

ORTING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE MESSENGER



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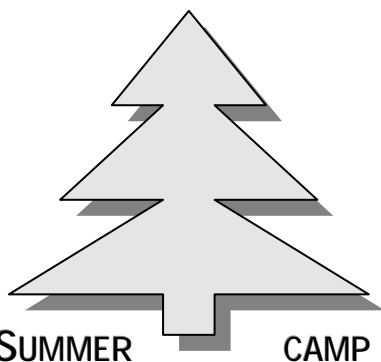
A neighborhood church in the heart of the community

Our mission is to serve God, the Church and the Community by raising the Christian awareness of every individual in caring and sharing God's Love

FROM THE PASTOR

Regrettably, Pastor Carol was down with a severe cold at press time and was unable to prepare an article for this issue of the newsletter. Based on the conversations I've had with her, in chicken soup units, I calculate her illness to be of the 9-bowl variety. I hope by the time this issue is distributed, she is up and about. I know that while she is recovering, those programs that depend on her guidance, and which ones do not, will continue on course through the efforts of the wonderful untiring volunteers we have in the church.

In spring a church member's fancy turns to thoughts of volunteering for the many outdoor projects that have been held in abeyance, pending the long days of sunshine and unencumbered clothing. I'm not merely thinking of the benefit to the church in having a crisp, clean, beautiful surrounds, but the health benefits to the participants are immeasurable. Think about it. There's no sounder sleep than one engaged in following a few hours of weeding and sowing.



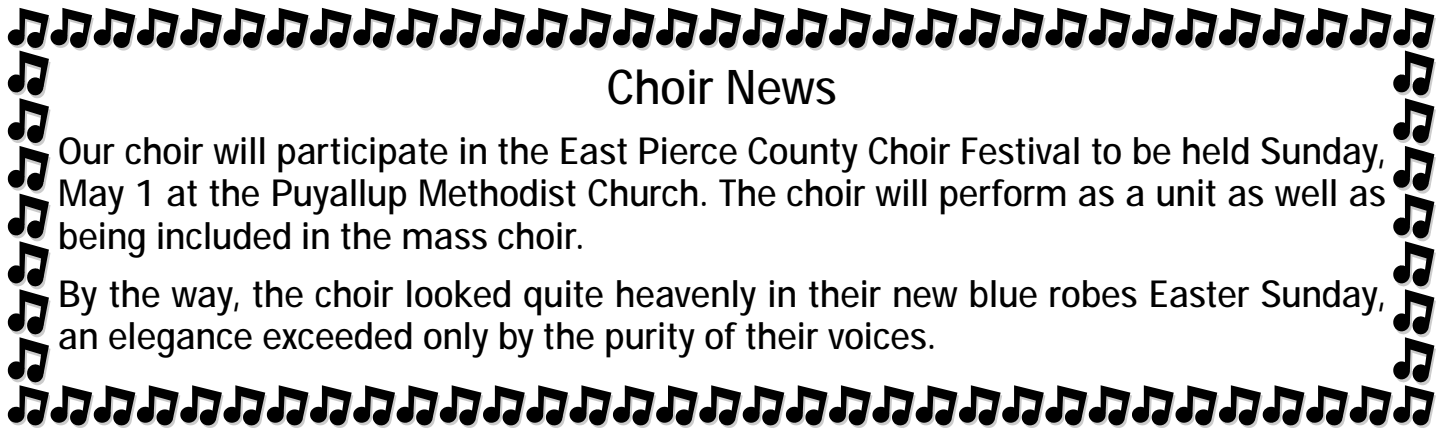
ALL INFORMATION FOR SUMMER
CAMP IS AVAILABLE IN THE FEL-
LOWSHIP HALL.

"TELLING GOD'S STORY WITH OUR SONGS"

This is the theme of the "Spirit in Action" Older Adult Retreat to be held on May 2-4 at Camp Indianola.

From campfire ballads to historic hymns, attendees will learn and express their faith through the songs we sing.

If you are age 50 or older, please consider attending this informative event. Brochures and registration forms are available in the fellowship hall.



Choir News

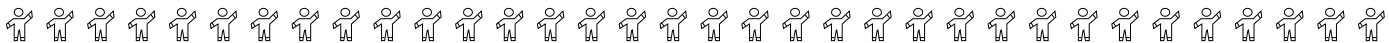
Our choir will participate in the East Pierce County Choir Festival to be held Sunday, May 1 at the Puyallup Methodist Church. The choir will perform as a unit as well as being included in the mass choir.

By the way, the choir looked quite heavenly in their new blue robes Easter Sunday, an elegance exceeded only by the purity of their voices.



Tsunami Relief Fund

A collection taken during the month and sent to UMCOR to help the survivors of the Tsunami was a great showing of our compassion and generosity. We sent more than \$750. The money will go directly to the survivors through our own Methodist Agency. Thank you for being a generous congregation and a compassionate church family.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: THANKS FOR BEING THERE

Heartfelt thanks to all who became UMCOR's partner in the annual One Great Hour of Sharing on the fourth Sunday in Lent - March 6th. *Churches may receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at any time during the year.* UMCOR receives no apportionments from the general church. Part of the gifts from this offering support UMCOR's administrative expenses. That means that 100 percent of the gifts you designated to UMCOR projects through the Advance go directly to the programs you choose. Through your giving, you enabled UMCOR to respond quickly and effectively to relieve human suffering. Thank you for your generosity and compassion to others.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MEMBER RECEIVED

Brian Wells was received into membership Easter Sunday.

