



The Viewpoint

News from the Forest Grove United
Church of Christ

December 2023

Messengers for Peace

“The warmonger’s charger will thunder for freedom. The gun-maker’s furnace will dwindle and die. And muskets and sabers and swords shall be sundered surrendered to the sound that is sweeping the sky. And the shoes of the mighty shall dance to new measures and the jackboots of generals shall jangle no more as sisters and brothers and fathers and mothers agree with each other the end to all war!”

-John Kirkpatrick

Dear friends,

Christ was born in a perilous moment, and during Advent, we find hope in remembering that God joins us in our peril bringing transformation and redemption. The above verse from the Christmas folk song, “Chariots,” reminds us of the music of the divine messengers we hear in the Christmas story. Their music interrupts the filth of our warring madness and the oppressive status quos we embrace out of fear with a song proclaiming greater possibilities for humanity and liberation for the human spirit. Boy do we need that right now. Christ was born into a world where the greedy and the corrupt were killing the firstborn children of the poor to maintain their illusion of power. The greedy and the corrupt were afraid of the true power of peace but peace relentlessly bursts into the world. The Christmas story paints a picture of the realm of God emerging in this monstrous context as a community gathered around a child and ordinary people like us joining their voices with the heavenly chorus declaring a cosmic ceasefire for all the warring aching world. As people of faith, we don’t ever have to be afraid to join our voices with the heavenly chorus, especially when the Herods of our own time wage their wars against children. When they wage war, we must wage peace with the God who is the child of all humanity in our hearts.

When Hamas attacked Israeli civilians on October 7th, the atrocious violence and tragic taking of human life was rightfully condemned by our leaders and institutions. Sadly it would seem that some lives matter less because many of those same leaders and institutions that might profit from war or have something to gain, would seem to prefer our immoral silence over our raising our voices for peace and demanding an end to the killing and oppression of Palestinian people.

Calling for a permanent ceasefire is not a dirty word as those in power might have us think or believe. The song of the angels at Christmas informs us that it is actually God's work. Since October 7th we have witnessed the collective punishment of a civilian population. 14,800 Palestinian fellow human beings, 67% of them women and children, have been murdered by being bombed in their hospitals, their neighborhoods, their homes, their bakeries, their houses of worship. Thousands more are injured and without limbs. This bombardment is all taking place inside the heavily policed refugee camps where the Palestinians have been collectively interred since being forcibly removed from their ancestral lands simply for not being members of the racial group and religion of the settling population. The forced removal of Palestinians from historic Palestine to maintain the state of Israel as a Jewish majority state, in historic Palestine, on land where there was a non-Jewish Palestinian indigenous majority, has been going on for 75 years. Such an effort can and has only resulted in policies of ethnic cleansing and military occupation to maintain a racially segregated social order that just this past September our Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ identified as an apartheid state and called on the church to Boycott in one of our 2023 resolutions. Billions of our tax dollars fund the violence. Our church said let's stop that. According to a Reuters report, UN experts and human rights commissioners recently expressed that a permanent ceasefire is needed as Palestinians are at what they identify as, "at grave risk of genocide," with "1.75 million Palestinians being displaced, ongoing indiscriminate killing, and thousands of Gazans now facing starvation and health hazards." According to UN human rights officials, Israeli military officials expressed what is defined as "genocidal intent," when describing the removal of all Palestinians from what remains of historic Palestine as a "second Nakba," and the intended objective of their military operation in Gaza. We must not be silent in the face of this humanitarian crises of catastrophic proportions, and we stand at a moral crossroads as humanity as we witness it taking place.

