperate need.

I am delighted to say that Rolling Hills Church has raised \$66,000, and that the clinic will be restored to Tigard early next year! Holler praise and gratitude at the top of your lungs! This is a major victory and something for which we can all be very grateful!

It is also a story about what can be done when loving people put their minds together and create an opportunity to help. Miracles don't just appear. People have to act. Rolling Hills has people who are willing and called to come to the aid of their neighbors. So there are two miracles, that people saw a need in the first place and then that a wider group responded.

There are other examples of this, other churches who roll up their sleeves and pitch in. To me this is the very essence of community. This is what we are here to do. This is our work as human beings.

I attended a conference recently and learned that last year there were 19,000 kids in Oregon aged K-12 who had no home of their own. There were an additional thousand kids below kindergarten age with no home of their own.** We know that much of a person's emotional foundation for character and outlook are formed in these early years. To leave these kids outside is to deprive them of a chance of success in life.

I believe with all my heart that people care, and when they know about people in poverty they respond. Rolling Hills certainly proves it. What I have to deduce it that since people are homeless across the nation and here in Washington County that people still just are not aware. It takes some of us to step up and share the reality with our brothers and sisters, and with that story of reality offer an opportunity to others for a meaningful goal and response. With the cuts we are anticipating, those of us who have enough need to see to the needs of the less fortunate. Let this miracle from Rolling Hills Church inspire you to provide your friends and neighbors a way to help out, too. The need is great.

Blessings, Eric Canon (Chair)
Interfaith Committee on Homelessness (503) 357-3282
www.ahomeoftheirown.com

** This is the number that was counted. The actual number is much higher

Church Activities in January

Cross Country Ski Adventure with Women's Group

Ladies of the Women's Spirituality Group please include this adventure on your *calendars*, and by all means, *feel free to invite a friend!* Please join us Saturday, January 15 (Martin Luther King weekend) for some fun outdoor adventure cross country skiing on Mt. Hood. We will have time to silently reflect on this past year and to contemplate our goals for the New Year. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM and carpool to Winter Fox Ski rentals in Sandy, OR. Rentals are \$14 for boots, skis & poles. From there we'll continue up the mountain to Trillium Lake for an afternoon of skiing from about 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. We will return to the church by 4:30 or 5:00 PM, Please bring a sack lunch and snacks, water, warm gear and ski equipment if you have it. All levels encouraged to come! Even if you've never done cross country before, come give it a try!



Please RSVP to Melissa-blake-melissa@frontier.com or 503-359-0278 with the following information:

- ◆ That you can come
- ◆ Level of cross-country skiing (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
- ◆ If you have a "snow worthy" vehicle and would be willing to drive (and please indicate the number of people you can transport, including yourself)
- ◆ If you will be renting skis from Winter Fox
- ◆ If you have other ski equipment that you might be willing to loan to someone

— Melissa Timm

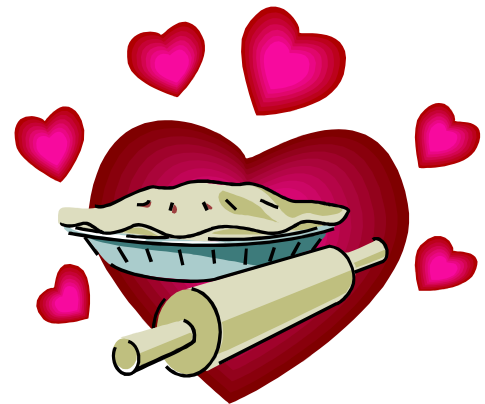
Chili, soup and pie fest and Fundraiser

January 23, 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

As a thank you to Forest Grove UCC, the folks from Pies for Peace are hosting a fund-raiser to contribute to the purchase of new stoves for the kitchen. There will be an all-you-can eat soup, stew and chili fest with bread and salad, and of course, pie for dessert. All this for \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids under 12. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us on Sunday, January 23 at 5:00 PM for food and fun!

