



# The Viewpoint

News From the Forest Grove United  
Church of Christ

October 2018

## From Pastor David

How do you experience God's love in your daily living? That's a good starting point for our shared stewardship here at Forest Grove UCC. Our giving of time, talent, and yes, treasure is a response to the abundance of God's steadfast love for us.

Recognizing that love, living in gratitude, is a lifelong spiritual practice. Do you have a roof over your head and food to eat? Thank God. Is your heart able to give and to receive compassion and care? Praise God. Do you know moments of healing from sorrow, sickness, or abuse? Say Amen.

Really, do it now.

Say "Amen"

Out loud.

Softly or loudly, either way is fine but actually speak it. That word, "amen" is somewhere between the plea of the poor petitioner on their knees, "May it be so," and Jean Luc Picard of the Starship Enterprise, "Make it so." In every prayer we offer we are partners with God. In every response we make to God's abundant blessing we embody God's love to the world in all its wonder and need.

One of the great blessings we enjoy is sharing this response in a vibrant, welcoming, justice-seeking faith community. Through the month of October we'll be lifting up for each other the ministries we celebrate and support together. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are too.

In deep gratitude, Pastor David

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## Join Pastor David at Jennings-McCall

Monday, October 8th, at 3pm Pastor David will lead a time of sharing and celebrating communion with residents of Jennings-McCall assisted living center. We'll sing a bit, read some scriptures, hear some life stories, and receive the presence of Christ in brothers and sisters and in the bread and cup. Your presence would be a blessing.

## Pastoral Search Update

We are in the process of forming two committees to call new settled pastor. The first (Profile Committee) will be in charge of creating a general profile about who we are as a church, while the second (Search Committee) will be seeking and interviewing prospective pastors, based upon that profile. The Moderators team has been contacting potential committee members and hopes soon to bring names to the Executive Board to appoint. If you have questions, please contact Eric Murphy, FGUCC Moderator, at [eric.murphy@forse.com](mailto:eric.murphy@forse.com) or in person at church. Thank you!

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## Upcoming Events

### Stewardship Potluck Sunday, October 7th



**Sunday, October 7th is our Stewardship Potluck** following worship. This is for everyone—especially if you've always thought stewardship was just about budget numbers! Yes, we will look at a few numbers, but mostly this will be a chance to engage and stretch our understanding and vision for the faithful life of this community. Our conversation this day will also feed into the shaping of our church profile as we begin the process of calling a new settled pastor. Your presence matters. This potluck will kick-off the stewardship campaign which will culminate in an in-

gathering of pledges on October 28th. For the 7th, just bring something for the potluck and your hungry stomach, mind, and spirit.

### Day of Remembrance

On **Sunday, October 28th**, as we gather in and bless our pledge cards we'll also make a nod to *Día de Los Muertos*, remembering the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before and surround us still. Please bring some small remembrance of a departed loved one—a photo, a favorite shawl, maybe a bottle of scotch? We'll place these tokens on and around the altar in remembrance, in thanksgiving and acceptance each in their measure.

### Noisy Offering for *Family Promise*

On **October 14th** the children will be carrying cans through the congregation to collect your change in support of our family shelter ministry. Collect your change, open the piggy bank, dig under the couch cushions and bring all those coins to worship that Sunday. Also, if you have large clean cans (e.g. coffee can) let Kristy or Elena know. Let's make some noise!

### Family Promise Benefit Concert

Please join us **Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 6:30 PM** for a benefit concert by the Non-profit group Humanis, an Octet that supports programs, where those without a voice are supported. Memorable music, homemade desserts and a great evening! **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Suggested donation of \$10-\$25 at the door. Location: Southminster Presbyterian Church (12550 SW Denney Rd., Beaverton, OR 97008)

## Women's Spirit Gathering

Please join the Women's Spirituality Group for an fun filled evening of games and goodies! We will be meeting at the church, **Wednesday, October 10th at 6:30PM** for "Game Night". Feel free to bring a few of your favorite board games and a snack to share.

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## Youth Group Events

### October 7th: Laser Tag Outing

Following Worship and the Stewardship Potluck, all 1st-5th graders are invited to participate in our Laser Tag Outing, Sunday, October 7th. We will be heading to Superplay in Beaverton. The cost is \$15 per child and transportation will be provided. Please RSVP with Kristy.

