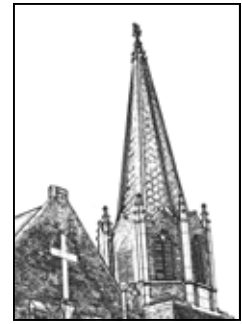


# The Spire



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We **boldly**  
transform lives  
and our  
community  
through  
service,  
building  
relationships  
and sharing  
Christ's love.

## Joeseppi's "Takeover" Set for Mon. Oct. 5

Our big fall fundraiser, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Joeseppi's Takeover is just a little over a week away! **Are YOU inviting your friends, neighbors and family yet?**

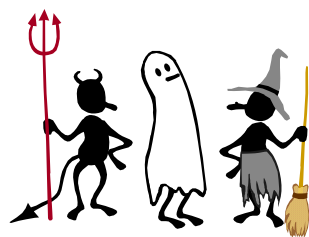


So – be sure the date is on your calendar, and make those invitations (email, mail, word-of-mouth) to your friends and family, neighbors and strangers to enjoy a delicious **dinner Monday, October 5 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Diners will select what they want to eat from the great choices on Joeseppi's menu.

Here's an **important addition**: consider what you might contribute to a silent auction. Some things that work: hosting a meal at your home; an afternoon trip on your boat; a day or two of yard or gardening or home repair work; interior or exterior house painting; tickets to an event; airplane miles; homemade cakes or

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## Watch out for Ghosts & Goblins in Wilbur Hall!



A couple of our ELUMC energetic, creative types, Tracy Dillon and Stacey Moore, will be calling in some friendly but scary characters to populate the haunted house that will arise in the church about October 31. At the same time a "trunk and treat event" will offer goodies to "trick or treaters" in the church parking lot from the open trunks of cars lined up in the lot.

This will be a fun event for church and neighborhood children and families. Here are three ways you can help us reach out into the neighborhood. 1. Offer your help to Tracy or Stacey with haunted house ideas, materials and help in constructing and assembling. A few evening and Saturday hours in October would be a great help. 2. Help for a couple hours on Saturday morning, October 24, to help distribute flyers to the neighborhood advertising the event. 3. Plan to spend 2-3 hours on Halloween evening at the church, being a "trunk or treat" host, and bring your own supply of candy or goodies; or be a host/guide in the haunted house.

Happy haunting!

# Sharing Christ's Love

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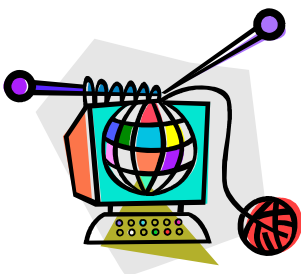
## New Covenant Group Being Formed

Open to all who desire a more meaningful relationship with God, a new covenant group will begin meeting Tuesday, October 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., according to Stacey Moore. Stacey says, "We will be spending the coming year passionately seeking the heart of God". See her if you are interested in becoming a member of the group.

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## Conference Website Has New Look

The website of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church has been upgraded with a brand new look and easier search for information you might want. Find it at [www.pnwumc.org](http://www.pnwumc.org). Much interesting information about what is happening and coming in Pacific Northwest Methodism is available.



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## Joeseppi's "Takeover" *continued from page 1*

cookies; CD's or DVD's; a weekend at your mountain or beach cabin; basket of goodies; a day or two of housecleaning, garage or attic cleaning service; chauffeuring to events; custom-made desserts or goodies; hauling a load to the dump! Stretch your imagination!! Connect with Carol Stortini in advance to get your gift on the auction table. With enthusiastic promotion, we can **double or better the \$1000 we made last year**, especially with a good silent auction.

On takeover evening, members of ELUMC will act as the hosts to greet and welcome dinner guests and show them to their table. Other members will act as bus persons to prepare tables after use for more guests. We receive a percentage of the food sales so it is important to promote for a large crowd. Just expecting to receive a percentage of the food bought by regular diners will not net us much nor be fair to the restaurant.

## Annual Charge Conference Oct. 18

All churches are required to have a meeting each year called a "Charge Conference" with the District Superintendent. This year, for the first time, church officers and members will meet in a group with other churches for a unified charge conference. District Superintendent Sharon Moe has scheduled Sunday, October 18 as the time for the Tacoma Connecting Mission churches to meet together. The assembly will be at Fern Hill UMC, 501 South 84<sup>th</sup> St, at 2 p.m.

All members and appointed or elected officers are invited.

