



# The Viewpoint

News from the Forest Grove United  
Church of Christ

July 2022

## The Movement

Jesus is a living movement of healing, of joy, of justice and love in action; a movement of gathering all people together around a table where we mutually relate to each other and support each other. We are invited into a movement of joining God in the work of feeding each other in body and spirit. We can think of following Jesus as being like a movement in this way. I want to celebrate how so many of us showed up for our healthy communication workshop at the church this past month. Our guest, Rev. Anna Hall, explained to us today how, as church, we can think of ourselves as a movement of justice and joy. A movement makes us more interested in the walk than the talk. A movement doesn't require everyone to be the same but rather brings people together in taking action around unifying and universal principles. Organizations are often closed. Movements are all-inclusive and universal!

In our religious study group we have read some of the writing of black liberation theologian James Cone. Cone also describes Christianity as being, like a movement. He writes, "As ambassadors of Jesus Christ, Christians have no choice but to join the movement of liberation on the side of the poor, fighting against the structures of injustice. Faith in Jesus Christ, therefore, is not only an affirmation that we utter in Sunday worship and at other church gatherings. Faith is a commitment, a deeply felt experience of being called by the Spirit of Christ to bear witness to God's coming liberation by fighting for the freedom of the poor now." Faith is like a movement, and at FGUCC, we are finding ourselves in that movement in a variety of humble and powerful expressions. This past month we gathered around a table sharing peanut soup with neighbors and friends and raised enough money to support peanut farmers in a village in Senegal. In our movement of feeding each other we have kept the community fridge full of the healthiest, freshest, local, organic produce! We continue to walk with each other and hold each other's hands through life's trials and joys. Our community partner, the Rural Youth Support Coalition threw an LGBTQ youth pride event in our social hall. We the FGUCC, together with our neighbors and community members who may or may not be formal church members, are all part of the same "movement," because we are all united in the work of manifesting joy and love in our community. We support and commune with each other in that effort. In all the ways we continue to show up for each other with the intention of putting love into action, we are becoming the center of that kind of "Jesus movement," in Forest Grove.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Brendan

## Joys, Concerns & Prayer Requests

- Please continue to remember Craig Moritz and his family. For the next 9-12 months Craig will undergo Chemotherapy and Radiation treatments every other week at OHSU. After 2-years of battling Multiple Myeloma Cancer and having that go into remission, he was diagnosed with a second exceedingly rare Cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma, which is intertwined with the soft tissue in his back and spinal cord.
- Prayers for Lorren Fletcher's wife, Beverly Fletcher, who is currently in rehab at EmpRes Hillsboro Health and Rehabilitation Center.



**Continued Prayers**—Prayers of healing and comfort for all who have ongoing concerns, including Deena Barrett, Ann and Russ Dondero, Paul and Stephanie Edwards, Lillian Gimre, Max Groszmann, Lois Johnston, Carlene Krueger, Jean Nixon, Stella Schrag, Yvonne Stacey, Holly & Sherri Vann and their family, and any other friends and family of our church, not named here.

**Sharing prayers in worship**—If you would like your personal prayer concerns shared with the community during worship service on Sunday mornings, please submit them to the church office by 4:00PM on Thursday afternoons via email to [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org) with the title "prayer request" in the subject line. For private prayer requests, please reach out to Pastor Brendan at **401-318-2447**, or a Stephen Minister.

**Prayer Shawls**—Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer shawl? Please call or email Elena in the church office to make a request at 503-357-9121 or [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org).

**Prayer Shawl Knitting**—Please join us for knitting this month via Zoom on **Wednesdays July 6 and 20, from 2-4PM**. The link to Zoom will be sent to everyone in the prayer shawl knitting group via email. If you'd like to participate, please call or email Elena.

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## Celebration of Ralph Brown



There will be a celebration of Ralph Brown on **Saturday, July 23 at 5:00 pm** at Harleman Park in Cornelius. Following the casual service we will join the Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts Concert and clap and sing and dance to the 50's, 60's and 70's music. And, just maybe, we will feel Ralph's presence.

The concert is FREE. You will need to bring your own chair or blanket.

## At Home Communion



The sacrament of communion is an important part of our relationship with Jesus, and the Worship Ministry wants to reach out to those of our congregation who are home bound or unable to attend church for any reason so as to include them in this sacred covenant. Anyone interested in having Pastor Brendan bring communion to their home may contact Elena at [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org), 503-357-9121, or Pastor Brendan at **401-318-2447**.