### October 19th: Youth Overnight

All middle school and high school youth are invited to come to the Youth Overnight at church, Friday, Oct 19th. The event will start at 7 PM and we will wrap things up at 9AM, Saturday. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. The evening will be filled with plenty of games, activities and fun. Please RSVP with Kristy.

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## Halloween Candy Donations Requested



Our church will join the community in the annual Forest Grove Merchants' Halloween for kids on **Wednesday, October 31 from 4-6PM**. Please bring bagged candy to the church office (**marked "Halloween Candy"**) to pass out from 4-6 PM on Halloween at the Downtown Merchants' annual Halloween festivities. Thank you!

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## Needed for the Nursery

If anyone has a file cabinet they are not using, I could sure use one in the nursery.

I would also like to have a couple of baby dolls added to the nursery. If anyone has any that they are willing to part with, it will be greatly appreciated. Safety being an issue for little ones, please make sure there are no parts that can be pulled off or come off into little mouths. Doll clothes would also be awesome, if you have any!

Bless you and thank you so much!!

Windi Withycombe ~ FGUCC Nursery mom 😊



## and 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Show

Everyone is invited to attend the *All-Church Fall Festival and 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Show* on **Sunday, October 21**, right after worship. There will be fun games for kids, including a cakewalk. For the talent show **ALL AGES** are welcome to perform, i.e. sing, dance, play a musical instrument, demonstrate gymnastics, tell jokes, recite a poem, etc.

This event is co-sponsored by Nurture and Worship Commissions and they will provide a hearty fall soup for this lunch. Please bring bread or crackers or a dessert to share.

*Have a talent to share? Contact Laura Frye: 503-550-1709.*

*Questions? Contact Geneva Houx: 503-806-0921*



## Talent Show Form

Please complete the form below and if you have any questions please call or text Laura Frye at 503-550-1709. The talent show is on **Sunday, October 21** immediately following worship, during our All-Church Fall Festival.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

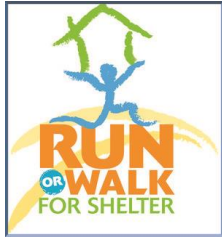
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Talent Act and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your sign-up slip to the church or e-mail the information to [lajanefrye@gmail.com](mailto:lajanefrye@gmail.com).**

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## Run or Walk For Shelter 2018!



Please join us for this fun event on **Saturday, October 6, 9:00 AM, at Forest Grove High School.**

All donations (unless otherwise specified) go to the newly emerging “Community Coalition” to help restore community for families and individuals experiencing social and economic hardship. (To learn more go to: [www.wvcoalition.org](http://www.wvcoalition.org).)

**Registration:** To register online go to [www.wvcoalition.org](http://www.wvcoalition.org) under “Run/Walk Event.” You can also pick up a registration and information brochure in the narthex. Day of registration is available from 8-8:45 AM.

**Questions?** For more information or to volunteer please talk to Elena Parker: 503-357-9121 or [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org) or you can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Snacks! Awards! Prizes! A fun day raising funds for an important cause!**

Sponsored by: Forest Grove UCC in partnership with Old Town Church, City of Forest Grove Sustainability Commission, Columbia Bank, Cuda Timing, Frye’s Action Athletics and Moore & Welliver Lawyers.

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## Final Welcome Garden Update for 2018



The Forest Grove UCC **Welcome Garden** has arrived at Fall, and here’s the **LAST** update for 2018: The **Stand-up Box** (the tallest one) has a few peppers growing along with cherry tomato and sun gold tomato plant that are very ready to pick. There is also a zucchini plant with a couple of small zucchinis on it. The **Walker Box** (also known as the herb box) has cilantro, oregano, mint, chives and sage and are all ready to pick. The **Sit Down Box** has been emptied. The **Wheel Chair Box** has chives ready to pick, sun gold tomatoes ready

to pick and roma tomatoes almost ready to pick, with a couple of pepper plants still producing. All of the above are available to everyone. Check out **The Welcome Garden** next time you are at the church. **What's Next?** All the boxes (except the herb box) will soon be emptied of their plants. Compost from the church's compost bin will be added and then bulbs will be planted to sprout in the Spring. Hurry and get the last of the produce!