RSVP to woodford.parker@frontier.com

—Pies for Peace Mamas



Best wishes to all of you celebrating a birthdays in January

Lillian Gimre
Betty Lancaster
Stella Schrag
Dorothy Cooper
Sharon Ronan
Peggy Nigbor
Tom Epler
Grayson Penfield
Helen Lewis
Kathleen Lacock
Daphne Janko
Dottie Waltz
Brian Lacock
Ali Actor



Happy Birthday!

Joys and Prayer Concerns

Please remember Ralph and Fran Otto as Ralph recovers from recent back surgery and Charla Gladden as she recovers from recent heart surgery. Continue to remember Dick Rogers, Marilyn Winterbourne, Dick Johnston, Betty and Warren Lancaster, Glenn Cooper, Gerald and Frances Engelen, Marge and Larry Fick, Alice Hoskins, Colin Dreher and his family, Bob and Dorothy Schlegel, Lois Campbell, and any other members, friends and family of our church, not named here, who are home-bound or who have other ongoing special needs.

Senior Luncheon set for Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 12 PM



Mike Full, the primary force behind the Yamhill River Pleistocene Project, will be our speaker, Tuesday January 11. On the web page, <http://yamhillriverpleistocene.com/>, Mike wrote: “When I was a young boy back in the mid-

60’s, I spent many happy summer days rowing my boat up and down the South Yamhill River from McMinnville. One day I picked up a fascinating rock, and decided to keep it. On another day, my river adventure led me to a large projectile point. Years later these treasures were identified as a mammoth tooth and a Cascade point. I was hooked. Since then each summer finds us down on the river searching for fossils. One year I was rewarded by finding the fossil remains of

a disarticulated mammoth weathering out of a cut bank of the river and called in the experts. Now we have several in situ fossil locations, and have identified the remains of mammoth, mastodon, giant sloth, extinct bison, ancient horse and camel; as well as many smaller species.” Mike will bring a few of his specimens for us to see. All are welcome to attend! For those who join us for the lunch, we appreciate a donation of \$4. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon and the program will begin about 12:35 PM.

If you wish to attend the

lunch and program and are not on our senior calling list, please call Dottie Waltz, 503-357-4488. If you want to attend only the lecture/Q&A, please arrive at 12:30 PM. Chairs will be set up for you in the back— Free!

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— Dale Feik, Senior Luncheon Chair, for the Senior Committee



ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting 2010 has been set

Our Annual Meeting for 2010 will be on Sunday, January 23, 2011 immediately following worship. Please plan to participate in this important event in the life of your church.

Annual Reports are due for 2010 Annual Meeting

If you are the chair or leader of any church group, including commission, choir, etc., please submit a report summarizing what your group did during 2010. Please submit this information no later than January 7, 2011, as we would like to complete the Annual Report booklets by Friday, January 14 to make available for review a week prior to the annual meeting. Please email to Elena at elena@fgucc.org. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

— Elena Parker

Human Resource Slate of Nominees to be presented at the Annual meeting

The following slate of nominees will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting Jan 23, 2011. Besides being published in the January viewpoint, the slate will also be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex at least ten days before the annual meeting. The motion that will be made at the meeting will be: “I move that the slate of nominees for officers, members of ministry Commissions, Youth representative to the Executive Board and delegates to the Central Pacific Conference Assembly be voted upon at this annual meeting.”

If you see any omissions and/or mistakes, in this slate, or if you are not included and still want to volunteer, please talk with one of us on the Human Resource Team.

Our United Church of Christ Constitution states that: “We seek to offer opportunities for each person to do the mission and ministry of the church by

contributing their time, talent and treasure;” and “We seek to utilize resources that foster inclusion, equality, openness and affirmation.”

The Human Resource/ Nominating committee gave serious thought to the officers and candidates to be chosen for this slate, and we will recommend a yes vote on the motion. Respectfully submitted by Dale Feik, Chair, 503-357-7555; Carol Brown, 503-357-2075; Christine Kidd, 503-357-4390; Dick Lane, 503-357-5340; Christine Kidd, 503-357-4390; and ex-officio members: Laura Frye and Jennifer Yocum.

Dale Feik, Chair, 503-357-7555; Carol Brown, 503-357-2075; Christine Kidd, 503-357-4390; Dick Lane, 503-357-5340; Christine Kidd, 503-357-4390.

