



Orting United Methodist Church

The Messenger



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 by caring and sharing God's Love.

April 2006



The Seed

Take the seed of my life, Lord,
 and plant it deep in the rich darkness
 of your love.
 Let the hard husk
 of my earthly shell
 soften in the safe places of your presence,
 and finally fall away.
 Help my spirit to send out roots
 that will anchor me
 in the ground of your grace,
 nourishing my growing heart
 so that one day it may seek
 the truest, brightest light,
 and finally make a flower
 more beautiful than anyone can imagine.
 Take my seed, O Lord,
 in your hands,
 and begin your miracle
 now.

-- Timothy Haut

It is spring and we are immersed in the beauty of daffodils and hyacinths and all those perky little shoots of new growth coming out of the dark soil. We are blessed here in Orting to have such rich soil. It is amazing what it can produce. As I read the poem above I remembered how our lives are planted in the rich soil of God's love. The

warmth of this season is drawing us forth irresistibly into light. It is a miracle to see lives opening up in new ways around us. Roger Downing and Keith Dyson attending college classes to earn BA degrees. Ethel Ford in a miraculous recovery at the age of 94 fighting off the infection that developed after her surgery. Leigh Starr's advances at work, Leigh and Sharon and the girls moving into a new home, John Downs taking on the ministry of church treasurer, Nancy Lillie becoming head of the Trustees, Muriel Doolittle and Rosalie Gronka sharing the tedious task of keeping the church clean, the children of our church learning new things about the Bible as they go book by book through the whole Bible this year, Billie Braddock and Billy Jean Stevens taking the plunge and moving to a "ranch" where they can keep the horse. "In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree..." says the song. Possibilities open up for us as we put ourselves into God's hands and trust that the seeming chaos and sometimes painful process of life breaking through our hard shell holds for us enormous promise. It is there beneath the surface--it won't be long now. Praise God for the April of our hearts and all the ways God prepares miracles for each of us in this

Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

Carol

Thank You

To those who cooked for our Lenten Events in March: Sharon Starr, Nancy Lillie, Stacey Straughn and Janet Bjork.

To craft leaders for the Lenten Events:
Origami Prayer Boxes: Pastor Carol Kringla: Bob Christianson
Lenten Reflecting Crosses: Cheryl Dyson
Palm Crosses: the group.

Mission Dinner head cook for March: John Downs.

Worship leaders in March:
Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Sharla Bode, Cheryl Dyson.

Praise music leaders: Leigh Starr, Cheryl Dyson, Pastor Carol.

Church cleaners: Muriel Doolittle and Rosalie Gronka.

Office volunteer: Stacey Straughn.

Newsletter editor: Sharon Starr
Mailing crew: Anne Spangler and Margaret Eilers
Labels: Emma Ford.

Head ushers: Phil Fabel and George Bauman.

Coffee House volunteers: John Downs, George Bauman and Pastor Carol.

New Trustee Chair

Nancy Lillie has been elected chair of the Trustees Committee.

Thank you Nancy, for taking on this ministry.

Thank You Note

I want to say a "special thank you" to Rosalie Gronka for bringing a key to let the youth of Espresso Drama rehearse on March 2nd. We appreciate you!

LaRoy King, Drama Coach for Espresso Drama Program, Opportunity Center of Orting



In Memoriam

LeRoy Bush passed away March 11. Please keep Viola and the family in your prayers.



Please Pray for

Ethel Ford is doing much better but needs continuing prayers for healing from her abdominal surgery.

Harrison Ford has completed radiation treatments for throat cancer but still has pain and difficulty eating.

LaVon Ford has been hospitalized with a virus and lung and stomach problems.

Bette Scott continues to struggle with back pain after her surgery.

Denise Mabry's sister Jana has complications after heart surgery.

Shut ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels, Rosemary Todd.

Rosalie Gronka and her daughter Joyce and son-in-law Keith Mickelsen, Keith's son Shawn was killed in a motorcycle accident in Alaska.