— Paul Edwards

# Caring for Our Community Auction Over the Rainbow Saturday, November 17



Please join us **Saturday, November 17, from 4-8 PM** for a fun evening of music, food, desserts and no-host wine and beer; we will have many great silent and live auction items for bidding. Proceeds from the auction will support local organizations that give assistance to those in need such as: Adelante Mujeres, Family Promise, Forest Grove Senior and Community Center, Care Partners Hospice and Palliative, Luke-Dorf Mental Health, Community Action Emergency Rent Assistance and other ministries of FGUCC. This event has been one of the church's most successful community fundraisers and we hope this continues. If you're in the mood, please wear rainbow attire.

Please consider offering unique, high-quality items, baskets and experience packages. We look forward to your creative contributions! If you have a great idea for a bundled (basket) item, please run your idea past the Items Committee, again headed by Deva Harris-Williams.

If you've not volunteered in the past to help before, during or after this event, we'd love to have you join the team. Please email Bonnie McDowell, [chiroqueen704@msn.com](mailto:chiroqueen704@msn.com). (I will be out of the country from Sept 8 through Oct 3 but will be checking emails). If you have volunteered in the past, you can expect to be contacted by your committee chair, who will be posting volunteers on SignUp Genius.

Tickets are still \$10 if purchased by Nov. 11, and \$12 at the door. If possible, please bring a check to pay for your prizes, as credit card fees are expensive.

CHILDCARE, including dinner and entertainment, will be provided by the FGUCC Youth Group for a donation of \$5 per child. These funds will go toward future youth mission trips.

— Bonnie McDowell, Auction Coordinator

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## Save these Dates for Upcoming Events!

- Run-Walk for Shelter: **Saturday, October 6**
- Stewardship Potluck Lunch: **Sunday, October 7**
- Laser Tag Outing for 1-5<sup>th</sup> graders: **Sunday, October 7**
- Youth Overnight: Friday: **Friday, October 19**
- Annual Fall Festival & Talent Show: **Sunday, October 21**
- Forest Grove Merchants' Halloween: **Wednesday, October 31**
- Caring for our Community Auction: **Saturday, November 17**





**Thank you!!!** A tremendous THANK YOU to our FGUCC family for your incredible support during Emberly's stay in the NICU, and the past month she's been home. Born at 1 pound, 9 ounces, we are pleased to announce she's just over 7 lbs and is doing well at home. Thank you for the rides, meals, baby gifts, and prayers. Due to her premie status, she won't attend church until after cold-and-flu season (next spring). Thank you so much!!!!

With love and gratitude, Tori, Ruben, and Emberly

**SYMPATHY**—Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy for Dottie & Loren Waltz and the entire Waltz family upon the death of their daughter Marilyn Brown on Saturday, September 22. There will be a memorial service for Marilyn on **Saturday, October 20, 11 AM at the Cedar Hills UCC**. Please keep the Waltz and Brown families in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY**—Our hearts go out in deep sympathy for BJ Jones upon the death of her mother on Sunday, September 23.

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS**—Please remember Sue Groszmann as she fell and broke her foot recently. Please continue to remember our very long-time members Lillian Gimre, who has been in the hospital for several weeks dealing with various health issues and Eldon Bartlett who fell and broke his hip several weeks ago and is currently recovering at Jennings McCall Assisted Living after several weeks in the hospital and rehab.

**SPECIAL CONCERNS**—Please continue to remember Emberly, Tori and Ruben's newborn daughter who is four months old now and is thriving at home. Many thanks to everyone who prepared and delivered meals to Tori and Ruben during the first month of having Emberly home

**ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS**—Please continue prayers for Els Abma, Jack & Winnie Beu, Carol Benner, Jordana Bowen, Rusty Bradford, Bob Browning, Tori and Ruben Eaton-Heredia and their baby daughter, Emberly, Stephanie & Paul Edwards, Weston Epler and his parents, Rob and Julianne, Sue & Max Groszmann, Bob & Ruth Holznagel, Alice & Bill Hoskins, Dick & Lois Johnston, Richard & Christine Kidd, Herb & Carlene Krueger, Jobina Lacock, Betty Lancaster, Stephanie Lind, Renee and Bill Mills, Paul Minor, Wayne Morton (Elaine Bohlmeyer's brother) Jean & Bob Nixon, Del & Stella Schrag, Holly Vann and her family, Ralph, Robin & Megan Vasey, Tom Wallsted, Betty Wedell, John and Mary Welch, Patt Zerger, and any other members, friends and family of our church, not named here, who are homebound or who have other ongoing concerns.

