



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 2006

As I was going through a stack of papers in the church filing cabinet last week, I came across some foundational documents of our church from 1889. It is always interesting to think about the original founders of the church. What motivated them? How were they able to start a church like ours? What were their hopes and dreams for the Methodist Church in Orting to be in mission and ministry to its community and to the world? Did our founders have a vision of how the church should live in response to the gospel of Jesus Christ? What would they say if they could see us today?



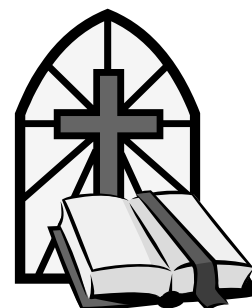
What holds any church together is its founding story and how that story gets retold over time. However, the real founder of our church is Jesus Christ. God's action through Jesus gives our church its reason to exist and its ability to be reshaped and

reformed in response to the needs around us and our understanding of how God is using us. We know that life is always changing. The perspectives of our culture shape to a large extent who we are. The only thing that can hold us together is the story of our founding in Jesus Christ as we are in continual conversion from the pressures and perspectives of society around us. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to a higher standard. We reinterpret ourselves through our biblical understandings of God's call upon us as we live out the death and resurrection of Jesus in our faith community. This is the Continuing Story of Love. In a hundred years what will they say as they look back on these years? Will it be clear that we were faithful to the vision of our Founder? I hope so.

Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

*Carol*





## Summer Choir Concert

Our August Summer Choir Concert will be August 27 at 6:00 pm in our sanctuary. The theme is "anything goes."

If you would like to present a musical act for the concert, talk to choir director Cheryl Dyson. Be sure to put this on your calendar. It is a wonderful event where you can enjoy music and good company.



- ◆ To Janet Bjork and Shirley Olson, co-chairs, and to all who have been working on and contributing to the yard sale. It would be impossible to list everyone, but a yard sale like ours takes an enormous amount of hard work and many people doing their part to make it successful.
- ◆ To those who participated in the choir concert in July: Cheryl and Keith Dyson, Dana Robinson, Sarah Robinson, Leigh and Sharon Starr, Nancy Lillie, Shirley Olson and Pastor Carol...and to those who braved the hot weather to join us in singing songs like Edelweiss and Do-Re-Mi. It was a grand night of singing.
- ◆ To Nancy and Dave Lillie for weeding and yard care.
- ◆ To Arnie Olson for lawn care and watering.
- ◆ Church cleaning: Rosalie Gronka and Muriel Doolittle.
- ◆ Church office cleaning: Karen Moroney.
- ◆ Worship leaders in July: Denise Mabry, Leigh Starr, Keith Dyson and Cheryl Dyson.
- ◆ Special Music: Keith Dyson, Shirley Olson, Leigh and Sharon Starr, Cheryl Dyson.
- ◆ Newsletter editor: Sharon Starr.
- ◆ Newsletter mailing crew: Margaret Eilers and Anne Spangler.
- ◆ Coffee House workers: George Bauman, John Downs, Shirley Olson, Pastor Carol.

## Lazy Daze

A wonderful time to reconnect with your friends and enjoy the wonders of a retreat specifically geared for older adults 55 and above. This event will be held September 26-28, 2006 (Tuesday - Thursday) and features worship times, campfires, educational workshops, and free time. John Shaffer and the Stanwood United Methodist Church Leadership Team are preparing the details for a good event.



A volunteer pianist is needed. If you are interested please contact John Shaffer at: [Jjsshaffer@aol.com](mailto:Jjsshaffer@aol.com) or (360) 629-9555.

Lazy Daze occurs at a beautiful time of the year, the leaves are just beginning to turn gorgeous colors and the days are typically warm and dry with cool, crisp nights.

Contact the Lazy F office at (509) 925-4661 or [office@lazyfcamp.org](mailto:office@lazyfcamp.org) for more information!