KEY to reading slate: _____ = first time commissioned, elected;

* = commission members or officers to be recommissioned

Officers and Assistants, 2011 annual meeting slate

Moderator: * Amber Mather-Hall
Moderator Elect: Roy Chrisop
Past Moderator: Ken Prickett
Church Clerk: * Bev Maughan
Financial Secretary: * Linda Feik
Assistant Financial Secretary: * Wendy White Note: Terry Molin, past financial secretary
has agreed to substitute too
Treasurer: * Ralph Vasey
Assistant Treasurer: * Herb Krueger

Youth Representative to the Executive Board

Brent Becker

Ministry Commissions

Finance and Property Commission

Alisa Johnston, chair 1st Term 2009
Paul Edwards 1st Term 2009
Dale Ouellette 1st Term 2009
Tom Epler Jr. 1st Term 2010
Jerry Frye 1st Term 2010
Jon Hansen 1st Term 2011
Carl Heisler 1st Term 2011
Holly Vann 1st Term 2011
Mary Welch 1st Term 2011

Jennifer Yocum, pastor, ex-officio member of F&P Commission

Standing Committees

Be Earth Stewards Today (BEST) Team

Claudia Weber, Chair

Development

Alisa Johnston & Dale Ouellette, co-chairs

Worship Commission

* Bebe Schindler, chair 2nd Term 2010
Carol Pauli 1st Term 2008
Bob Browning 1st Term 2008
Myra Beeler 1st Term 2009
Peggy Vanderkin 1st Term 2009
Rod Burrus 1st Term 2010
Kathy Heisler 1st Term 2010

Standing Committees

Music Team:

Organist: Howard Ashley

Directors

Sanctuary Choir: SeungJin Bae

Bell Choir: Malinda Alexander

Gospel Choir: SeungJin Bae

Noel Children's Choir: SeungJin Bae

Strong Wings Band: Robert Lacock

Fellowship Hour receptions: Peggy Vanderkin

Flowers: Myra Beeler

Jennifer Yocum, pastor, ex-officio member of Worship Commission and member of Music Team

Caring Ministries Commission

Stephanie Edwards, chair	1 st Term 2009
Amy Becker	1 st Term 2009
Sue Groszmann	1 st Term 2009
Paul Johnson	1 st Term 2010
Pamelajeane Myers	1 st Term 2010
<u>Marie Mather</u>	1 st Term 2011
<u>John Welch</u>	1 st Term 2011

Standing Committees

Bus transportation: Loren Waltz
Cards: Christine Kidd
College Care Package: Robin Dickinson, Wendy White
Greeters: Stephanie Edwards
Home Communion: Available as needed, contact church office
Memorials/weddings family meals, receptions: Gail Burrus
Nurture Network: Bette Prickett
Prayer Chain: Dottie Waltz
Prayer Shawls: Dottie Waltz
Prostate Health/Cancer Support group: Dale Feik
Reiki: Renee Mills
Senior Luncheon Senior Committee: Dale Feik & Dottie Waltz
Small Group Meetings: Alisa Johnston
Sewing or somethin', SOS: Sandy Freeman
Stephen Ministry: Carlene Krueger, Jeannine Murrell

Jennifer Yocum, pastor, ex-officio member of Caring Commission

Christian Nurture Commission

(Note: chair will be decided at first meeting after Annual meeting)

Diane Jackson	1 st Term 2009
Mackenzie Johnston	1 st Term 2009
*Deena Barrett	1 st Term 2010
Teri Harrigan	1 st Term 2010
Andrea Meeuwesen	1 st Term 2010
<u>Dashiel Penfield</u>	1 st Term 2011
<u>Kevin Young</u>	1 st Term 2011

Ex-officio members are:

Officers of Church School – Audrey Ouellette, program coordinator
Advisors for youth groups:
Church library staff – Stephanie Edwards, Bette Prickett, Karri Robison
Jennifer Yocum, pastor

Christian Outreach Commission

Nancy Christoph, Chair	2nd Term 2011
Kristin Ludwig	2nd Term 2009
Ralph Brown	1 st Term 2009
Beryl (BJ) Jones	1 st Term 2009
Deva Harris-Williams	1 st Term 2009
<u>Ellaine Whisler</u>	1 st Term 2011
<u>Steve Whisler</u>	1 st Term 2011
<u>Phil Zapf</u>	1st Term 2011