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## Friends of Hope Home to Put on Movie Night



Several Epworth folks will going to Hope Home this Saturday evening to put on a movie night, according to Julia Martin. They will be showing the recent movie "Mama Mia" and providing popcorn and drinks to make it a real event for the residents. If you would like to join them, call Julia at 756-6857.

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## CBS Special Looks at Religion, Politics and Advocacy

NEW YORK (UMNS)—A half-hour television documentary on "Religion, Politics and Advocacy" will air nationwide Sept. 27 on CBS affiliates. The show examines how faith groups help shape policy. "We're not trying to seek legislation here that benefits any of our faith groups," says Jim Winkler, top executive of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society. **"This is really for the society as a whole, and that has power that trumps, in the end, the power of money."** The special is produced by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission with the cooperation of the National Council of Churches, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Islamic Society of North America, Union for Reform Judaism and the New York Board of Rabbis.

# Serving and Building Relationships

## ELUMC/Tacoma First Women Host District UMW Conference

By Donna Parker

Saturday, September 19, was a big day for Tacoma District United Methodist Women at First UMC on Tacoma Avenue. Many thanks are due to women of both churches who hosted this successful inspirational and business annual conference for 80 members and leaders of the District.

**Gretchen Engle** provided invaluable help in advance preparations and also accompanied the group singing and played background piano music. **Helen Engle** provided beautiful dahlias for the luncheon table centerpieces and the altar. **Victoria Walters**, Tacoma District UMW president, presided. **First UMC Pastor Mel Woodworth** welcomed the guests and **ELUMC Pastor Wes**



Donna Parker and Victoria Walters at the District UMW Fall Conference



Tacoma District UMW Officers being installed.  
(Photos by Pastor Wes)

**Stanton** gave the meeting's closing prayer. **District Superintendent Sharon Moe** gave a joyful and inspirational message to the group. District UMW officers presented the program.

Thank you, too, to the members of ELUMC who, although not active in the UMW, gave vital help at the meeting. They included **Kathy Bogue, Julia Martin, Carol Stortini and Mary Forsberg**, UMW officers who provided the continental breakfast, greeted and more included **Vivian Spencer and Donna Parker**. First UMC member **Maxine Strom** spent many hours Friday and Saturday helping in the kitchen. **Kathy and Julia Collier and Martha Curwen** from First UMC helped with luncheon prep, served beverages and helped clean up.

## Epworth LeSourd / Tacoma First United Methodist Women meetings planned

The United Methodist Women are doing great things! You can be a part of it. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. Come learn more on how you can be involved in reshaping your local UMW unit to work for you in a variety of areas. Vickie Walters, UMW Tacoma District president and a member of the joint ELUMC/FUMC chapter, will be facilitating a series of evening meetings—so working women can attend—as a way to get to know what the UMW is involved in. The following meetings will be held in the Fireplace Room on Thursday nights right before choir and bell practice:

**Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Violet Crase, Program Resources Secretary

Tacoma District UMW

Come learn how to take part in the United Methodist Women's reading program and let your reading support mission. Reading lists will be available and you could find you have already read enough to get our local unit back in the count for next reporting year. Talk to Violet about how the program works and how books are selected and everything else you wanted to know about reading for mission.

**Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 -6:30 p.m.**

Where the Money Goes—Mission Giving

**Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Becoming a Mission Today Unit—Mission Education and Interpretation

**Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Structuring Your Local Unit—Membership Nurture and Outreach



## *“The Joy of Walking”*

Dear sisters and brothers!

I'm impressed with the gift of silence as a channel of God's grace. Please give this page at least as much time as you would have, if I had filled it with words.