In the practice of waging peace for all humanity and making non-violent solutions to our problems possible, let us finally insist on the truth that advocating for a just peace for the Palestinian people, advocating for Jewish life, and fighting antisemitism all go hand in hand because systems of oppression reinforce one another, and none can be fought in isolation. We don't have time as humanity anymore to not see ourselves as one family of one Earth, connected by one Spirit, of one Love. We will figure this out and live together or we will keep building walls up between each other and perish. There is a need for a more expanded discourse on Israel/Palestine if we are ever going to break cycles of violence in the Middle East and in the ways we solve our problems as humans. We need to be able to say, "stop the killing," when we see innocents being killed and call for liberation when we see human rights atrocities taking place. Too often we are manipulated into silence on this issue. For example, we might hear the baseless disinformation that identifies terms like "Free Palestine," as being antisemitic hate speech. This is simply not true. Millions of messengers of Peace across the world including millions of Jewish people, are calling for an end to the violence, and for an end to the military occupation in Israel/Palestine. Saying Palestinians and Israelis should enjoy equal rights and dignity on the land sacred to both peoples is not hate speech. Saying they get to have human rights and their lives matter as much as everyone else's is not hate speech. Lifting up a vision of a democratic, unified, de-segregated Israel/Palestine is not antisemitic or hateful. In fact, it's the opposite reality. Engaging in critical discourse or having a critique of the way the state of Israel has existed in its current form as an apartheid is not antisemitic or anti-Jewish, it's simply true. Critiquing Zionism as an ideology is not antisemitic or anti-Jewish. Saying that it is, might

be! Asserting the falsehood that all Jews agree with how Israel exists in its current form, might be. To suggest that Israel's human rights violations are somehow inherently Jewish, might actually be profoundly anti-Jewish! Calling such critiques of the way the state of Israel currently maintains itself antisemitic or anti-Jewish is a manipulative and dangerous way to stifle important conversations that we need to be having in the interest of finding peaceful solutions to our problems and ending the cycles of violence. Falsely equating the calls for freedom for Palestinians with hate is creating a false narrative, and a hostile environment for individuals and civil discourse. People need to stop it.

We can give thanks that over the fear and the loud silence of complicity, and the carnage, and the confusion, we can hear the song of the messengers of peace helping us discover a better way. I want to encourage us to listen to these messengers and join our voices with theirs. Just recently Benjamin Netanyahu's niece, Ruth Ben Artzi, a Providence College political science professor, and Middle East expert, recently signed a letter from Israeli and Jewish residents of Rhode Island asking RI's federal delegation to support a ceasefire in Gaza. She stated, "A permanent ceasefire is really the only way that any solution can ever be achieved. There is no military solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and if there's no military solution to the conflict there is no military way to eradicate Hamas. Get the hostages out and then we can continue the political work of rehabilitating Gaza, removing Hamas from power, and finding a political solution which is really the only way that the 7 million Israelis and the 7 million Palestinians living between the river and the sea will ever be able to find peace." This month, Becca Balint became the first Jewish member of Congress to call for a ceasefire. In a commentary published last Thursday she wrote, "Like me, there are thousands of American Jews that share a deep emotional connection to Israel because of what it meant for the survival of the Jewish people in the face of extermination. This same history also drives so many of us to fight for the protection of Palestinian lives." At church we will be hearing from Rabbi Fora from the Jewish Voice for Peace and Ruru, a Palestinian woman from Jerusalem and a local peace advocate. In Bethlehem this year the Churches are lifting their voices for peace as well by forgoing all festivities in an effort to call the world to gather in solidarity around the child of God under the rubble and demand a permanent ceasefire and an end to the occupation causing so much suffering and injustice. Just this last week a delegation of churches from Bethlehem went to the White House to deliver a letter to President Biden that said, "God has placed political leaders in a position of power so that they can bring justice, support those who suffer, and be instruments of God's peace. We want a constant and comprehensive cease-fire. Enough death. Enough destruction. This is a moral obligation. There must be other ways. This is our call and prayer this Christmas." They are absolutely right, and I encourage us to make their call and their prayer ours as well. I encourage us to lift our voices with the messengers for peace by calling our elected officials and demanding a permanent ceasefire and end to occupation loudly and boldly. I call on all of us to lift our voices in this song of peace as we welcome the prince of peace who comes to bring down all our walls, end all our wars, and raise all our consciousness to one that sees how we are all one family, of one Earth, connected by one Spirit, united in one Love, and one common destiny. Til we all see it together, Let us join our voices with the messengers of peace.

In Christ, Brendan

Special Events in December



Decorating our Church for Advent

We are inviting everyone to join us tomorrow morning, **Saturday December 2 from 9AM-12PM** to decorate the church for the Advent season. Coffee and goodies will be available.