**FGUCC VISITATION MINISTRY: HELPING ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY STAY CONNECTED**—If you know of someone in our church family who has limited ability to get out and about and who would like regular friendly visits from another church member, please let the Visitation Ministry coordinators know. If you can be a Visitor to someone, we would love to put you in touch with someone who would treasure your companionship. Sandy Mueller & Elaine Bohlmeyer, Visitation Ministry coordinators.

**HOW TO GET ON THE PRAYER CHAIN**—Are you or someone you know in need of extra prayer support? Our church has a confidential prayer chain ministry. If you'd like to be added to this prayer chain, please contact the church office or Sandy Mueller at [fguccpray@gmail.com](mailto:fguccpray@gmail.com). Thank you!

**PRAYER SHAWLS**—Do you need a prayer shawl? Please call Elena in the church office at 503-357-9121 to make a request. —Blessings, Dottie Waltz

## Knitters needed!

We would love to add some more knitters to our group and also those who crochet. This month we meet on **Wednesdays October 3 & 17 from 2-4PM**. Please join us to participate either as a knitter/crocheters or as one who would like to learn to knit. Knitting is not hard to learn and the pattern is very easy. The Prayer Shawls are such a wonderful gift—A gift from the heart that touches the hearts of others. Come and join us and we will get you started. We meet each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 2-4 PM. Also, we always welcome donations of yarn. Typically we use Homespun Lion Brand Yarn, which can be purchased at Fred Meyer, Joanne's or Michael's.



**PRAYER SHAWLS**—Do you need a prayer shawl? Please call Elena in the church office at 503-357-9121 to make a request.

—Blessings, Dottie Waltz

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

Chris Harter—3  
Andrea Meeuwsen—4  
Ralph Vasey—4  
Ellaine Whisler—4  
Phil Zapf—6  
Ruth Holznagel—7  
Betsy Foster—10  
Carol Pauli—13  
Del Schrag—13  
Justin Hoekstra—17  
Darrel Brady—30



## We are updating our Birthday list!

It has been a very long time since we have updated our birthday list, so if you'd like your birthday acknowledged in the monthly Viewpoint, please send us an email to [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org). (If you'd like, please include all of your family members as well.)



## Fellowship Hour News

**WE NEED SAVORY SNACKS**—We are in need of snack donations for Simply Simple Fellowship hours. We are looking for savory snacks, i.e. all types of crackers, pretzels, chips, etc.

**SIMPLY SIMPLE FELLOWSHIP HOUR**—Fellowship hours will continue to be SIMPLY SIMPLE! All the host(s) need do is sign up and then bring one single item for snack, i.e. cheese and crackers, brownies, cookies, fruit, etc. We will take care of coffee and tea and set-up. Snacks will be served on the kitchen counter next to the coffee pots. Please sign up in the narthex for Sundays September – December.



**SIGN UP TO BRING FLOWERS FOR THE TABLE**—Flower arrangements can be made in loving memory or honor of loved ones or just because. Sign-up in the narthex.

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### Ongoing Church Activities

All are Welcome to participate!

Adult Religion Study Group: Wednesdays at 10 AM

Prayer Shall Knitters: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 2-4 PM

Reiki Circle: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (usually) at 6:30 PM

Executive Board Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7 PM

Finance & Property Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7PM

All Musical Groups (see details below)

### Our Musical Groups

**JUBILATE HANDBELL CHOIR**—Rehearsals are on **Mondays at 5:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. New bell ringers are always welcome to join us! Our new director is Cameron Heilman, a senior music major at Pacific University. For more information please contact Cameron at 971.804-1582 or [heil6014@pacificu.edu](mailto:heil6014@pacificu.edu).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**—The Angel Choir is for 2nd grade and up. **Rehearsals are on Sundays at 11:30 AM** (except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays). The Cherub Choir is for children ages 3 through 1st grade, and they usually meet on the second Sunday of the month. The Cherubs' first rehearsal will be on **Sunday, October 14 at 11:30 AM**. If you have any questions, please contact Geneva Houx at [geneva.houx@gmail.com](mailto:geneva.houx@gmail.com).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**—Rehearsals are at **7:00 PM Thursdays** in the Choir Room. **All are welcome!** Please contact Laura at 503.550.1709 if you have questions.

**STRONG WINGS BAND**— Rehearsals are on **Tuesday evenings at 7:15 PM** in the Choir Room. If you have any interest in being part of our band, please contact Robert Lacock at [robert\\_lacock@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:robert_lacock@beaverton.k12.or.us) or call 503-357-4197.