ROGER DOWNING WAS APPROVED FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

Baking Easter cookies—Jean and Bob Wolford, Muriel Doolittle, Mardell Bauman, Stacy Straughn, John Downs, Viola Bush and Carol Mariano

Sunrise Service Participants—Cheryl Dyson, Denise Mabry, Judy White and Dana Robinson for the special Easter music, and to Nancy Lillie for singing at the Sunrise Service

Daffodils for the Cross—Muriel Doolittle and Mardel Bauman

Visitation—Mardell Bauman, Lyla Lee, Joan Cook

Yard Work—Arnie Olson, Sulmo Mariano, Mardell Bauman

Sign Installation—Roger Downing of Dowcon Services, George Bauman, Arnie Olson

Children's Choir—Nancy Lillie, Cheryl Dyson

Church Cleaning (March)—Mardell Bauman, George Bauman, Phil Fabel, Karen Moroney

Worship Leaders (March)—Roger Downing, Cheryl Dyson, Keith Dyson

Seder Meal—Sharon & Leigh Starr, Janet Bjork, Mardell Bauman, Stacey Straughn, Ruth Shride

Maundy Thursday—Keith Dyson, Leigh Starr, Brian Wells, Dave Lillie, Jeff Straughn, Sulmo Mariano, Phil Fabel, Bob Wolford, Hunter Lillie, Arnie Olson, Mike Perzel for being disciples in our Last Supper reenactment, to Brian Wells for making challah bread and to Vern Lewis for taking care of the lights.

Easter Breakfast—Roger Downing, Shirley Olson, Mardell Bauman

Ironing New Choir Robes and Chair Covers—Rosalie Gronka, Ruth Shride, Nancy Lillie

BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL

- 3 2nd Sunday of Easter
Psalm 16 (UMH 748)
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
- 10 3rd Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Sunday (offering)
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
- 17 4th Sunday of Easter
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
- 24 5th Sunday of Easter
Heritage Sunday
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

PRAYERS

Mary Jo Walker—lung cancer

Chad Gunderson

Jeff Straughn's father, undergoing ankle surgery

SHUT-INS: Louise Haise, Rosemary

Todd, LeRoy Bush Lynn Johnson,

Dorothy Bosshart

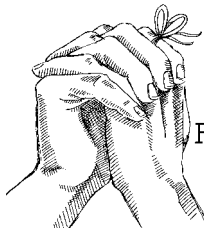
Our nation and its leaders

Our men and women in military service

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday

- 1 Rosalie Gronka
- 19 George Bauman
- 21 Dorothy Bosshart
- 26 Karen Weismiller



Resolve to pray each day

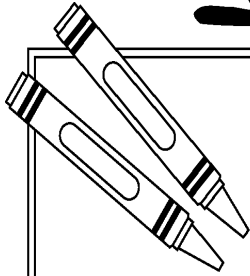
In Memoriam

Jo craft perzel

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF

FEBRUARY 28, 2005

Budget for year	\$68,165.00
Needed monthly (1/12 of budget)	5,680.00
February Receipts	4,494.00
February Disbursements	5,670.28
Balance as of 2/28/05	1,745.81



Just for **KIDS** HELP!

Wouldn't it be nice if we never had to make any hard decisions or choices, or face any big challenges? Sometimes we just don't know what to do! But there is help!

Read James 5:13-18.

What do these verses tell us to do?

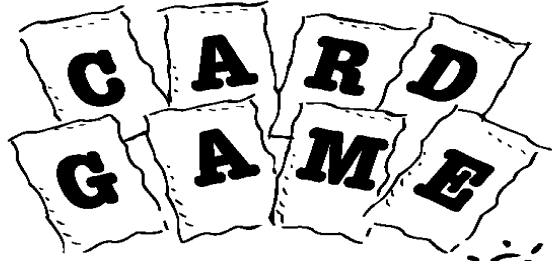
Use the graph to find the answer.

	A	F	L	P	T
	C	H	N	R	W
	E	I	O	S	Y

P _____

Pray in faith. Pray for each other. Pray earnestly.

Make a



You will need:

- 30 unlined index cards
- markers
- stickers



How to make:

Write each of the words from the list below on its own card. Make a second set. Decorate with stickers or markers.



Play:

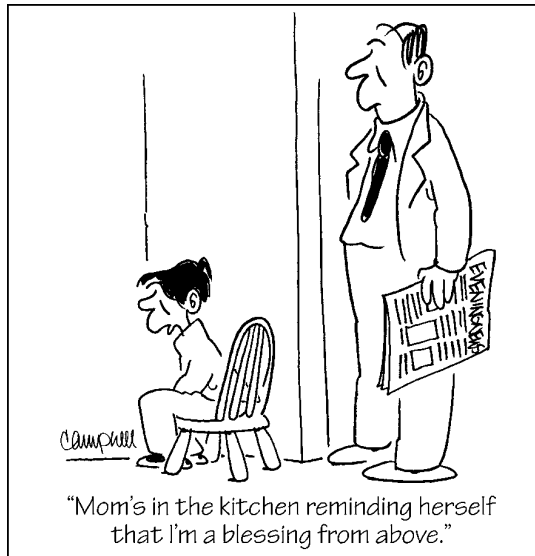
The object of the game is to find cards that match. Shuffle all the cards. Lay them face down in 5 rows of 6 cards. Choose 2 cards. Keep them if they match. If they don't, return them to their places face down. Continue until all cards have been matched.



Words to write:

- | | |
|------------|----------|
| Faith | Love |
| Healing | Help |
| Jesus | Patience |
| Kindness | Mercy |
| Gentleness | Peace |
| Generosity | Hope |
| Prayer | Joy |
| Grace | |





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED There are two ways to be rich: One is to have all that you want, The other is to be satisfied with what you've got.

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