



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 2007

Some of my most meaningful experiences of growing in faith came in summer church camp. I attended my first camp the summer after fourth grade--Camp Twinlow in Idaho. I still remember the drinking fountain that we called Old Faceful, the water slide into the lake, the rustic cabins, and my wonderful counselor. I went to camp every year after that until I graduated from high school--even though we moved a couple of times and I had to go to different camps. There was Hidden Valley Camp where I lost my jack knife and some boys chased me with a garter snake. There was Lazy F where I first rode horses and I climbed to the cross on the top of the hill--straight up--no switchbacks here. Then came Indianola on Bainbridge Island with its rope swing, fascinating drift wood, making sand candles, and watching the eagles fly. At Ocean Park I played in the ocean and dug tunnels in the sand. I always felt close to nature and close to God at camp.

That is why I am overjoyed that we have finally sent some of our own Orting UMC children to camp--Jeffrey, Hunter, Justin and Christopher. You may want to ask them about their experience. Our campership fund helped pay the way for them, thanks to generous donations by some of our church members.

I also went to camp this year--in fact I have just returned from the Jubilate Summer Festival of Worship and the Arts. This can be thought of as a kind of camp. I was the dean and we had workshops and presentations to help us create more meaningful worship services--workshops on preaching, music, scripture presentation, altar design, handbells, and a variety of other offerings. It was a wonderful week for me and I hope to bring back some of what I learned to enrich our own worship. We never stop learning and growing in the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

Camp Indianola



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- George Bauman for replacing the back door in the Christian Education Building and transferring the glass from the old door into the front door, replacing the old Plexiglas. Arnie Olson and Sulmo Mariano gave a helping hand.
- Dave and Nancy Lillie for repairing the pedestal plant stands in the sanctuary.
- Stacey Nagy for steam cleaning the chairs in the fellowship hall.
- Karen Moroney for weeding in the church yard and for cleaning Pastor Carol's office.
- Arnie Olson for mowing the church lawn and other yard care.
- Dave and Nancy Lillie for planting flowers in the church sign planter box.
- Rosalie Gronka for supplemental church cleaning and for bringing beautiful flowers from her yard to brighten our worship services.
- Worship Leaders in June and July: Denise Mabry, Hunter Lillie, Keith Dyson, Stacey Nagy, Mike Bettis, Nancy Lillie, and Shirley Olson.
- Praise music team: Cheryl Dyson, Keith Dyson, Nancy Lillie, Pastor Carol.
- Muriel Doolittle for providing bread and juice for Communion.
- Coffee House Workers: John Downs, George Bauman, Brian Wells, Pastor Carol.
- Newsletter crew: Liz Larkins and Lila Lee.
- Newsletter editor Sharon Starr.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

For the first time in many years, Orting UMC is sending campers to United Methodist camps this summer. Jeffrey Straughn attended the tee-pee camp at Lazy F in July. In August Hunter Lillie, Justin Poitre and Christopher Dyson will go to the Music and Drama camp at Indianola.

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 • Doug and Bette Scott announce their •
 • 60th wedding anniversary August 12, •
 • 2007. You are invited to celebrate with •
 • them at an open house from 3:00 to •
 • 6:00 pm at Sans Souci Clubhouse in •
 • the mobile home park where they live. •
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THANK YOU TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

On June 8, the worship service was led by our Sunday School children. Jeffrey Straughn preached. Hunter Lillie was worship leader. Allan Straughn read scripture and was an usher. Justin Poitre did the "Parent's Time," and his sister Cookie was an usher. Thank you to all of you for your hard work in preparing and leading worship, and to Nancy Lillie for working with them.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for 2007	\$74,958
Needed monthly (avg.)	\$6247
Receipts in June	\$5241
Disbursements in June	\$5232
Six month report of budgeted expenditures	\$34,204

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THE GREAT ANNUAL YARD SALE



The boxes have been filled, moved, and moved, unfilled, stacked, refilled, knocked-down, and put away.

