



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 2009

What miserable weather we have been having--snow at the end of March! Yet there they are--the bright golden daffodils spreading their own kind of sunshine through the snow. Despite the cold, down beneath the snow, spring is murmuring its call, and the flowers, innocent as they are, respond to that call. Maybe they are not so innocent after all. They have wisdom stored in the center of their being--wisdom that knows and trusts the hand of God no matter what the external circumstances.

There are people like that in the church--people that give all they can to bloom where they are planted. They bring sunshine into a dreary and troubled world. They turn the dullest day into a smile from God. These are hard times for the church. The answers are not blowing in the wind. It is an ill wind that brings no good. The answers are being formed, knit together in the ground. They are waiting to be birthed, to rise their heads up above the snow and shine their color around us. Rooted in the church, they will survive. It is the wisdom of God. Thank you for being daffodils!

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday

April 9 7:00 pm

A re-enactment of the Last Supper in the Upper Room

Sunrise Service

April 12 6:30 am

Beginning in the church yard and processing into the church

Easter Breakfast

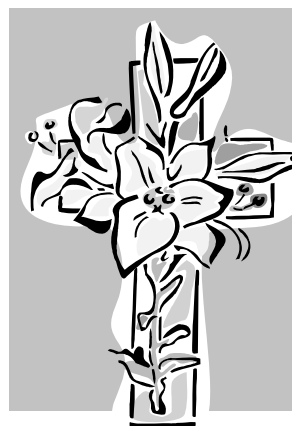
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Breakfast provided by Janet Bjork and Larry Guinn

Easter Sunday Celebration

Worship

April 12 11:00 am



Prayers

- ✪ Betty Degeberg, cancer. Betty has been moved to Kirkland to be near her daughter.
- ✪ Wayne Olson, Arnie's brother with ALS.
- ✪ Jean Hart, beginning chemotherapy treatments.
- ✪ Keith Dyson is feeling fine now that the kidney stone episode is over, but his father could use our prayers as he recovers from pancreatic cancer surgery.
- ✪ Nancy Lillie, still recovering from her bout of pneumonia.
- ✪ Beverly Gonzalez having a biopsy for cancer.
- ✪ Helen Larson has moved back home but still needs our prayers.
- ✪ Mark Bigelow is in hospice care.
- ✪ Catherine Sorenson is doing better. She was able to attend church March 22 for the first time since her surgery.
- ✪ Shut-ins: Margaret Eilers, Harrison Ford, Helen Larson, Howard and Jean (Webster) Pitts, Rosemary Todd.
- ✪ Mike Endres, Kathy Malaha's friend, who has cancer.
- ✪ Update on Catherine Sorensen--her hip went out of place again, so she is going to have to go in for a redo of her hip replacement.
- ✪ In Memorium
- ✪ Prayers for the family of Annie Spangler she passed away the evening of April 2nd.



Thank You

- ✪ Dave Lillie--yard work.
- ✪ Denise Mabry, Mike Bettis, Cheryl Dyson--worship leaders in March.
- ✪ Sue Fletcher--secretarial help.

- ✪ Rosalie Gronka--altar flowers and supplemental church cleaning.
- ✪ Communion preparation and altar paraments--Eloise Schinnell and Jane Miller.
- ✪ Fixing meals for Lenten Events--Janet Bjork, Pastor Carol, Eloise Schinnell.
- ✪ Janet Bjork--cooking for the yard cleanup day.
- ✪ All those who prepared food for the Seder Meal.
- ✪ All who brought personal items for the United Methodist Women group's drive for the Tacoma Community House.
- ✪ Youth Coffee House workers--George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura, Beverly Gonzalez, Pastor Carol.
- ✪ Mission Dinner for March--Larry Guinn, Darlene Engels, Dawn Orden, Jason and Alicia Chase, Markus Dennis, Angie Tague, John Downs--the back row YaWho group.
- ✪ To those who came out for the church work day on March 28 despite the rain and cold--John Downs, Bob Carper, Mary Roden, Jamie Roden and Pastor Carol. And to Janet Bjork for cooking lunch for the group. They did a whole lot of weeding and pruning, installed our new stained glass triangle window and scraped the fascia boards on the education building to prepare for painting.
- ✪ To those who helped with the Seder Meal--Eloise Schinnell, Jane Miller, Ruth Shride, Angie Tague, Mary Ann Roden, Janet Bjork, Dawn Orden, Darlene Engels, Char Lovelace, Denise Mabry, Judy White, George Bauman, John Downs, Cheryl Dyson, Pastor Carol. We had a lovely dinner of remembrance, celebration and fellowship.
- ✪ To John Downs and Brian Kolar for stripping and waxing the floor in the fellowship hall.

