



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.

August 2004

The Continuing Story of Love

Last week I went to Whitman University in Walla Walla for "Jubilate," a workshop on worship and the arts. As a pastor in the United Methodist Church I am expected to do at least one week of continuing education each year. I attended classes on scripture reading, liturgy, drama, using movement in worship, and music. Each day we put together a worship service that included elements from each of the classes. It was a rich time of creative worship experience that inspired me. One of the anthems we prepared especially touched me with these words:

*"No voice to speak his kindness, no eyes to see the pain,
no heartbeat of compassion, no empathy remains.
How will they hear the message that Jesus is alive?
How can they know the truth unless it's through our lives?
Christ has no hands except our own
to reach the world and make him known.
His love can change humanity by our touch alone.
Christ has no hands except our own.
Touching the desperate, feeling their pain;
reaching the hopeless in Jesus name.
Christ has no hands except our own."*

In these moments I think of all the ways I have seen your hands reaching, touching, helping a world in need of the love of Christ. Thank you for being the caring people you are. Thank you for all the ways you bring good into the world, sharing Christ's love in the CONTINUING STORY OF LOVE.

Happy summer. Shalom,
Carol



**Market Place 29 A.D.
August 23-27, 2004**

*Old Testament: The Ten Commandments
New Testament: Being Good Neighbors*

Preparations for VBS are going well at our regular workdays. Registrations are coming in. You can register children and sign up now to help with this wonderful event. This five-day experience reliving the times of Jesus helps children know about their Christian heritage. They will understand Christianity as a living relationship with God in the days when Jesus was teaching.

At the Market Place and in small family groups in tents, children will grow in their relationship with God and Jesus Christ. They will learn some of the Jewish customs that were important to Jesus. Dramas of Bible stories will help children understand the Bible is about real people.

We still need family leaders, craft leaders, and a variety of village actors. Please sign up on the form in the fellowship hall or talk to Stacey Straughn or Pastor Carol. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

**Summer Concert Series
August 8th ,6:00PM
Music to Make You Laugh**



Ready for some comedy? We will present humorous songs to lift your spirits. This will be a time to have fun and laugh out loud



NEW BISHOPS ELECTED AND ASSIGNED-- EDWARD PAUP IS OUR NEW BISHOP

At the Jurisdictional Conference meeting in San Jose in July two new bishops were elected. One of them was from our PNW Conference--Robert Hoshibata who has been serving as district superintendent of the Seattle District. He has been assigned to Oregon-Idaho Conference. The second was Minerva Carcano. She will be in the Desert Southwest Conference.

Our new bishop replacing Bishop Elias Galvan, who is retiring as of September 1, will be Edward Paup. He has been bishop of the Oregon-Idaho-Alaska Conference. In being reassigned to the Pacific Northwest, he will continue to serve Alaska as well. Conference lines have been redrawn to include Alaska with our Conference.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

by Muriel Doolittle

The rummage sale pricing is limping along. Remember August 5,6,7 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm is the sale. There will be a lot of bargains, some antiques and many interesting items. We need a lot of help setting up on Wednesday, August 4. We need sales persons and cashiers for the three days.

Our new United Methodist Women's president will be Muriel Doolittle, but we'll need a new secretary. The next meeting is the first Wednesday of September.

ANNUAL CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

September 12, 2004

This is a time to invite friends and neighbors to come to our church and find out what a friendly and caring church we are. There will be a visitor friendly worship service, special displays in the fellowship hall, and refreshments for all. Then in the evening Leigh and Sharon Starr and their Praise Band will present a special program meant to attract newcomers to our community. Put it on your calendar now and talk it up with your friends.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Shirley Olson

The year is half gone. We have accomplished much. We have replaced our church organ; the parsonage has all new kitchen appliances: stove, dishwasher and this month we purchased a new refrigerator. This was accomplished because you have all been so generous in your giving for special needs. None of these items have been purchased from our operating funds.

However, we have been slowly but continually falling behind in meeting our monthly expenses. We have been borrowing from our undedicated savings in the amount of \$6,500. We have had increases in property insurance; and we have kept current with all our apportionment expenses. Our average expenses is \$5,954 per month, our average income per month is \$4,056 leaving us about \$1,800 in arrears each month. And now we need to reconsider our pledges and giving to keep from falling further behind.

God has blessed our church and us as we continue to grow in spiritual awareness, in becoming closer as a church family and to grow as a community resource.

So, I am asking all of you, spend time in prayer, and review the amount of your giving and with God's blessing increase your giving as much as possible.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By Arnie Olson

Many things have been accomplished this year and the most noticeable is the landscaping and all new flowers. The parsonage wall has been power washed and is ready for paint. We need many helpers to scrape and paint the front of the church. We would like to get the painting done this year. If you have a couple of hours to spare during the week bring a paint scrapper and you can start on the front of the church building.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Coming September 24-26, 2004

The All Church Retreat will be held September 24-26 at the Fleischmann Lodge, just 4 miles from our church. This will be a time to get to know each other in our church family in a beautiful outdoor setting. We will relax and enjoy each other's company, we will play and pray together, and we will sing and worship informally. More information will be coming soon--we hope you will plan on coming.

A Special Thanks to...

