



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 2008

What is the Kingdom of God?

Well, it's like this.....

A woman and her son live by the river. The river rises and floods their home to a level of ten feet, tearing off the back bedroom and carrying it away, nearly destroying the house. They lose most of their household goods, but are able to save the chickens by putting them in plastic bins with lids on tight and floating them to the edge of the flood. When the water recedes they have the house jacked up and put on blocks six feet in the air. The interior is gutted and bleached. The family moves into an outbuilding that escaped the flooding--a shell of a building with no amenities. A port-a-potty is brought in, and a water supply through a long hose.

Then people from another area that was not flooded offer to help make the house livable again. They work together to start the repairs. They use jack hammers to break out the old twisted foundation, and they load the broken concrete into a tractor bucket to be hauled away, load after load. They remove rotten boards to make way for new wiring and they remove thick caked mud from behind the walls. They work very hard and contribute from their resources to make it possible for the woman and her son to live there again. And the son says, "Mom, I can't believe they really want to help us." He is so excited that he can't sleep the night

before they come. And the woman and son work hard right along with the other workers until the house is even better than it was before the flood.

Well, my friends, this story is real, and it refers to our mission project to help Heather and Kendrick in the Boistfort Valley near Chehalis. We had seven people go down on July 26, four from Parkland UMC and three from Orting UMC: Bob Carper, Mike Bettis and Pastor Carol. Member of Summit UMC provided a wonderful picnic lunch for the workers to take with them.

This is one way we reach out beyond ourselves to make a difference in the world. This is a part of the **Continuing Story of Love...**

Shalom.

Pastor Carol

New Bishop Announced

The Jurisdictional Conference is over and it brings changes to our PNW Conference. Congratulations to Elaine Stanovsky, Seattle District Superintendent. She was elected Bishop.

She will be serving the Rocky Mountain Conference. She will be missed in our Conference--she has been a strong leader here for many years.

As of Sept. 1, our new bishop will be Grant Hagiya, who comes to us from the California-Pacific Conference. Hagiya has served as Dean of the Cabinet in the Cal-Pac conference for the last eight years and has been an adjunct professor at Claremont School of Theology since 1993.

A Special Thank You To:

- Neil Schweitzer for painting the hand rails on the back deck.
- Larry Guinn for the new marble sign for the church office.
- Dave Lillie for ongoing lawn care.
- Worship leaders in June and July: Denis Mabry, Hunter Lillie, Mike Bettis, Keith Dyson, Cheryl Dyson, and Nancy Lillie.
- Cheryl Dyson and Denise Mabry for filling in for Judy White as Organist/ Accompanist. Judy can't come during the summer because of our change of worship time.
- Newsletter mailing: Greta Gleydura, Lyla Lee, Cheryl Riehl and Liz Larkins. Label preparation: Emma Ford. Editor: Sharon Starr.
- Coffee House Workers: George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura, and Pastor Carol.
- Those who helped on the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Mission to help Heather Loose, whose house was severely damaged in the Chehalis flood: Mike Bettis, Bob Carper, Mary Roden and Pastor Carol.

Please Pray For:

- Neta Stebbins, Pastor Carol's mother, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- June Berk, in treatment for cancer.
- For our youth going to summer camps: Jeffrey Straughn, Hailie Moody, Hunter Lillie.
- For our nation and its leaders; our men and women in military service, especially Jason Chase.
- Remember shut-ins Margaret Eilers, Harrison Ford, Helen Larson, Anne Spangler and Rosemary Todd.

Thank you to all who helped at the June 28th Work Party:

John Downs, Mark and Greta Gleydura, Karen Thurston, Jamie Roden, Patty Chouery, Larry Guinn, Cookie and Marlin Guinn, Neil and Jeri Schweitzer, Janet Bjork, Catherine Sorenson, Pastor Carol and Sulmo Mariano. Thanks to you we have a new roof on the education building and storage shed. Janet, Cookie, Marlin, and Catherine prepared the breakfast. Karen and Greta did pruning and weeding. Larry pressure washed the sidewalk and arranged for the roofer to come. John, Mark, Jamie, Patty, Sulmo and Pastor Carol worked on stripping and preparing the roof, while Neil and Jeri helped pick up. We couldn't have done it without the fine leadership and example of Trustee chairperson John Downs. Thank you all so very much!