West Tuality Habitat for Humanity Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 2, 3:00 PM

Tomorrow afternoon, **Saturday, December 2 at 3PM** a Christmas concert will be presented featuring the Westside Singers with a special appearance by the Neil Armstrong Middle School Choir. This is the annual fundraiser for West Tuality Habitat for Humanity. Please join us for a lovely reception and delicious cookies and punch following the program.



Admission is FREE. Donations for Habitat accepted at the door.

Children's Christmas Pageant

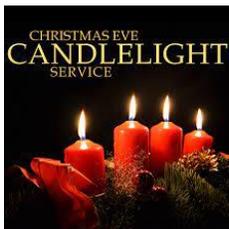


Our Children's Christmas Pageant "*Light of the World*" will be presented on Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 during worship. It's about the journey of the magi written and directed by Geneva Houx. The children have been hard at work, and we are looking forward to seeing this special presentation.

No Learning Community on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 8:00 PM



Please join us for this special service with Candles, Carols, hymns, and a big dusting of Christmas magic.

All are welcome!

Decorate a wreath for the Gallery Wall

We have 11 wreaths to hang on the Sanctuary gallery wall for Advent and Christmastide. We are looking for individuals, groups, or families to take a wreath to decorate and bring back to hang in the sanctuary. Themes can be for Advent, including Hope, Joy, Love, Peace, or maybe something else that is meaningful to you and yours. Wreaths can also include ornaments that are special to you and your family.



Pick up a wreath this Sunday and bring it back to church on Sunday, December 10 – or drop it off in the church office sometime before December 10. Your wreaths are going to make our gallery wall shine! Thank you!

FGUCC Worship Arts Committee, Elaine Foy, Sue Armentrout, and Terri Wyborny

“Grace Upon Grace” Christmas Fund UCC Special Offering

From Christ’s fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. John 1:16



The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees.

In the midst of Advent’s expectation and hope, we look toward the joy of Christmas just a few short weeks away. This United Church of Christ special offering provides hope and joy through financial relief to active and retired UCC pastors, lay church workers, and their families in need. In this season, we ask you to please remember the **Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund**.

United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you!

We will receive this offering during our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. If you are unable to attend that service, please consider sending a donation to FGUCC at P.O. Box 265, Forest Grove, OR 97116 or you can donate directly and securely at www.christmasfund.org.

Thank you for your support of this very important All-Church Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ.

Caring for Our Community Auction News

It was an amazing Winter Wonderland! Thank you so much to everyone for your support of our annual church auction. It was a wonderful event. We could never do this without you volunteering, donating, buying, partying and contributing in so many ways.



Special thanks go to Elena Parker, Sheila Harter, Kathleen Lacock, Elaine Foy, Jane Romig, Leo Barrett, Deena Barrett, Sandy Freeman, Bette Prickett, Lori Epler, Diane Jackson, Blake Timm, Laurie Kerns Frye, Aaron Frye, Jeane Canon, Eric Canon, John Davis, Brendan Curran, Geneva Houx, Bonnie McDowell, volunteers from Phi Lambda Omicron and Theta Nu Alpha at Pacific University, Kristinoel's friend Manav, Bonnie's sister Marcy and Bonnie's friend Liz.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the smallwares for our new kitchen. We have raised over \$7000! We will be equipped! Our buyers are: Laura and Jerry Frye, Myra Beeler, Kathleen and Robert Lacock, Laurie Kerns and Aaron Frye, Diane Jackson, Bev Maughan, Molly Siebert, Dave Clarke, Sheila Harter, Charla Gladden, Leo Barrett, Maggie Dickerson, Rodney and Donna Gustafson, Susan Shepard and Michael Colvin, Renee Mills, Deb and Nathan Kolb, Michael Terhorst, Brendan Curran, Lorren Fletcher, Bonnie McDowell and Phil Zapf, Chris Fletcher, James and Geneva Houx, Maddie Lambert, Hope and Jesse Montez, Val and Glaucus Donley, Jennifer Frye, Deb Dodd, Marcy McDowell, Linda Allen, Ren Johns, Ben and Barbara Lawrence, Carol Pauli, Deena Barrett and Stephanie and Dick Lind.