## Donate your empty Cans & Bottles to our Senior High Youth!



Thank you to everyone for faithfully bringing your empty cans and bottles to the church for us to recycle at the Bottle Drop Redemption center here in Forest Grove. **Please Note:** We are accepting juice bottles, **but only 1.5 liters or smaller** (64 oz. juice bottles are too large).

In case you've ever wondered how much we've raised to date on bottle returns — From November 2016 through September 2018 we have collected over \$400.

From November 2016 until April 2017 bottle deposits were still only 5 cents and they are now 10 cents, plus the Bottle Bill Expansion didn't go into effect until 2018. So we anticipate the money raised from your bottle donations to continue to increase. All the money made from these donations continues to go into the Youth Group Mission Trip Fund.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our youth! —Kristy Haines

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## Repair Fair in the Grove

**Saturday, November 3, 2018 — 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Location: Forest Grove City Library**

Sign up at the Reference Desk to bring your broken bike or small appliance to the Forest Grove City Library's first ever Repair Fair!

Meet new people, learn useful skills, and keep alive and out of the landfill that beloved or useful object, at no cost to you!

Questions? Contact [fgl-reference@wccls.org](mailto:fgl-reference@wccls.org) or 503 992-3248.

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## Help Wanted

Forest Grove beverage bottling company is hiring **IMMEDIATELY** for several positions!

Team oriented work environment. Positions include quality control, sanitation, maintenance technician and production. Open to people with disabilities and also those with criminal record (second chance).

CALL TODAY! Emily Wolff, Recruiter at 971.288.8323 or send your resume to [jobs@depaulstaffing.com](mailto:jobs@depaulstaffing.com) (DePaul Industries)

## Food for Elijah's Barrel



**Produce Donations**—If you have an abundance of summer's end produce that you'd like to donate to the food bank, you can deliver it directly to St. Vincent de Paul at St. Anthony's Catholic Church **Monday-Friday between 8AM and 12PM**. Enter at the driveway on 17th Avenue right off of Elm Street.

Otherwise, please remember to keep filling Elijah's Barrel with canned food and non-perishable items and paper products (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) and place them in Elijah's Barrel in front of the bulletin boards in the Narthex. The Food Pantry at St. Anthony's Catholic Church helps supply food boxes to low income families in the Forest Grove Community.

Thanks to all who continue to make sure that this important ministry continues!

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## First Sundays Recycling With BEST Team

(Sunday, October 7)

Please bring your Styrofoam and all **#6 plastics** to us on the first Sunday of the month so that we can take them to Agilyx in Tigard for recycling. #6 Plastics include things like Solo bowls and some cups, coffee lids, plastic ware and cookie trays. **It's okay to mix your plastics with Styrofoam. Please be sure all your plastics are clean and have the #6 recycling symbol.**



**These are the items we will recycle for you:**

- Real block and food Styrofoam, colored and dyes are okay
- #6 plastics, such as Solo cups, coffee lids and cookie trays
- Clean, reusable packing materials (air pillows, peanuts, etc.; Bonnie takes to UPS)
- Wine corks, the real ones
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Batteries
- Planting pots (the Pricketts will reuse)
- Candle wax (the Pricketts will use)

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

- Cell phones – can also go back to the store where purchased
- Printer cartridges – the church gets cash for them or they can go back to the store where purchased

## Reading the Bible in a Year

These are the Bible readings for the month of October:

### WEEK FORTY—Oct 1, 2018

Monday: Numbers 29-32  
Tuesday: II Chronicles 11-15  
Wednesday: Psalm 117-118  
Thursday: Proverbs 28  
Friday: Jonah  
Saturday: Acts 3-4  
Sunday: Hebrews 5-7

### WEEK FORTY-ONE—Oct 8, 2018

Monday: Numbers 33-36  
Tuesday: II Chronicles 16-20  
Wednesday: Psalms 119  
Thursday: Proverbs 29-30  
Friday: Micah  
Saturday: Acts 5-6  
Sunday: Hebrews 8-10

### WEEK FORTY-TWO—Oct 15, 2018

Monday: Deuteronomy 1-3  
Tuesday: II Chronicles 21-24  
Wednesday: Psalm s 120-121  
Thursday: Proverbs 31  
Friday: Nahum  
Saturday: Acts 7-8  
Sunday: Hebrews 11-13

