FRUITLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Announcements Nov. 4, 2026

This Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026

Preaching: **Rev. Jorge Rodriguez**
Liturgist: **Jay Whitcomb**
Sermon: "KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING"
Scriptures: Psalm 78: 1-7 Matthew 25: 1-13

Worship service begins at 9:30 am.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3	**Jim Trenkel**
Nov. 7	**Tara Hutchinson**
Nov. 13	**Gloria Vanderpool**
Nov. 29	**Jorge Rodriguez**

If you know of a birthday in our congregation which is not listed here, please let Holly know.

May God bless you on your special day, and throughout the year!

Fruitland United Methodist Church

Church Calendar

November 2026

Nov. 8 – Local Mission and Outreach Committee 9:00 AM

Nov. 9 – Trustees at 5:30 Ad Council at 6:30

Nov. 15 – Harvest Potluck in the Coffee Area

Bell Choir after church. All ages, no experience or talent required!

Nov. 19 – Red Cross Blood Drawing at Henggeler Packing 10-4:00

6730 Elmore Road. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org

Nov. 21 – United Women in Faith 10:00 AM World Thank Offering program.

"Leadership Gathering" in Nampa at Southside UMC

Nov. 22 – "Service" is the theme of worship this Sunday.

Pastor Jorge is out of town. Director of Oasis House will speak.

After church on Nov. 22, all are invited to decorate the Christmas tree and hang up decorations for Christmas. Nov. 29th is the first Sunday of Advent.

Nov. 29 – Letha Essinger will be preaching. Pastor Jorge out of town.

First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 4 – Christmas on Main Street We are doing the Peace Candle lighting and a hot chocolate booth. More info to come.

Please send news items and announcements by 11:00 on Wednesday, to the church email.

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Sharing communion on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026

WEEKLY PRAYERS & PRAISES:

Feel free to call celebrations and concerns in to the office by 11:00 on Wednesdays.
208-452-3260.
Or email them to
officefruitlandumc@gmail.com

Prayers for **Trina Baines**, who had a knee replacement on Monday.

We pray for our **active duty military**, stationed around the world.

Pray for **Jorge and Rosie's grandbabies**, due to be born this month! Rosie will be with her daughter for the birth, and will stay in Portland through Christmas.

We pray for peace and common sense, nationwide, following the **midterm elections.**

Prayers for **communities impacted by flooding** in Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, where whole neighborhoods are being washed away.

CELEPRAISE: We are thankful for the music of our guest musicians, Mary Lou and Mike Koto.

On All Saints Sunday, we held a service of remembrance for those who have passed away since last year. We remembered four dear members of our congregation: Vernita Crowley, Joan Kerfoot, Freda Lee, and David Jennings, along with 26 other friends and family members. Thanks to Jann and the Worship Committee for organizing this special service.

Next Sunday, **November 15, is a Harvest Potluck**, immediately following worship. Plan to stay and celebrate the harvest season with your church friends.

Before we know it, we'll be in the season of Advent. "Hanging of the Greens" will be after church on Sunday, Nov. 22. November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent.

Any who have **small nativity sets** which can be displayed on window sills, please bring them to Roxie. There are also places to share larger sets. If you are bringing one to display, please make a label telling who it belongs to. Let's decorate our sanctuary with the story of Christ's birth.

Ramona is organizing a **holiday bell choir**. We will be using our simple 8-note bells, which are color-coded. This will be fun for all ages. No experience or talent required!

Also, Holly and Iran are looking for singers to help with a special caroling project. We will practice 2 or 3 Christmas carols. Remember how good we sounded in August with "Oh My Darling Clementine!" Watch for more info.

As Thanksgiving Approaches . . .

Food Items for Grizzly Corridor
During the next 3 Sundays - November --1, 8, & 15-- we would like to urge people to bring basic items to help with a Thanksgiving meal . Some examples for both American and Mexican meals would be:
Boxed stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, cooking bag for turkey.
Canned hominy, masa, cornhusks, for making tamales!

A Different Way to Give . . . Mission can take many forms.

Donating blood is one of those! Did you know that the American Red Cross declared a national blood crisis earlier this year? This is only the second time in our nation's history when blood supplies have been so low that a crisis was declared. They are still urgently seeking blood and platelet donors with all blood types needed to help stabilize the blood supply. People experiencing accidents, child birth, surgery, or undergoing cancer treatment are just some of those who rely on the blood donations of others to help them in their times of need.
There is no upper age limit for blood donations, and reasons for exclusion have changed. If you are unsure of your ability to donate (for example due to travel, medications, or a medical condition), individuals can contact the Red Cross to ask -- call them at 1-800-733-2767, or visit the website's FAQ's online for more information at Questions About Donating Blood | Red Cross Blood Services
You can also schedule online at www.redcross.org. Just put in your zip code, and you will see upcoming blood drives in the area. These include Henggeler Packing office on Nov. 19, Four Rivers Crossfit on Dec. 3, and the FMTC office on Dec. 11.

If you have questions about what the process is like, Ramona is happy to share her experience. She did not donate for many years after her time in Africa, but when Freda received blood after her leg repair surgery, she checked into it again and was happy to learn that she is no longer disqualified and has been a donor since then.

In the nursery . . . **Ella played in the teepee with the baby dolls. Jack played with the farm set.**

In Sunday School . . . **Leslie's class worked on a mural about their favorite parts of creation.**

Upcoming Signups Reminders:

Coffee Hour Provider:
Nov. 1 – Ramona and Art Lee
Nov. 8 – Iran and Jim Trenkel
Nov. 15 – Harvest Potluck in the Coffee Area.
Nov. 22 – Freezer cookies
Nov. 29 --

Liturgist:
Nov. 1 – Letha Essinger
Nov. 8 – Jay Whitcomb
Nov. 15 –
Nov. 22 – Holly Kerfoot
Nov. 29 --

Communion Supplies:
Dec. 6

From the Worship Committee:
If you sign up for communion duties, you are <u>not asked to provide bread</u>. The committee has bakers who are willing to provide gluten-free communion bread each month. They do hope that you will be willing to
***set-up the altar for communion**
***help the pastor serve communion during the worship service**
*** take charge of washing and putting away the communionware afterward.**

For those of you who prefer not to tithe with cash or checks, or are unable to do so, our church treasurer has established an online giving option. A QR code will be available on the back of your bulletin and below. To use the QR Code, open up your smartphone camera app and look at the code with the camera. Once it has been able to read it, a link should appear below the code that can be tapped to send you to the donations page. If you have any questions, please ask Leonard Mess.

Offerings given in this manner will be recorded for tax purposes, just as if you had written a check.

Collections for General Fund

FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTHLY GIVING FOR OPERATING BUDGET:

Monthly offering goal- $8000.00
Month of **November** received **- $1062***

* Updated Weekly

The Greeter/Usher & Liturgist Sign Up Sheets are posted for November.

Sign up to be a liturgist! No singing is required. No experience is required.

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To reach Pastor Jorge directly, email jorova59@gmail.com

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