## Flowers for Sunday mornings



Would you like to furnish flowers to decorate the Communion table for a Sunday service? If so, we invite you to pick a date and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Either yard flowers or store bought are welcome! If you would like someone to arrange them for you, just note that on your sign-up. Thanks for helping add beauty to our service!



## We are holding in-person fellowship hours again!

We're happy to announce that in-person fellowship hours have started up! We need people to “host” Fellowship (i.e. make coffee, put out and serve water, juice, packaged snacks, glasses, cups and napkins) All supplies are provided and ready for our hosts to use in the church kitchen, so you don't need to prepare or purchase anything to host fellowship. If you are interested in helping us restock some supplies, the item we currently need the most is ground coffee. We're serving individually wrapped snacks and will accept donations of snacks as well. If you have any questions, let us know. Thank you!

## FGUCC's got talent Music Opportunity!



We are seeking “special music” offerings for worship services this summer. Sundays still up for grabs include August 14, 21 and 28. This is a fine opportunity to share your talent or the talent of friends or family with an appreciative, loving congregation. Vocal or instruments solos or ensembles are welcome. Flute, brass, piano, accordion, guitar, soprano, alto, tenor, bass, quartet, trio, duet, organ, violin, cello, recorders, handbells, gospel, classical, Christian pop, hymns — we'd love to have a variety! There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church or you can contact the church office. If you have questions, contact Laura Frye at 503-550-1709 or [lajane@fgucc.org](mailto:lajane@fgucc.org).

## Blessing Box Needs

We are requesting donations of any kind of breakfast cereal and shelf stable, canned or powdered milk. Please place your donations in Elijah's Barrel in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!



## Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to help with regular maintenance of the Blessing Box area. This involves taking regular turns to check that fridge and freezer and dry goods shelves are clean, and also that the general area is tidy and clean. Please contact Elena if you're interested or if you'd like more information. There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the Welcoming Table.

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## Community Dinner set for Friday, July 15, 5:30-7 PM



### Movie + Noodles: Life is Fruity!

We have been granted a viewing of this film for a second time! Some of you may remember attending this wonderful event in October 2019 here at FGUCC. This privately held film is a not to be missed experience of a family who creates and lives in the moment with intention and grace on their small landholding in Japan. The movie is followed by a community dinner and discussion. The Dinner noodle bowl will be prepared by Lola Mulholland of Umi Organic. All ingredients will be donated by our local farms, and served to you at table. Save the date and please let us know if you can attend so we can reserve a bowl for you.

The cost is \$10 to help cover the cost of movie rights and for other food and supplies for this event. Please RSVP to Elena at 503-357-9121 or [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org).

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## Music Lessons for Youth & Teens



Joannah Ball Music Studio is holding summer singing classes for youth and teens this summer at FGUCC in July! Classes will help students build vocal skills and musical concepts in a playful & welcoming environment. One class for kids in grades approximately 4-6th will be held 3:00-3:45 on Wednesdays in July, and a teen singing workshop for 7-8th graders will be held 4-4:45 on Wednesdays in July.

Tuition for all four sessions is \$80 per student.



Email [joannahballmusicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:joannahballmusicstudio@gmail.com), call/text (971) 236-7870 or visit [www.joannahball.com/lessons](http://www.joannahball.com/lessons) for more information!

## Best wishes to all of you celebrating birthdays in July!

Bonnie McDowell—4  
Zane Harter—4  
Quinn Harter—4  
Janet Hansen—9  
Linda Terhorst—12  
Mike Terhorst—14



Liam Horn—14  
Mary Welch—15  
Jeane Canon—16  
Adrian Frye—27  
BJ Bower—30

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## Camp Adams Summer 2022

Registration is open for youth summer camp programs at Camp Adams this summer. Scholarships are available through Camp Adams as well as Forest Grove UCC. (Please contact Elena for FGUCC scholarship information.)



### Session Dates-

**Taller and Smaller** (completed K-3rd w/ adult) July 5-8, 2022

**Exodus** (completed 9th-12th) July 10-16, 2022

**Sojourners** (completed 7th-8th) July 24-29, 2022

**Discoverers** (completed 5th-6th) July 31-August 5, 2022

**Genesis/Seekers** (completed 2nd-4th) August 7-12, 2022

There is a registration button at the bottom of the campadams.org home page that will take interested campers to the online registration system.