### WEEK FORTY-THREE—Oct 22, 2018

Monday: Deuteronomy 4-6  
Tuesday: II Chronicles 25-28  
Wednesday: Psalms 122-124  
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1-2  
Friday: Habakkuk  
Saturday: Acts 9-10  
Sunday: James 1-3

### WEEK FORTY-FOUR—Oct 29, 2018

Monday: Deuteronomy 7-9  
Tuesday: II Chronicles 29-32  
Wednesday: Psalms 125-127  
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 3-4  
Friday: Zephaniah  
Saturday: Acts 11-12  
Sunday James 4-5

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## Electronic Giving



If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions we encourage you to check out our electronic giving option. To set up electronic donations, simply request an authorization form from the church office. Once it has been completed we can set up donations to be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account. Give us a call at 503-357-9121. Thank you for your generosity and support!

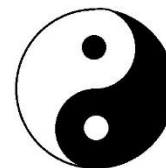
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**DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG**—If you've been coming to worship with us for a while and you'd like to have a name tag, please drop a note in the offering plate or contact Elena at the church office 503.357.9121 or [elena@fgucc.org](mailto:elena@fgucc.org).

## Events in the Community

### SEATED T'AI CHI CHIH CLASS

This fall, Village Without Walls will offer a seated T'ai Chi Chih class for Village members and volunteers and Forest Grove United Church of Christ (FGUCC) members and friends. The class will be held from 2-3PM on Mondays and Thursdays, October 8 – November 1 in Fellowship Hall. Contact Linda Minor with questions and to reserve your space, which is limited: 503-320-5487 or [ljminor2@yahoo.com](mailto:ljminor2@yahoo.com)



### Embraced: Go After the One! A Women's Conference

October 13, 3-8:30 PM at Old Town Church, Forest Grove (Doors open at 2PM). Speakers include Susan Dieter Robinson, Julie Brown and Vashta Fitzpatrick. Keynote speaker will be Michelle E. Caswell.

## Neighbors in Need 2018



The 2018 theme for **Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is *"Love of Neighbor."*

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering that supports works of justice and compassion in the United States and abroad. Two-thirds of the Neighbors In Need receipts support program initiatives and direct grants offered through the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. **FGUCC will receive offerings for NIN through the end of October.** And remember, contributions to NIN can be made online at any time: [ucc.org/nin](http://ucc.org/nin). Offering envelopes can be found on the big round table in the narthex. To read about how this offering is transforming lives, go to <http://www.ucc.org/nin>



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving - Celebration and Community Meal

Your congregation or organization is invited to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington County INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION sponsored by the Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network. This year our Interfaith Celebration will be on Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 5:00-6:00 pm with a free fellowship meal following the Celebration. The event will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 2220 NE Jackson School Road in Hillsboro. The sponsoring organization is the Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise of Washington County. A special offering appeal will be made for the Family Promise Shelter Program.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, and in the true meaning of community, we hope that many different congregations and organizations will want to bring something to our Thanksgiving “table.” Congregations can contribute to the event in many ways. Please look over the following list to find ways that your congregation can get involved.

- Please plan to join us at the celebration on November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Please share this event in your church, with friends and neighbors
- Encourage members of your choir (adult, youth, and children) to attend and sing in our Interfaith Community Choir. Dates and times of practices will be available in the next few weeks.
- Bring your organization’s banner to be displayed during the dinner
- Clean-up crews—please volunteer!
- Fellowship meal—contact us if your congregation would like to help with: pies, rolls and butter, soup (vegetarian), green salad
- Kitchen help and buffet table coordination is needed during set up
- Childcare and Thanksgiving project for children is provided

We invite you to **Represent your faith** by participating in the program. *We especially want to invite representatives to join our organizing committee, which will have our initial meeting Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm at the Family Promise Day House, at 6<sup>th</sup> & Oak in Hillsboro. We will be choosing our theme, developing the program and organizing food assignments. Your involvement is crucial!*

In the past we have had hundreds gather together for the celebration and the fellowship meal, so participation by many faith communities is crucial. **To let us know how your group will be participating** contact co-chairs DeAnne Dewey at 503-819-1610/gomusicdewey@comcastnet or Ann Duzett at 503-830-2489/aduzett@gmail.com.

**We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration Committee**



Building community, strengthening lives.

<http://www.familypromisewashingtoncountyoregon.org/>

## **Forest Grove UCC Staff**

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