A Note of Thanks

To Carol and the Congregation of this wonderful church--thank you so very much for this job, especially during these hard financial times. We are very grateful to you all! God Bless, Kathy and Sean Malaha. (Ed. note--Kathy and Sean clean our church twice a month and we are blessed to have them).

Lectionary

April 5th

Passion/Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11: 1-11

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passions

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalm 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1-15: 47 or

Mark 15: 1-39

April 9th

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31-35

April 10th

Good Friday

Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10: 16-25

John 18: 1-19: 42

Lectionary

April 12th

Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

John 20: 1-18

April 19th

2nd Sunday of Easter

Festival of God's Creation

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm 113

1 John 1: 1-2: 2

John 20: 19-31

April 26th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36-48



April Birthdays

- 1 Rosalie Gronka
- 19 George Bauman
- 20 Sue Fletcher
- 23 Jeri Schweitzer
- 25 Jasmine Ireland
- 26 Karen Weismiller



Financial Update

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Budget for 2009 General Funds	
	\$84,634
Needed monthly (average)	\$6,886
Received in Feb.	\$6,871
Disbursed in Feb.	\$8,790

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Missions

In our Neighbor Helping Neighbor project to the Boistfort Valley, Heather's house is beginning to shape up. She now has electricity and water, plus kitchen and bathroom cupboards and counters. Kendrick's room is painted just the way he wanted it, with all four walls a different color—orange, green, blue and yellow. The next step is flooring and tile installation. A group from Puyallup UMC will help with that.

Confirmation

Planning us underway for the next EPCC Confirmation class. Those interested should attend the formational meeting on May 17, 5:30-7:00 pm, for parents and youth. The actual classes will begin in the fall with a daylong retreat on Saturday, Oct. 10. Then classes will be held the second Saturday morning of each month at the various churches.

Best Wishes

Jason and Alicia Chase have been moved to Kansas. We will miss them greatly, but pray for their well-being in their new home.



Youth

The youth group is doing a Lenten study on the Three Simple Rules in conjunction with the church Lenten study. Thank you to Patty Chouery and Char Lovelace for their leadership in this program.

The new camp brochure is here. You can pick one up on the table in the fellowship hall.

Welcome to new folks in church recently

Sue Pemberton and her daughter Sarah.

Terri Woods

Dawn Orden

Darlene Engels

Brett and Tammy Edwards

Pulpit Exchange

The East Pierce County Circuit of churches is doing a pulpit exchange April 26. Pastor Carol will be preaching at Milton UMC. Rev. Jim Simpson, from Parkland, will preach at Orting UMC.

Congratulations

- ☞ Sulmo Mariano retired from the Federal Aviation Administration at the end of March.
- ☞ Sonia Mariano will begin a medical residency in family practice at the regional hospital in Glasgow, Kentucky, in July.



Looking Ahead

Pastor Carol and Sulmo will be on vacation May 4-18 as they go to celebrate their daughter Sonia's graduation from medical school in Krakow, Poland. Keith Dyson will see that we have preachers for those two weeks.



Then June 8-July 18, Pastor Carol will be attending the San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo (CA) to work on her doctor of ministry degree. During those six weeks the pulpit will be covered by Rev. Peggy DeMent of Spanaway. Rev. DeMent if a local pastor who has just transferred into the PNW Conference from Oklahoma.

Planning begins for summer Vacation Bible School

Our first planning meeting for VBS will be Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 pm. The subtheme we are looking at is "The Law and the Prophets" under the overarching them of Market Place 29 AD.

Please join us in planning VBS 2009.

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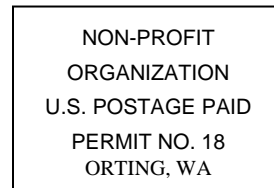
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