Standing Committees

Alternative Christmas:
Family Bridge: Myra Beeler
Homelessness:
PFLAG:
Pacific University:
Twelve Step Groups:

Jennifer Yocum, pastor, ex-officio member of Christian Outreach Commission

Delegates to Central Pacific Conference of UCC

Annual Meeting, May 20-21 at Highland UCC, 7600 NE Glisan Street, Portland
Special Fall Meeting—date and location to be announced later

Laura Frye	1st Term 2007
Ken Prickett	1 st Term 2009
Amy Hansen	1 st Term 2009
Bev Maughan	1 st Term 2009
Amber Mather-Hall	1 st Term 2010
<u>Brent Becker</u>	25-year-old-and-younger delegate
Jennifer Yocum, Ordained Pastor of FGUCC,	automatically a delegate

Jerry Frye, alternate
Bette Prickett, alternate
Loren Waltz, alternate

Note: The following is not part of the slate that is being voted upon at the Annual Meeting. They were selected previously by the Executive Board. A representative from the Human Resource/Nominating Team and a representative from the Pastoral Relations Team are members of the Executive Board. Our FGUCC constitution states that "All of the officers (assistants if officer can't attend), the Youth representative, chair of Human Resource Team or representative, a representative of the Pastoral Relations Team, and the chairs of the Commissions are members of the **Executive Board**. The minister(s) are officers."

Human Resources/Nominating Team will consist of five members selected by the Executive Board. These members were selected Dec. 6, 2010 at the Executive Board Meeting:

- * Dale Feik, Chair
 - * Carol Brown
 - * Christine Kidd
 - * Dick Lane
 - * Loren Waltz
- Ken Prickett, Past Moderator, ex-officio member
Jennifer Yocum, pastor, ex-officio member

Pastoral Relations Team consists of two members selected by the Executive Board and two members selected by our minister.

Rod Burrus, chair, selected by executive board, January 29, 2009
Heather Burk selected by executive board, January 29, 2009
Winnie Beu..... selected by Pastor Jennifer, January 2011
James Houx.....selected by Pastor Jennifer, January 2011

Moderator Advisory Group, seven total members:
Five moderators, two at large, and one youth

Moderator elect Roy Chrisop
Moderator.....Amber Mather- Hall
Past moderator.....Ken Prickett
Past-past moderator..... Laura Frye.
Past-past-past moderator.....Clay Actor
At large (senior population)..... (to be named in 2011)
At large (mid-age population)...(to be named in 2011)
Youth.....(to be named in 2011)

Moderator-Leadership team

Past moderator..... Ken Prickett
Moderator.....Amber Mather-Hall
Moderator-elect.....Roy Chrisop

Note: During the 2009 church year, the Executive Board appointed the Moderator Advisory Group to conduct the annual review of the minister. Our constitution states: "The relation of minister(s) and church is subject to annual review prior to the Annual Meeting by the Church Executive Board or a committee appointed by the Executive Board."

**FOREST GROVE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: Laura Frye, Moderator, called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Blake Timm was designated as Parliamentarian. Pastor Jennifer led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF 2009 MINUTES: Dale Feik added a correction to the minutes noting there was a motion made and seconded to accept the nominated slate of officers and commission members. Ralph Brown moved, seconded by Deena Barrett, that the minutes be approved as corrected. With all those present voting in favor, the minutes were approved as corrected.

MODERATOR COMMENTS: Laura Frye thanked officers and commission members of 2009 and honored those having served a 3-year term or two 3-year terms. She also thanked Clay Actor, Past Moderator, and Ken Prickett, Moderator Elect, for the "trio effect" and all their leadership over the last year. Her parting thoughts and summary of the year included hosting the Fall Conference with our "Best Foot Forward", coordinating the rummage sale which qualified as a miracle, taking the maiden voyage with the Auction, noting the hard working staff, and encouraging everyone to "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning."