- ◆ To Keith Dyson who preached on Annual Conference Sunday.
- ◆ To Rev. Howard Pitts who preached July 18 in celebration of his 60 years in ministry.
- ◆ To Sharon Starr for stepping up to the plate to attend the Annual Conference Session when neither Roger nor Shirley could go.
- ◆ To those who cleaned the church in July: George and Mardell Bauman, Phil Fabel, Rosalie Gronka, Vernon and Mary Lou Lewis.
- ◆ Worship leaders: Leigh Starr, Denise Mabry, Keith Dyson, and Joe Langowski. Scripture readers: Sharon Starr, Stacey Straughn, and Howard Pitts. Special music: Judy White, Leigh and Sharon Starr.
- ◆ Summer Concert Series participants: Cheryl Dyson, Judy White, Pastor Carol, Denise Mabry, Dana Robinson, Jonathan White, Viola Bush, Keith Dyson, Leigh Starr, Sharon Starr, and the choir. Thanks to United Methodist Women for refreshments. We have raised about \$450 so far this summer for our music program.
- ◆ Coffee House workers: John Downs, George and Mardell Bauman, Pastor Carol.
- ◆ To Arnie Olson for yard work and preparation for painting the west wall of the parsonage.

Please Pray for...

- ◆ Karen Moroney, wrist surgery.
- ◆ Mary Jo Walker is doing well in her new living situation at 13901-81st Ave. E, Puyallup, WA 98373 where she is receiving Hospice care.
- ◆ Billie Braddock is mourning the death of her son, a firefighter in Tukwila who was doing a charity motorcycle ride for a children's burn center when a deer ran in front of him causing him to go down in front of a truck. Billie's great grandson Jacob, also involved in the accident, survived with injuries. He needs prayers for healing and dealing with grief.
- ◆ LeRoy Bush, Parkinson's and other complications.
- ◆ Our orphan in the Congo, Benita Tshala.
- ◆ Pray for shut-ins: Louise Hause, Hazelle Wood, Dorothy Bosshart and Marilyn Johnson.

Congratulations!!!

- ◆ The Annual Conference Session honored Rev. Howard Pitts for 60 years in the Methodist ministry.
- ◆ Harlan and Ethel Ford celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in June.

In Memoriam...

- ◆ Patsy Corner passed away in July. She is Janie Peterson's sister.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for year	\$ 70,784.00
Needed monthly (average)	\$ 5,899.00
Receipts in June	\$ 2,907.00
Disbursements in June	\$ 4,931.00
Transfer from Savings	\$ 1,500.00
June Deficit	\$ 184.00
Saving Deficit for the year	\$ 6,500.00

Lectionary for August

<i>August 1</i>	Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
<i>August 8</i>	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
<i>August 15</i>	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
<i>August 22</i>	Psalm 71:1-6 Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
<i>August 29</i>	Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrating Birthdays in August

- 1 Linda Nothstein
- 7 Donald Anderson
- 8 Neal Overman
- 10 Bo Roberts
- 13 Judy Cash
- 19 Roger Downing
- 25 Connor Oakes
- 30 Madeline Mauer



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LETTER FROM ELLEN PHILLIPS

"Because Cancer Doesn't Care How Old You Are"

Dear Family, Friends, and Friends that we haven't met yet,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ellen and I'm the mother of a very brave four-year-old little girl. My daughter was diagnosed last year with a very high-risk cancer. They gave her 20% chance of survival. Shyanne has neuroblastoma stage four. She had a six-inch tumor in her stomach, a spot in her leg and cancer throughout her bone marrow. Children with neuroblastoma normally respond to the initial treatment of chemo, stem cell transplant and radiation, but they are at very high risk of its returning. Then the outcome is not good. Shyanne's doctor has three kids with neuroblastoma that have stayed in remission within the past seven years. Shyanne is currently in remission. Every three months she goes in and has to have scans and tests and a bone marrow biopsy to make sure the cancer hasn't returned. She will do this for three years and then it gets cut down to twice a year for two years and then once a year after that. I'm writing because people need to be aware of childhood cancers. They say that childhood cancers are rare, but when you live in that world and you watch these brave little people fighting the toughest fight of their short little lives and way too many of them losing their fight, it sure doesn't seem very rare. It's just not fair or right. There are many different kinds of childhood cancers. I'm asking for help. I'm in need of fund raising ideas to stop this killer. The future of my daughter and many other children depends on it. Please send any ideas that you may have to me @ Ellen and Dave Phillips, 723 Dahlia Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for sending me ideas. Because cancer doesn't care how old you are!!!!!!

*Thank you and God bless you,
Ellen Phillips (mother of four)*

Ed. note: The Phillips family was members of our church until they moved to Moses Lake four years ago. Ellen went into labor with Shyanne at our Summer Vacation Bible School in August of 2000.



DO YOU LIKE TO PAINT HOUSES?

Rev. Michael Smith, pastor of Bonney Lake United Methodist Church is in charge of "Paint Pierce County Beautiful" in our area. He has issued an invitation to any members of our church who would like to come to a Painting Party to help paint a house on Saturday, August 14. Things you may want to bring: 4 inch brush for latex paint, roller handle with fat and fuzzy paint roller, 4 foot roller handle extension, roller pan or screen, 1 gallon bucket with handle, hat, clean rag, ladder. Mike says, "This is going to be so much fun that you'll want to do it again next year! All your friends will want to help! You will go home full of energy and new painting wisdom! You will be, literally, 'Hands of Christ.'" Ask Pastor Carol for information or to volunteer.

RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

"Strength for the Journey," a retreat for persons living with AIDS, will be held at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend September 13-17, 2004. Our Pacific Northwest Conference sponsors this. For more information call Pastor Carol or contact Rev. David Vergin (360-221-4233, email dvergin@jgc.org)

PIANO AT SOLDIER'S HOME TO BE DEDICATED

The Edward Hansen Family invites you to the dedication of the Edward Hansen Memorial Grand Piano. A concert will be presented with several musicians participating. The time is 2:00 pm, Saturday, August 7, 2004 at the Washington Soldier's Home Chapel. Refreshments will follow. Please RSVP by August 4 (360-893-4570). Hope you can come! Thelma Hansen