## Please pray for:

- ◆ Bette Scott, recovering from knee surgery.
- ◆ Mike Bettis, facing treatment for bile duct (liver) cancer.
- ◆ Howard Pitt's brother Bill, recovering from heart attack in Texas.
- ◆ W. Dale Sigafos, struggling with MS.
- ◆ Greta Gleydura's mother in England.
- ◆ Emma Ford, moving into her new condominium on South Hill.
- ◆ Shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Rosemary Todd, Mary Lou Geels.

## Financial Update

Budget for year	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$5756
Income in June	\$5433
Disbursements in June	\$6556

# POTLOCK PICNIC

You are invited to a BBQ Picnic summer gathering of the East Pierce County Circuit (EPCC) of United Methodist churches at Puyallup UMC August 27, 1:00-4:00 pm. Provided: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Table Service. You bring: Vegetables, Salads, Desserts. There will be a free will offering to cover cost of items provided.

We will have a great time playing together and enjoying each other's company. The EPCC includes Eatonville, Foothills, Light of the Hill, Orting, Parkland, Puyallup, Spanaway, Sumner and Summit.

## School Supply Drive Underway

School supplies are needed for children in Orting whose families cannot afford the extra expense of providing these things. Especially needed are

Scissors

Diskettes

Expandable Files

Marker Sets

Black Sharpies

College ruled paper and notebooks

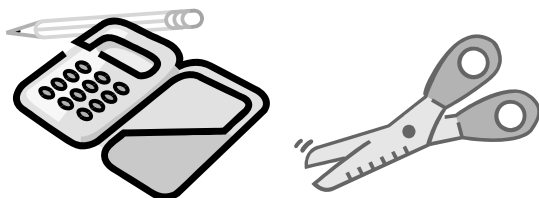
Colored pencils

Watercolor paints

Dividers

Calculators

If you come across these things on sale, why not pick up some and bring them to our school supply collection box at the church. The school supply drive is sponsored by Communities In Schools of Orting (Pastor Carol is chair of the Board).



## Vacation Bible School

August 21-25



Planning is well underway for summer Vacation Bible School Market Place 29 AD: Judges and Kings. We are meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 to get everything prepared. Many of you have signed up to help, but we could still use some help with crafts. If you would like to be involved, talk to Stacey Straughn or Pastor Carol.

Be sure to register your children or grandchildren for this wonderful event. Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall.



Shop the United Methodist Yard Sale and get the deals of the year!

August 3-5

9:00 am to 5:30 pm

## Thank You Note

On behalf of Communities In Schools of Orting, I would like to thank you for your generous donation (to our recent auction). Your commitment to supporting our programs is sincerely appreciated. Each year Communities In Schools of Orting continues to advance its mission of helping kids stay in school and prepare for life. Through our programs we have seen many lives changed for the better.... With help from supporters like you, CISO will continue to make a difference in the lives of children in our community.

## Was It You?

(Reprinted from Spanaway UMC newsletter)

Was it you who spoke to the new couple this morning with a warm and cheery greeting? Their daughter is using drugs and they really needed someone to care.

Was it you who made a special effort to reach the unchurched family down the street? He lost his job two weeks ago, and you can be the contact to help.

Was it you who sat by the couple who seemed so lonely and uncomfortable? They buried his mother last week, and it has been so hard for them, but you cared.

Was it you who took the time to encourage the Sunday School teacher for the fine job she's doing? She was beginning to wonder if her efforts were in vain.

Was it you who gave your bonus check to help support the orphanage in the Congo? You are part of a ministry of bringing life to children who would otherwise die.

Was it you who made the coffee, brought the cookies, passed out the hymnals, moved the furniture, planned the party, made the phone call, served on the Board, sang the solo, wrote notes of encouragement and attended the meetings?

If so, please know that your involvement in your church is very important, and is greatly needed.  
GOD BLESS YOU!

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