NOMINATION OF NEW 2010 OFFICERS/COMMISSION MEMBERS: It was moved and seconded that the slate of nominees for officers, members of ministry commissions, youth representative to the Executive Board and delegates to the Central Pacific Conference (CPC) Assembly, as posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and presented in the annual report, be voted upon at this annual meeting. As

chair of the HR Team, Dale Feik recommended approval of the nominees. With all those present voting in favor, the slate of nominees was approved.

2010 BUDGET: The 2010 Budget as noted in the Annual Report was presented by Alisa Johnston, Marketing co-chair. She highlighted that the budget included the same programs as are currently provided, endowment distributions, and required increased fundraising. She indicated the marketing team will strive to communicate the financial overview clearly, regularly, and positively throughout the year. She reviewed the updated figures and answered questions regarding headings, decreased contribution to OCWM, confirmed pledges, and special funds. She was asked to review the audit which had no significant findings and copies are available in the office. Dale Feik asked how the number of members was determined for selecting delegates to the CPC which would also determine the amount of annual dues to be paid which Jennifer responded to indicating staff was in the process of reviewing the membership cards but she felt the number in the annual report was an appropriate representation and that there would be over 300 members by the time of Spring Assembly. Bob Browning voiced concern with the stewardship strategy as presented.

Ruth Holznagel moved, seconded by Jeanine Murrell, to approve the 2010 Budget as presented by Finance & Property. With one abstention and all others voting in favor, the budget was approved.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Dale Feik moved, seconded by Barbara Strain, to amend the constitution to add the immediate past moderator as an ex-officio member of the HR Team. It was noted that this proposed amendment had not been included in the notice of the Congregational meeting; however, Robert Rules of Order states that if no notice has been given then three-fourths vote of those voting is required. With all those present voting in favor; motion passed with the required three-fourths. There was discussion and a recommended that the current leadership model of Pastor and Program Coordinator with lay-led ministry be continued throughout 2010. Bob Browning moved, seconded by Ralph Brown, that the current leadership model be continued through 2010. With all those present voting in favor, the motion passed.

INSTALLATION: Pastor Jennifer called on all those asked to serve as officers and commission members to come forward where she proceeded to offer the installation and asked a blessing on all those as they serve the church in the coming year. The gavel was then passed to Ken Prickett, 2010 Moderator, who presented orchids to Laura Frye, Past Moderator, and Amber Mather-Hall, Moderator-Elect, and asked for their continued leadership as part of the Mod Squad. His comments in looking forward to the coming year included Light of Hope, Light of Peace, Light of New Members and he encouraged all members and friends to keep the Light of FGUCC burning. Ken announced Planning Days will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was closed with a rendition of *12 Things We Do Well at FGUCC* from Best Practices Review at the Fall Gathering 2009 and was adjourned by Ken at 11:45 am.
Submitted by

Beverly Maughan, Clerk

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: Please review these “OUR VISION” and “OUR MISSION” statements in “draft” form. We will vote on them at our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 23, 2011.

Our Vision

More joy.
More justice.
More compassion.
In our hearts.
In our homes.
In our towns.
In our world.

Our Mission

Welcome.
Tend.
Inspire.
Send.
Jesus’ love.
To everyone.
Everywhere.

“Sustainability and Green Covenant” status report



During announcements at church Sunday, Dec 19, I said that the Be Earth Stewards Today (BEST) team would present a Sustainability and Green Covenant at the Annual Meeting January 23, 2011, in the hope that the members would vote to adopt it; and therefore use the principles in the decision-making of church business and in our own private lives. The BEST team had asked each of the five Commissions to discuss at their Monday, December, 20, regular meeting a draft of the Sustainability Covenant, the first part of which I read at church; and decide whether their commission as a whole would support the Covenant. The Caring Commission and Worship Commissions met and, with some wording suggestions, gave their support. Neither the Outreach nor Nurture Commissions met. Finance and Property (F&P) -The BEST team is

a Standing Committee of F&P – met and recommended that the Sustainability and Green Covenant vote be postponed until a special Congregational meeting is called in the Spring of 2011. F&P passed a motion to ask the BEST team to coordinate an educational effort with a vote to be taken at a Congregational Meeting not later than June 2011. F&P members said that they like the Covenant statements/ideas very much, and agreed that this is an important direction for our congregation. The BEST Team has agreed to create an informational and interactive process for the congregation. Pastor Jennifer said that she, along with Audrey and Elena, will be happy to assist in every way to make this sustainability educational and implementation effort work well for all.