Haven't contributed to the smallwares yet?—You can still help us purchase the smallwares for our new kitchen by buying a virtual item. You can access the Fund-an-Item at charityauction.bid/FGUCC2023, under Catalog and Show Me. If you can't find an item that fits your budget, ask Bonnie, chiroqueen704@msn.com.

Some auction details—After the auction, bidders and donors have all received a receipt from Auctria. This will serve as your tax receipt and reminder of services and events you bought. Also, if you offered something for which you need to know the buyers (such as a join in), this receipt will have that information. Please look for it in your emails.

Bonnie McDowell
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A Day of Art, Hearth & Buns



You are all cordially invited to enjoy lunch, art, Maggie's famous cinnamon buns, good cheer and more art at FGUCC **December 10, 2023, 11-4pm.**

This event is a fundraiser for the Blessing Box Community Fridge and the renovation of the kitchen at FGUCC. For lunch you'll have two soups to choose from, plus bread and dessert for a \$10 donation.

Bring your friends and neighbors! Help support local artists, do your holiday shopping, and support the efforts of many who joyfully work to keep our community healthy by providing neighbors with nutritious and delicious food using locally sourced ingredients.

Preorders of Maggie's Cinnamon Rolls are SOLD OUT! A small amount of buns will be available for purchase the day of this event.

Women's Spirit December Outing

We will be singing Christmas Carols with members at Jennings McCall on **Dec. 21 at 3:00PM.** Sarah Ball will accompany us and have song books. This is a fun way to spread some holiday cheer to our senior parishioners and their friends. We will be sharing the stage with Bonnie McDowel's Clogging group with the entire program lasting about an hour. Please save the date as details are still being worked out.



Sheila and Melissa

Calling all singers!



Our Sanctuary Choir is now preparing for the upcoming holidays, and you are warmly invited to join us! We are a welcoming and supportive group dedicated to using the gift of music to enhance worship. Even if full-year choir is not possible for you, we'd love to have you sing with us for this exciting and joyful time of year. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, and all voice ranges are welcome; tenors will be greeted with particular enthusiasm!

For more information contact Laura Frye, lajanefrye@gmail.com, or Sue Armentrout, slt.arm@frontier.com.

Blessing Box Giving Tree



New this year from the Blessing Box Crew is a Giving Tree – a wonderful opportunity to help with food donations. Please check the Blessing Box Tree in the narthex and take a gift tag if you can help with particular food items during the coming year. Each tag has a type of food item and an additional tag for you to fill out your name and phone number. **Door Prize:** The additional tag should be put into the box next to the tree and will be entered into a drawing for a door prize.

All we want for Christmas ... and the rest of the year is some help with the blessing box. This project has grown significantly over the last year, and we are finding it hard to keep up. We and are asking for some assistance in the following helpful ways:

- ♥ Can you spare an hour a week to tidy up around the outdoor area and clean the refrigerator?
- ♥ Can you give two hours a week on Thursdays to help package food and put it out in the fridge? This would be especially helpful to the cooking crew.
- ♥ Can you speak to another group that you belong to about the possibility of coordinating some of these efforts? (i.e. Rotary Club, Elks, Lions Club, Eagles)

Thank you for considering the possibility of volunteering in any of these ways! If you have questions, please see or call Valerie Donley: 503-407-1501, Mary Mullen: 503-608-0805 or Elena Parker: 503-357-6960

— Valerie Donley, Mary Mullen

This Week's update: We made several hundred individual meals on Thursday, November 30. We put as many meals as we could fit into the fridge, and remaining food will be packaged up and put in the fridge over the next few days. **Supplies needed this week include:** ground beef, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce or spaghetti sauce, eggs, butter, sugar (brown and white), and oatmeal.