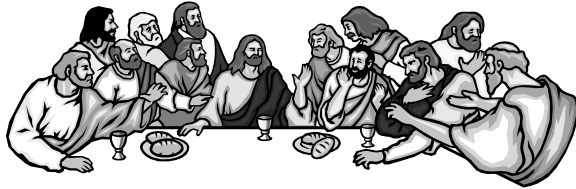
Holy Week and Easter Schedule



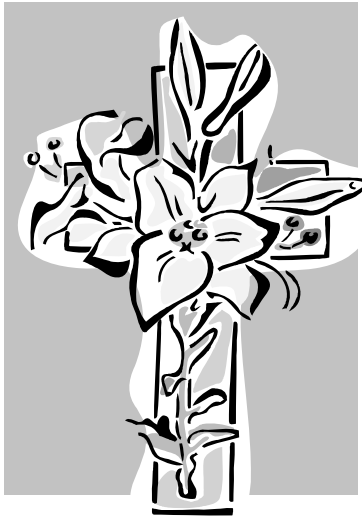
April 6 - 6:00 pm - **Seder Meal**
A taste of the Jewish Passover ritual and meal



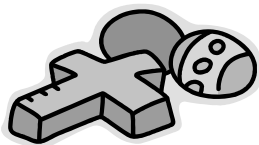
April 9 - **Palm/Passion Sunday**



April 13 - 7:00 pm - **Maundy Thursday**
Reenactment of Last Supper



April 16 - **Easter**
Sunrise Service, 6:30 am
Easter Breakfast, 8:00 am
Adult Sunday School, 9:30 am
Celebration Worship, 11:00 am
Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30 am



New Addresses

please write these in your church directory

Leigh and Sharon Starr
902 Pike St. NW
Auburn, WA 98001
253-929-6233

Bille Braddock and Billie Jean Stevens
22115 184th St. Ct. E.
Orting, WA 98360

Vernon and Mary Lou Lewis
12411 - 115th Ave. Ct. E
Puyallup, WA 98374
253-841-5710

Notices

The church has a console piano for sale. Cost is \$500. Call the church office, 360-893-2740.

We have decided we don't use the church van enough to justify keeping it. It is a fifteen passenger 1989 Ford E 350 with 124,301. Asking price is \$3,000. Call the church office if interested: 360-893-2740.

Christian Education

A treat is in store for you on Palm Sunday -- the Sunday School Children's Choir will sing two songs for us in worship under the direction of Nancy Lillie. Don't miss Palm Sunday.

Vacation Bible School dates have been set for August 21-25.

Financial Report

Budget for year	\$70,401.00
Needed monthly (average)	\$5,867.00
Receipts for February	\$4,294.00
Disbursements in February	\$6,582.00

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STANDARD

PRESORTED

April Lectionary

April 2nd

5th Sunday in Lent

Psalm 51: 1-12

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

April 9th

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Mark 11: 1-11

Passion Sunday

Psalm 31: 9-16

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

Mark 15: 1-39 (40-47)

April 16th

Easter Day

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Acts 10: 34-43

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

John 20: 1-18

Mark 16: 1-8

April 23rd

2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 133

Acts 4: 32-35

1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2

John 20: 19-31

April 30th

Psalm 4

Acts 3: 12-19

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36-48

Holy Week Lectionary

April 10 Monday of Holy Week

Psalm 36: 5-11

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Hebrews 9: 11-15

John 12: 1-11

April 11 Tuesday of Holy Week

Psalm 71: 1-14

Isaiah 49: 1-7

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

John 12: 20-36

April 12 Wednesday of Holy Week

Psalm 70

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Hebrews 12: 1-3

John 13: 21-32

April 13 Holy Thursday

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Exodus 12: 1-4

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31-35

April 14 Good Friday

Psalm 22

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12

Hebrews 10: 16-25

John 18: 1 - 19: 42



April Birthdays

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