We are hopeful that each of us will search our hearts to help build this proposal to be a document that we all can own, embrace and support.

BEST regards,

Dale Feik, Acting Chair of BEST team, (Claudia Weber, BEST chair, Alisa Johnston, chair of F&P)

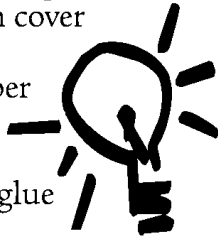
Children's Page

LIGHT SWITCH COVER

Everyone who believes in God and lives for him is a child of light. Make this cover for your bedroom light switch to remind you to be a light for God.

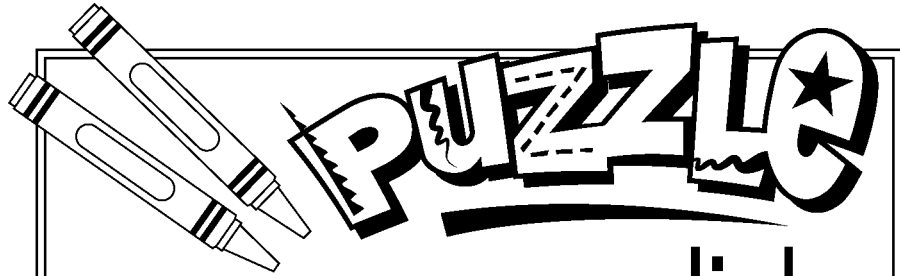
What you need:

- An adult to help
- Light switch cover
- Screwdriver
- Colored paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Decoupage glue
- Paintbrush
- Craft knife



What you do:

1. Remove the screws from the cover.
2. On the paper, draw small images related to light and write out "Live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8, NIV).
3. Cut out the drawings and verse. Make sure they'll fit on the cover.
4. Paint the cover with a coat of decoupage glue, and then immediately place the drawings and verse on the cover.
5. Paint over them with another coat of glue. Let it dry.
6. Turn the cover over and use a craft knife to cut out the opening for the light switch.
7. Using a screwdriver, place your new light switch cover on your wall.



From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

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| 1. Good | Righteousness |
| 2. Death | Children |
| 3. Go | Life |
| 4. Evil | Come |
| 5. Adults | Bad |

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are _____, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of _____." John 8:12, NIV
(2)

"I have _____ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV
(3)

"For what do _____ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"
2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as _____ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

January Schedule of Ushers, Greeters, etc....

Ushers in January 2011

Greg Nemchick, Phil Zapf, and Ralph Brown

Acolytes

January 2: Isaac & Sydney
January 9: Naomi & Nikaya
January 16: Dalton & Madeline
January 23: Grace & Rebecca
January 30: Ruby & Helen

Youth Readers

January 2: Levi Ouellette
January 9: Bailey Becker
January 16: Ruby VanDyke
January 23: Ethan Ouellette
January 30: Emma Hansen

Adult Readers

January 2: Mike Terhorst
January 9: Christine Kidd
January 16: Bob Browning
January 23: Mary Welch
January 30: Bebe Schindler

CAN Typists

January 2: Malinda Alexander
January 9: Pamelajeane Myers
January 16: Bonnie McDowell
January 23: Tori Eaton
January 30: Tamara Sandwisch

Transportation

January 2: Dick Kroll & Bob Browning
January 9: Rob Foster & Mike Olson
January 16: Darrel Brady & Wendy White
January 23: Dick Lane & Chris Actor
January 30: Dick Lane & Chris Actor

Scrip Schedule:

January 2: Margie Actor
January 9: Wendy White
January 16: Tamara Sandwisch
January 23: Jerry Frye
January 30: Pat Truax

Greeters

To be announced

Flowers

To be announced

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2011 ARE NOW AVAILABLE: Be sure to pick up your offering envelopes for 2011 in the narthex.



COMMISSION MEETINGS:

All Commission meetings are the third Monday of the month (January 17 this month). Please note: If you need childcare, please call the church office at 503-357-9121.

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