Opportunity to Support the Blessing Box Program: We are trying to use environmentally friendly, individual serving containers for the Blessing Box meals, rather than Styrofoam or plastic containers. If you're interested in helping fund this purchase, please contact Elaine Foy for details. The cost is approximately \$150 a month, i.e. \$100 for foil containers with lids and \$50 for paper sandwich bags. Elaine Foy: aelainefoy@gmail.com



Sunday morning "Coffee and Convo"

Coffee and donuts will be available starting at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to give you a chance to sit, chat, and catch up with friends before the worship service.

Please Welcome our New Staff Members!

Ella Tignor

Ella is our new Learning Community Coordinator who joined us in early October. “I consider myself a life-long learner. My major interests are people with a focus on children, spending time outside, gardening, hiking, camping or sitting around. I enjoy cooking, reading and sewing as indoor activities. I spent about 25 years teaching children with special needs, and I consider my special gift in life the ability to provide positive support for these children. I was a stay at home mom when raising our daughter Celeste and was a life partner providing support for a self-employed man.”

Jesse Montez

Jesse is our Media Tech Specialist who joined us in mid-September. “I have always been a hands on person, whether in my jobs or personal life. Most of my week is consumed with working full time as a truck driver for a local lumber company, but when I’m not at work I try to spend as much time as possible with my wife, dog, and cat surrounded in love. We try to make memories together by hiking in the lovely nature that is here. I am still finding exactly where I fit, but I know what I believe and how I want to live and that is with love.”

Ralph’s Run in Honor of Ralph Brown



Please join us in honoring Ralph Brown! Once again Forest Grove UCC has been offered the opportunity to help prepare and serve the pancake breakfast for the Oregon Road Runners Club annual Run-Walk of the year on **Saturday, January 6, 2024**. This run has officially been renamed “Ralph's Run” in honor and memory of Ralph Brown who created this annual event back in the 1980s.

The ingredients are provided (and paid for!) — we just have to show up to make and serve the pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, coffee/tea and hot chocolate. Last but not least, our **church receives \$1,000 for this fun event!**

If you’d like to join Elena and a hand-full of other eager members of our church, please call or text, Elena Parker at 503-357-6960, or email to: elena@fgucc.org. We need about twelve people to help with this event. Thank you!

— **Elena Parker, Volunteer Coordinator**

Best wishes to all of you celebrating birthdays in December:

Chris Karge-Moritz—1
Lexi Karge-Moritz—1
Eric Canon—2
Ken Prickett—2
Faith Brown—5
Sheila Harter—5
Madeline Burk—6
Patricia Spears—7
Myra Beeler—12
Barbara Strain—18



Joana Jones—18
Jerry Frye—19
Isaiah Lawrence—21
Nikaya Frye—22
Jeannine Murrell—22
Carol Brown—24
Kyle Hoekstra—24
Emily Thursam—24
Kathy Heisler—28
Susan Shepard—28

Parish Nurse News

The body knows. When your heart sinks. When you feel sick to your gut. When something blossoms in your chest. When your brain gloriously pops. That's your body telling you the One True Thing. Listen to it.

Cheryl Strayed, *Brave Enough: A Collection of Inspirational Quotes*



Parish Nurse Covid Corner: Current recommendation for flu and Covid vaccinations: If you are over 80 years old, it's a good idea to separate your flu and Covid vaccinations by two weeks. Otherwise getting them at the same time is suggested with current guidelines

Medicare enrollment is ending December 7. If you need assistance in understanding your plan, changing your supplemental insurance plan, or have any general questions, please reach out to me. I have an excellent insurance agent and I can share that person's number with you.



Deva Harris Williams, FGUCC Parish Nurse

Joys, Concerns & Prayer Requests

In deep sympathy—Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our beloved Paul Minor who passed away on Friday, December 1. To say the very least, Paul Minor was a gentle giant and a pillar of our church as well as the Forest Grove community for his entire life. He was a good friend to many and always an outstanding role model. He was a member of FGUCC since 1976 and selflessly contributed his time and many talents at our church as well as in the Forest Grove community. Stay tuned for details of his memorial service sometime in early 2024. In addition, further details of his full life will be forthcoming in future publications. Please remember his beloved wife Linda and their sons David and Michael, as well as extended family and countless friends. Paul will be deeply missed!