THE YARD SALE IS OVER!

Its time to say a big **THANKS** to all of you who have so generously donated clean, wearable and useful clothing. We received children and infant clothes that will be used again. The many dishes, toys, beautiful collectibles, and furniture brought many people to our sale. The yard sale is not an easy project and each year our faithful few spend hours folding and marking clothes and kitchen things. It is a fun time too, and a good way to socialize and enjoy our church family.



I want to thank all of you for giving of your personal things, giving of your time to help mark and sort everything, and for talking that strong person into helping move, set up tables and take down the tables.

A report will follow soon on how much money was made. A final accounting is still to be done.

Again, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Shirley Olson

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Jason Chase, deployed to Iraq.
- Randy Larson, heart and kidney problems.
- Jean Webster fell and broke her hip, requiring hip replacement surgery. She is now in rehab at Good Samaritan Hospital.
- Continue to pray for shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels, Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers, Rosemary Todd, Harlan and Ethel Ford, Harrison and Vonnie Ford.
- Ethel Ford has moved into Life Center Assisted Living in Puyallup. Her son Dick writes:
Hi All,
As most of you know, we admitted Mom into Life Care Center nursing home today, 7/23. Hard decision to make but we think the right one. She is OK with it too. Dad will surely visit every day, me too most days. She will have a phone in her room within a few days.
The address is below for anyone inclined to write.
Ethel Ford
C/O Life Center
511 10th Ave SE #113
Puyallup WA 98372
Visiting hours are anytime, it'll be best to leave kids at home if possible.
Mom wants to get better & come home soon but understands that may well not happen.
Love///Dad & Dick

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BE WITH YOU!



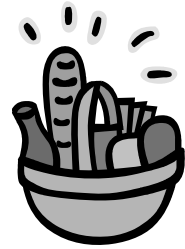
Roger Downing
Appointed to Serve
UMC's at Rosalie and
LaCross

Roger and Janet
Downing have

moved into the parsonage at LaCross where Roger will be the lay person assigned to pastor the two churches of Rosalia and LaCross. We bid Roger and Janet farewell at our worship service on June 17, sending them forth with gifts and our blessing. Roger left two days later to attend the summer course of study at Claremont School of Theology in California. His appointment at Rosalie and LaCross was effective August 1.

EPCC FOOD FIGHT

During the month of August the United Methodist churches of East Pierce County entered into a little friendly competition to see who could bring the most food items per capita for their own local food bank. Food banks often have trouble getting enough food during the summer months.



Orting UMC brought in 584 items! That comes to more than twelve and a half items per person in our congregation. We don't yet know exactly how this stacked up against the other churches, but you did good! Thank you for responding so positively to the food drive.

I AM MY CHURCH

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who makes it what it is, am filled with these traits. Therefore with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

A PRAYER

A young pastor was visiting the church of an older colleague one Sunday. A prayer the older pastor gave moved him. It was simple and brief, and went something like this: "Dear Lord, we thank you for being with us during this difficult time. We remember that when Moses and the children of Israel were caught at the Red Sea, you didn't lead them over it, or around it or under it. You led them *through* it. And now, in the same way, when we are in trouble, you don't lead us over it or around it or under it. No, Lord, you lead us *through* it, and we thank you for that. Amen."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FAST APPROACHES

We have been having a wonderful time working with Summit UMC in planning this year's Vacation Bible School. We are looking forward to having a great week together August 13-17, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, learning about the Lord's Prayer and Jewish holy days.

Join the Fun at VBS



If you have not already registered your children, grandchildren, neighborhood children...do it now.

Brochures are on the table in the fellowship hall--or call the church office, 360-893-2740.



OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16

To celebrate a return to our fall schedule, we will have an open house on September 16. There will be a wonderful meal prepared by Janet Bjork and a special program. Watch for more information to come in the September newsletter.

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