Work Party at the Parsonage

John Downs, head of the Trustees, invites you to a party. We will be having a work day at the parsonage--yard work and painting--on Saturday, August 9. Breakfast will be served to all workers at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall, thanks to Cookie Guinn. Work will begin at 9:00 am. You all come!

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Financial Update

Operating Expenses

Budget for year	\$79,962
Needed monthly (av)	\$ 6,664
Received in June	\$ 6,137
Disbursed in June	\$ 7,123

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Lectionary

August 3rd

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32: 22-31

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 13-21

August 10th

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33

August 17th

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 31st

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3: 1-15

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45

Romans 12: 9-12

Matthew 16: 21-28



Volunteer Opportunities

Where will your talents and interests take you today?



Scripture Reading



Coffee House helper



Church Cleaning



Yard Work



Office Assistance



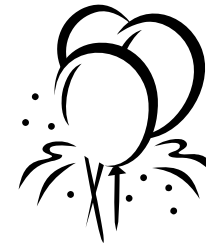
Special Music

Please call the church office to express your interest in any of these areas.

360-893-2740

Do you have an idea that is not listed? Great let us know.

August Birthdays



1 Linda Nothstein
7 Donald Anderson
13 Judy Cash
19 Roger Downing
25 Connor Oakes



Annual Conference Report

By Cheryl Dyson

Focus on worship, prayer, communion to start the day was very meaningful and centering.

Discussed issues in a way that was organized with fair and equal representation of different views.

Big issues:

1) Death with Dignity

A lot of emotional discussion

2/3 against supporting

1/3 for supporting

At the break individuals with opposing views were discussing and questioning each other with compassion and understanding.

2) Homosexuality

Had been discussed at the National General Conference

Supported petitions (a)opposing homophobia and heterosexism and (b) grieving and repenting from acts of hate and violence.

PNWAC voted to send a letter of thanks to the president of the Council of Bishops for their support of these important issues.

I appreciate the fact that as United Methodists we can disagree with one another on major issues, but still remain a united church body.

The feeling of fellowship with churches from all over the Northwest--big, small, urban, rural--made me feel a part of something big and important. Coming from our small church, sometimes I feel isolated and insignificant. It's nice to come together into the church body of the PNWAC.

The Food Fight... We are nearing the end of the annual competition with the EPCC United Methodist churches to see who can collect the most food for their local food bank. The food is piling up, but is no where near the amount we had last year when we were declared the winners, with the most items per capita. Please remember to bring food. The last day of the food drive is August 3. Food items may be placed under the table near the kitchen in the fellowship hall or in our food basket. Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile project.

School Supply Drive

The annual Orting school supply drive is underway and will go on until the second week of August. We have a huge pile of school supplies in the chancel area. These will go a long way toward helping children in need to have a good start in school. Items needed include large backpacks, binders, calculators, crayons, dividers, erasers, peechee folders, 3-ring folders, glue sticks, highlighters, marker sets, paper clips, paper (college or wide ruled), ink pens (blue or black), pencils, colored pencils, pencil boxes or bags, rulers, scissors, spiral notebooks (college or wide ruled).



Congratulations

- Anne Spangler celebrated her 90th
- birthday with a party July 6 at Stafford
- Suites in Sumner, where she lives.

• **Summer Labyrinth Walks...**

Are being offered for six Mondays in July and August at the Puyallup UMC under the guidance of Ginny Christensen. The labyrinth has been used throughout the history of the church as a way to focus in prayer and meditation. Walks will take place August 4, 11, 18 from 7:00 -8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Childcare is provided.



Yard Sale Time is Here

Our annual yard sale is August 1-2
9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

There is an amazing quantity of wonderful stuff. Be sure to come and browse and find treasures to purchase. Our prices are the lowest in town!



Vacation Bible School is Coming...Market Place 29 AD



Being Disciples...August 18-22.
Register now--pick up forms in the fellowship hall or call the church office. Our next work day is August 5, at 6:00 pm. Come and help prepare materials. Or sign up to help during the week of VBS. The sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall.



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