Love,  
Wes

# Epworth LeSourd United Methodist Church October 2009

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
|  |   |   |  | <b>1</b><br>5:30-6:30 PM<br>UMW Mtg<br>6:30 PM<br>Choir<br>7:30 PM<br>Bells  | <b>2</b><br>Friday<br>Burger Feed<br>5:30-6:30  | <b>3</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Trustees<br>Mtg<br>Followed by<br>basement<br>windows<br>work party              |
| <b>4</b><br>8:00 am Early<br>Eucharist<br>9:30 am Adult<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>12:15 Refreshments<br>12:30 Nominations<br>Committee<br>6 pm Disciple Bible<br>Study               | <b>5</b><br>4-8 pm<br>Joeseppi's<br>Takeover<br><br>Pastor's Day<br>Off | <b>6</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Tuesday<br>Group<br><br>5:30-6:30 pm<br>Covenant Group   | <b>7</b><br>10:30 AM<br>UMW Meeting  | <b>8</b><br>5:30-6:30 PM<br>UMW Mtg<br>6:30 PM<br>Choir<br>7:30 PM<br>Bells  | <b>9</b><br>Friday<br>Burger Feed<br>5:30-6:30  | <b>10</b>   |
| <b>11</b><br>8:00 am Early<br>Eucharist<br>9:30 am Adult<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>12:15 Refreshments<br>6 pm Disciple Bible<br>Study  | <b>12</b><br>Pastor's Day<br>Off  | <b>13</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Tuesday Group<br>7:00 pm<br>Finance Com.<br>7:30 pm<br>Church Council<br>5:30-6:30 pm<br>Covenant Group     | <b>14</b><br>6 pm Christian<br>Formation Com-<br>mittee<br>7 pm Worship<br>Planning<br>Committee | <b>15</b><br>5:30-6:30 PM<br>UMW Mtg<br>6:30 PM<br>Choir<br>7:30 PM<br>Bells | <b>16</b><br>Friday<br>Burger Feed<br>5:30-6:30 | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>18</b><br>8:00 am Early<br>Eucharist<br>9:30 am Adult<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>12:15 Refreshments<br>2-4 pm Church<br>Conference at<br>Fern Hill<br>6 pm Disciple Bible<br>Study | <b>19</b><br>Pastor's Day<br>Off  | <b>20</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Tuesday Group<br><br>6:00 p.m. Staff<br>Parish Relations<br>Committee<br><br>5:30-6:30 pm<br>Covenant Group | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>5:30-6:30 PM<br>UMW Mtg<br>6:30 PM<br>Choir<br>7:30 PM<br>Bells | <b>23</b><br>Friday<br>Burger Feed<br>5:30-6:30 | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>25</b><br>8:00 am Early<br>Eucharist<br>9:30 am Adult<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship<br>12:15 Refreshments<br>6 pm Disciple Bible<br>Study  | <b>26</b><br>Pastor's Day<br>Off  | <b>27</b><br>10 a.m.<br>Tuesday<br>Group<br><br>5:30-6:30 pm<br>Covenant Group  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>6:30 PM<br>Choir<br>7:30 PM<br>Bells                            | <b>30</b><br>Friday<br>Burger Feed<br>5:30-6:30 | <b>31</b><br>Halloween<br>at ELUMC<br><br>Standard<br>Time Starts<br>Tomorrow!<br>Set your<br>clocks back |



Late afternoon sunshine warms tailgaters.

## A Baseball Evening At Cheney Stadium

About 50 ELUMC members and friends gathered at Cheney Stadium August 28 for a fun tailgate party and the baseball game between the Tacoma Rainiers and Salt Lake City Bees. It was a nice evening, but spirits were slightly dampened in the sixth inning when the Bees knocked in four runs while the Rainiers were scoreless the entire game. We thank Joe Stortini for making grandstand seats available at very low cost to our attendees each year.



ELUMCers enjoy some good action by the Rainiers. L to r: Joe Stortini, Gretchen Engle, Carol Stortini, Donna Parker, Al Bolinger. (Photos by Pastor Wes)

## Win – Win – Win -That’s Joe’s Team!

Joe Stortini’s over 75-year-old team continues its winning ways in three recent softball tournaments in Salt Lake City, Wenatchee and Medford OR. Joe says, “We won 17 out of 17 games, and the last two tournaments were tune-ups for the national championship”.

He and Carol and the team will be going to Phoenix in October to play a New Jersey team for the national softball title in this age group.

Congratulations to Joe and the team.

## Phoenix Housing Hosted at ELUMC

For the second time this year, ELUMC and its members hosted the homeless families in the Phoenix program. This is also about the 10<sup>th</sup> year we have given this service to those in need. The four families were here September 14-21. We were scheduled for a later time but were asked to host them earlier on short notice.

Dana Peterson, member of ELUMC and a Phoenix case manager, said, “I am so proud of how ELUMC stepped up to the plate and put on a good week. The families had a great time. They were especially pleased with the Friday night barbecue.”

Ron Davis was the host site coordinator; over-night hosts were Bill and Gail Rocheleau, Tracy Dillon, Phil Cooper, Ron Davis, Donna and Dave Parker. Meal dishes were prepared and furnished by Carol Stortini, Miriam Fitzgerald, Tim McBride, Margaret Brenner, Leona Weltzer, Gretchen Engle, Helen Engle, Julia Martin. Carol also furnished the breakfast cereal, fruit and snacks. Evening hosts included Miriam, Carol, Tracy, Phil.

