



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 2008

We have just come through a wonderful celebration of Easter.

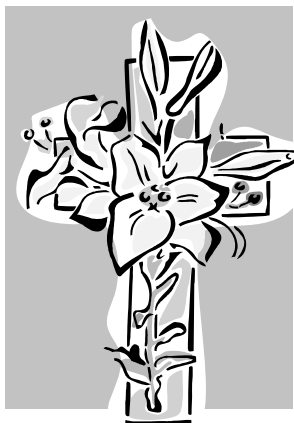
Christ is Risen!

Evil is transformed.

Goodness wins the day.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner writes about the "holy spark" within evil. He says evil can be raised and redeemed if we look within it and see it as something we meant to do that was good.

"We lose our temper because we want things to be better right away. We gaze with lustful eyes because we have forgotten how to love the ones we want to love. We hoard material possessions because we imagine they will help us live more fully. We turn a deaf ear, for we fear the pain of listening would kill us. We waste time, because we are not sure how to enter a living relationship. We even tolerate a society that murders, because we are convinced it is the best way to save more life. At the bottom of such behavior is something that was once holy. And during times of holiness, communion, and light our personal and collective perversions creep out of the cellar, begging to be healed, freed, and redeemed."



We have the power, Kushner believes, to turn evil into good. First we need to look honestly at who we are and identify the evil tendencies within us. We don't deny the evil or turn away from it. Instead we find out what is the seed of goodness within it and build on that in a positive way. We want to make the world a better place. We want to love with the love of God. We want to live more fully. We want to truly listen to others. We want all our relationships to be meaningful. We want to be bringers of life. By rising up through death, Christ lets us know this is possible. Christ empowers us to do these things. To be the church God wants us to be, to be the body of Christ alive in the world, we must do these things.

We are an Easter people.

Come alive, my friends,

To the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

In Memoriam

Harlan Ford passed away March 27. Please keep Ethel and the family in your prayers. A Memorial Service will be held



Our Church Family in Thanks:

- UMW (United Methodist Women's group) for cleaning out and organizing the church music files.
- Greta Gleydura and all who cooked special foods for our Seder Meal--it was a wonderful event!
- Palm Sunday readers: Mark Gleydura, Patty Chouery, Cheryl Dyson, John Downs, Cheryl Riehl, Keith Dyson, Nancy Lillie, and Markus Dennis.
- Nancy Lillie and the children's choir for special music on Palm Sunday.
- Jeffrey Straughn for his trombone solo in church on Palm Sunday.
- Those who acted the roles of the Twelve Disciples at our Maundy Thursday service: Jeff, Jeffrey and Allan Straughn, Dave and Hunter Lillie, George Bauman, Keith Dyson, Christopher Underwood, John Downs, Mark Gleydura, Brian Wells, and John Alford.
- Special music at our special Lent and Easter services: Cheryl Dyson, Keith Dyson, Judy White, Pastor Carol, Denise Mabry, Dana Robinson and the choir.
- Those who helped make and decorate Easter cookies: Ruth Shride, Sue Fletcher, Greta Gleydura, Shirley Olson, Dana and Ally Rose, Muriel Doolittle, Stacey Straughn, Rosalie Gronka and Pastor Carol.
- Daffodils on the cross: Muriel Doolittle and Ruth Shride.
- Eloise Schinnell, Janet Bjork and the UMW for fixing Easter breakfast.
- Worship leaders in March: Denise Mabry, Cheryl Dyson, Keith Dyson and Stacey Nagy.
- Dave Lillie and John Downs for doing weeding.
- Rosalie Gronka and Bob Gardella for supplemental church cleaning.
- Muriel Doolittle for preparing communion and changing paraments.

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- Stacey Straughn for office help.
- Lyla Lee, Cheryl Riehl and Greta Gleydura for newsletter mailing and Emma Ford for preparing labels.
- Coffee House workers: George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura and Pastor Carol.

Our Church Family in Prayer:

- Terry Lewis, Vern and Mary Lou's son, having heart valve repair.
- Georgia Strauss, crushed vertebrae in her back from a fall.
- Harlan Ford fell and broke his shoulder and also has internal bleeding. He is now on hospice care.
- Mary Lou Geels has cancer and is on hospice care.
- Jeanne Wolford has had a series of set backs since losing her husband Bob in December. She had a car accident, a case of identity theft, and her son in law died because his insurance didn't cover liver transplants.
- Mike Bettis has another lesion on his bile duct.
- Brian Kolar, looking for a job.
- Howard Pitts has hemorrhaging in his eyes.
- Anne Spangler had another stay in the hospital just before Easter with repercussions from the flu.
- It was a joy to have Jason Chase home on leave in March, but now he has returned to Iraq.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Rosemary Todd, Harlan and Ethel Ford, Harrison Ford, Mary Lou Geels, Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers.
- Please continue to hold in prayer our nation and its leaders and our men and women in military service.

Note: If you would like to ask for prayers from the congregation, you may call the church office (360-893-2740) or Mark Gleydura (360-893-0099), our coordinator of prayer requests and he will get the information out to people.