New—Please keep Mary Mullen in your prayers for smooth surgery and recovery for a knee replacement on Monday, December 4.

Continued remembrance—Please remember John and Mary Welch as John is currently recovering from recent surgery and was transferred to Avamere in Hillsboro on Thursday, November 30.

Continued remembrance—Thank you for your prayers for Carol Benner who is now happily back home and has recovered from pneumonia.

Continued remembrance—Please continue to remember Kaili Burbano and her family in your prayers as Kaili fell in late October sustaining a traumatic head injury, and is still at Emanuel Hospital.

Continued remembrance—Please remember Jobina Lacock as she is currently dealing with some health issues.

Continued remembrance—Please continue to remember Richard and Christine Kidd as Richard navigates ongoing health issues.

Continued remembrance—Please keep Russ and Ann Dondero in your prayers as they both continue to navigate health issues. If you would like to send them cards, their new address is: The Markham House, 10606 SW Capital Hwy, Portland, Oregon 97219.

Continued remembrance—Please keep Deva Harris Williams in your prayers as she continues to heal and recover from injuries due to a fall in early May.

Continued remembrance—Prayers for Bev Fletcher, Lorren's wife, who is living at the EmpRes Hillsboro Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Continued Prayers—Prayers of healing and comfort for all who have ongoing concerns, including Els Abma, Bob Browning, Paul and Stephanie Edwards, Lillian Gimre, Charla Gladden, Max Groszmann, Yvonne Stacey, Barbara Strain, and any other friends and family of our church, not named here.

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.

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



Annual Meeting set for January 28, 2024

Our Annual Meeting for the year 2023 has been scheduled for **Sunday, January 28, 2024**, immediately following worship. Please plan to participate in this important event in the life of our church.

Deadline for 2023 Annual Reports

If you are the chair or leader of any church group, including a Committee, Team, Choir, etc., please submit a report summarizing what your group did during 2023, no later than **Monday, January 8, 2024**, so that we can have Annual Reports available for review two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Please email to Elena at elena@fgucc.org. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you!

BEST Team First Sunday for December 3

At this time, we only accept the following items on First Sunday:

- ✓ Clear #1 plastics
- ✓ Air pillows
- ✓ PakTech handles for carrying 4-6 pack cans
- ✓ Candle wax (the Prickett Family uses)
- ✓ Ink cartridges



Cell Phones: We will accept cell phones at any time. (Please place phones in the marked box on the shelf above coat rack in the narthex.)

Battery and CFL bulb recycling information



You can recycle your own batteries, or **you can bring all of them to church on First Sunday and we'll sort and dispose of them properly for you**. If you bring them to us, please contribute to the recycling fees.

All batteries and fluorescent bulbs and tubes can be taken to the Metro Central Hazardous Waste Facility on an individual basis.

— Your FGUCC BEST Team

Budget 2024 is Under Construction

It is budgeting time for 2024, and this is a friendly reminder to return your Pledge Card for 2024, if you have not turned it in to date. Pledges are a vital part of our planning for the next year. This is a great time to offer generous support for the future of this church!

Thank you — your help with this is very much appreciated!

—FGUCC Stewardship Team



Pledges and Contributions

Thank you all 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 (let us know if you'd like more information). You can also donate via PayPal on our church's website at www.fgucc.org. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Elena at elena@fgucc.org or (503) 357-9121. Thank you for your generosity and support!

You can Donate to FGUCC via QRCode

If you would like to make a donation to FGUCC, you can scan this QRCode which will take you directly to our FGUCC PayPal donation page. There you will have the option of paying with either a debit or credit card via PayPal. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.



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 \$4,308.** If you want to participate in this easy fundraiser, blue bags are available to pick up in the church office. For any additional information please contact Elena at 503-357-9121 or elena@fgucc.org.

Kitchen Capital Fund Team

We are still accepting pledges for the new kitchen project. If you have been planning to contribute to this project, you might consider making a gift in memory, or in honor of a special person in your life.

Pledges can be turned in to the church office, or returned by mail to: FGUCC, P.O. Box 265, Forest Grove, OR 97116. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know. Thank you for your generous support! Your Kitchen Capital Fund Team

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