Many thanks to all who answered the call to serve.



## Tacoma Community House “Antique Quest & Wine Fest”

On Saturday, October 3, 7:00-10:00 p.m. the Tacoma Community House will present its third annual Antique Quest and Wine Fest. This unique event combines antique appraising with wine tasting, adds live jazz music and includes food from around the world. It will be held at the Museum of Glass

Guests are invited to bring an antique item or picture of an antique item to have it professionally appraised by a professional Northwest appraiser.

The event theme is “Passport to the World” and will feature wines from six continents as well as a unique silent auction of items from around the world. Find more information on the TCH website, [www.TacomaCommunityHouse.org](http://www.TacomaCommunityHouse.org).

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at <http://brownpapertickets.com/event/79144>. All proceeds directly benefit Tacoma Community House’ Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language programs.

## Members and Friends Birthdays and Anniversaries

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carina Ryan
- 2 Jacqueline Boutell-Loos
- 4 Timieka McBride
- 11 Robin Engle
- 12 Timothy Ryan
- 13 Alazel Acheson
- 17 Joanne Coleman Campbell
- 21 Paul Davis  
Diane Rogers
- 26 Jennifer Walsh
- 29 Alison Kautz Ayala



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Robert and Linda Cardenas
- 2 Todd and Sandra Burnworth
- 8 Wes Stanton and Kathy Bogue

## Share Your Story at Tacoma Community House

If you have memories of Tacoma Community House, you are invited to come share your stories Saturday, October 24, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Tacoma Community House, 1314 South L Street.

Tacoma Community House was founded in 1910 by the **women's groups** of several local Methodist Churches including **Epworth**. Its mission was to help immigrants coming here at the time to assimilate into the community through language and customs teaching and helping with other needs. It is still a Methodist mission organization.

TCH is currently preparing for its Centennial Celebration in 2010 so stories and memories are needed. For more information or to RSVP call 253-383-3951 or email Derrick Rhayn, [drhayn@tacomacommunityhouse.org](mailto:drhayn@tacomacommunityhouse.org).

## First Session of Disciple Class

These folks gathered September 20 for their first meeting of a year-long study learning more of God and the Bible. Clockwise: Pastor Wes, Gail Rocheleau, Bill Rocheleau, Steve Lynd, Leona Weltzer, Mary Jane Devish, Julia Martin, Tracy Dillon.  
*(Photo by Kathy Bogue)*



## People News

Our sympathy and best wishes to **Marlys Moll** who broke her hip when her electric wheelchair cap-sized on the sidewalk near her home on South Pacific Avenue. She was treated at Tacoma General hospital and is now recovering at The Lutheran Home, room 502.

Our best wishes to **Brea and Ken Kappert** on their marriage Saturday, September 12, at Epworth LeSourd.

A big "Thank You" to **Gretchen Engle, Kathy Bogue** and the **Trustees** for the plumbing repairs, new curtains, floor painting and rug to brighten up the Ladies downstairs restroom.

Our sympathy to **Eleana Durham** whose mother recently passed away in Kenya.

**Charles Parker**, son of Dave and Donna, has been recently deployed to Shanghai, China, by his company, Honeywell, where he will be overseeing his company's brakes, wheels and landing gear design and fabrication for a new Chinese-built airliner. He expects to be there until the end of the year. He completed work earlier this year for the brakes and wheels of the jumbo Airbus 380.

**Gretchen Engle** won a first place ribbon for a quilt she entered in the Puyallup Fair this year. **Elaine Austin** entered her collection of antique children's sewing machines which was nicely displayed in the Hobby Hall.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Scripture readings for ELUMC's worship will generally follow the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, listed below.

At the 8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist, an informal service of scripture, prayer and communion, we read and reflect on all three lessons.

#### Oct. 4

Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26 or Psalm 25  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

#### Oct. 11

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

#### Oct. 18

Job 38:1-7 (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c  
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

#### Oct. 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8  
Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

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<http://www.EpworthLeSourd.org>

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Organist: Chris Kollar  
Prayer Coordinator: Stacey Moore
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- **If there is an emergency or business that cannot wait, you may call Pastor Wes at his home (253) 752-0504.**
- **Sunday Worship Time:**  
8:00 AM - Early Eucharist  
9:30 AM - Sunday Class for adults  
11:00 AM - Worship Service  
12:15 PM - Refreshments
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