Lectionary

April 6th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

April 13th

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 42-47

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2: 19-25

John 10: 1-10

April 20th

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

April 27th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalms 66: 8-20

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21



April Birthdays

1 Rosalie Gronka

19 George Bauman

21 Dorothy Bosshart

25 Jasmine Ireland

26 Karen Weismiller



Bishop Edward W. Paup resigns to take a new assignment

The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church has named Bishop Edward Paup (the bishop of our Pacific NW Conference) their next General Secretary. The Pacific Northwest conference Committee on the Episcopacy is proud to affirm Bishop Paup in this new leadership role for our denomination. While there will be a tremendous sense of loss to us here in the Pacific Northwest Conference... we celebrate the gifts and graces that Bishop Paup will bring to this important global ministry of the church.

Bishop Paup has been deeply committed to worldwide mission work, especially through his role as president of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. In fact, his commitment is so strong that he has resigned from the episcopacy to take this new position, feeling that it would be a conflict of interests for him to have both roles. This is an historic action for a United Methodist bishop.

The Episcopacy Committee of our conference will be actively at work with the Western Jurisdictional leadership regarding our next Episcopal leader. The Western Jurisdictional Conference will be held July 16-19 in Portland, Oregon at which time we will learn which bishop will be assigned to our conference, effective September 1, 2008.

Meetings Scheduled:

- Finance Committee--April 6, following worship.
- Christian Education--April 13, following worship.
- Pastor Parish--April 20, following worship.

Orting United Methodist Women



During the months of February and March, the OUMW held a book sale or exchange. It was quite successful and added about \$40 to our treasury.

After our March Meeting we began the "CTCC" program or better known as "Clean The Choir Closet". We managed to fill four big boxes of very old music books, and sheet music dating back to the 1930's. Our favorite "right hand Man" and helper, George Bauman took the boxes to the Good Will store for us. Thank You, George.

Easter Sunday's Breakfast was also prepared by the women. We have so many wonderful cooks in our church.

We have also sent funds to the "Smile Train" a mission of helping children who suffer from cleft lip and palate by providing free surgery for them.

We are now beginning to plan for our annual yard sale, so don't throw away you hardly used clothes, linens or dishes. Remember we can not accept any electronics or older electrical appliances. They are expensive to get rid of it we can't sell them.

We still have a few books and some pictures left if you are interested.

Shirley Olson, Secretary

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for the year	\$79,962
Needed monthly (avg.)	\$ 6,664
Receipts in Feb.	\$ 6,338
Disbursements in Feb.	\$ 8,593

News from the East Pierce County Circuit of UMC's

Pulpit Exchange: The ten churches of the EPCC have agreed to do a pulpit exchange, with pastors going to preach one another's churches, on April 13. Pastor Carol will preach at Spanaway, while the pastor from Eatonville, Rev. Paul Walker, will be preaching at Orting.

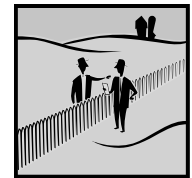


Choir Festival: The annual Choir Festival will be Sunday, April 27 at Puyallup UMC on W. Pioneer. Each of the EPCC churches has been invited to have their choir sing one anthem. Then we will all join in a combined choir for several pieces. There will be other special music as well.



The Festival Choir rehearsal begins at 3:30 pm. Following that everyone is invited to a potluck supper at 5:30 pm, and/or the Festival Concert at 7:00.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Project: We have been assigned a family who were flooded out of their home in the Boisfort Valley in December. Single mother, Heather Loose, and her eleven year old son had ten feet of water in their house and the entire house has now been gutted and put six feet up in the air on blocks. We are looking for a licensed contractor to help us begin putting in a new foundation. If you know of someone who would be willing to donate their services to this, please contact Greta Gleydura or Pastor Carol immediately.



General Conference

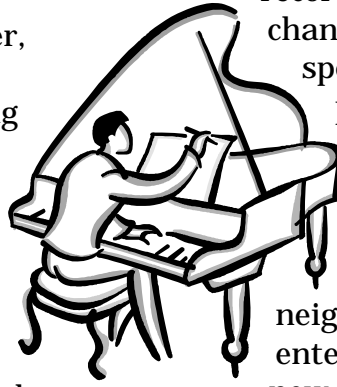
The quadrennial (once every four years) conference of the United Methodist Church will be held April 23-May 2 in Fort Worth, Texas. Please keep our United Methodist leaders in your prayers during this time, that they will make wise decisions to guide the future of our church.

Famous Pianist to play Concert in our Church May 3.

Saturday afternoon
May 3 4:00 pm

John Nilsen, pianist, guitarist, vocalist, composer and co-producer, one of the largest selling musical artists in the Northwest, is coming to Orting to do a piano concert in the Orting United Methodist Church. He is sandwiching us in between gigs in Olympia and at Seattle's Benaroya Hall.

Born in Seattle in 1956, he began studying classical piano at the age of six. He now lives in Oregon where he founded the Magic Wing recording label in 1987. The label has a catalog of thirteen successful titles,



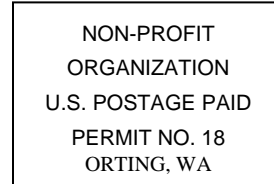
all having international distribution. Nilsen is an innovative performer who creates an intimate repartee with his audience: "As a performer, I like exploring beyond the boundaries of my

recorded songs. It gives me the chance to offer something special, spontaneous and personal to my audience.

The entire performance hinges on the connection with the audience."

Invite your friends and neighbors to come and hear him entertain us and carry us to new heights of musical experience. (No charge but a freewill offering will be received.)

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