Scholarships will once again be available. Please have those interested complete this form and return it to me (Natalie Becker- [campadams.om@gmail.com](mailto:campadams.om@gmail.com) or 18499 S. Hwy 211, Molalla, OR 97038). As always, please contact me if you have any questions and THANK YOU for your support of Outdoor Ministries and Camp Adams! Here's the link for the scholarship: [Camp Adams Scholarship Form 2022.pdf 146 KB • Download](#)

— Natalie Becker, Camp Adams

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## Dew Drop Workshops with Jeane Canon (in person and hybrid)



Jeane Canon offers workshops that include an Essential Oils Introductory Class a few times each month; they are held on occasional Tuesday evenings and one Saturday afternoon (the workshop schedule varies; see current calendar\*). These workshops are great for beginners and often include make & take projects. Please contact Jeane right away to let her know if you would like to join a workshop via

Zoom; Jeane will provide you with the Zoom link, workshop materials and supplies for projects in advance. \*You can find the most current calendar of upcoming Dew Drop Workshop sessions on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Jeane for more information: [jeanecanon@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanecanon@yahoo.com) or 503-997-7228. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## To Keep Up on the Happenings of FGUCC

- Check out our webpage for up-to date information, classes and activities at [www.fgucc.org](http://www.fgucc.org)
- Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fgucc](http://www.facebook.com/fgucc)
- Subscribe to “This Week at FGUCC” (just send an email to [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org) to indicate you’d like to subscribe)

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## Pledges and Contributions



Thank you for continuing to keep your pledges current. You can sign up for electronic giving with Vanco, which is a very simple option and setup, and fees are very low. (Please let us know if you’d like more information). You can also use PayPal on our church's website at [www.fgucc.org](http://www.fgucc.org). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Elena at [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org) or (503) 357-9121. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## Year-round Fundraising made simple via Amazon Smile!



If you are interested in a simple way to benefit the church when you shop on Amazon, you can shop directly via the church's Amazon Smile account. In doing so, the church gets credited directly for any purchases you make. The following link will direct you to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0419356) and automatically generate donations for Forest Grove UCC. We also encourage you to bookmark this, so all your eligible shopping will benefit the church: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0419356>. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to let us know. Thank you!

## Can & Bottle Collection Fundraiser



Thank you for your steady support of the Can & Bottle Collection for our FGUCC Youth Ministry. To date we have raised \$2,060. If you want to participate in this easy fundraiser, blue bags are available to pick up in the church office. For any additional questions please contact Elena at 503-357-9121 or [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org).

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## First Sunday with BEST Team is on July 3



### Here's recycling we welcome:

- Real block and food Styrofoam, colored and dyes are okay
- #6 plastics, such as Solo cups and bowls, "to go" coffee lids, and some cookie trays
- Air pillows (Bonnie takes to UPS)
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Batteries
- Candle wax (the Prickett family will use)

**PLEASE NOTE:** #1 plastic tubs can go curbside. Other #1 plastics can now be recycled at events such as James' Recycling, but not on First Sunday. Be sure to check recycling # on your plastics before delivering them to church, and make sure everything is CLEAN. THANK YOU!

We can no longer take any packing materials except air pillows. Also, we are not accepting wine corks or planting pots at this time.

### We accept any time (in the boxes over the coat racks):

- Cell phones – (You can also take phone back to the store where it was purchased.)
- Printer cartridges (the church gets cash for these or they can go back to the store where purchased.)

**Message from Eric:** If you're dropping off batteries, CFL's, fluorescent tubes or items for Metro please fill out the sheet provided for Metro.

### Reminder regarding Batteries!

Alkaline batteries can be placed in the trash as they are not considered toxic waste. So if your battery says "alkaline" on it, Metro recommends you simply put it in the garbage. Other batteries are considered toxic, so please do not throw them in the garbage, but instead bring them to your FGUCC BEST Team for proper disposal at Metro. We will accept other batteries that are considered toxic, including hearing aid, lithium, normal and heavy duty as well as rechargeable. If in doubt, bring all batteries to us on first Sunday and we will sort them out.

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