

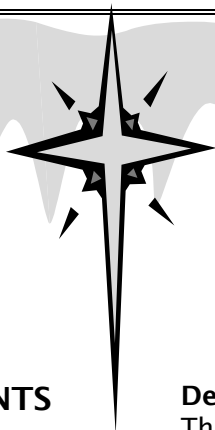


Orting United Methodist Church

The Messenger



December 2006/January 2007



ADVENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 3

First Sunday of Advent
Advent Lectionary Study #1
Lighting of First Advent Candle
Hanging of the Greens in Worship
Special Music by Choir
Holy Communion, Holiday Potluck

December 6

10:00 am United Methodist Women

December 10

Second Sunday of Advent
Advent Lectionary Study #2
Lighting of Second Advent Candle
Special Music by the Choir
4:00 pm Caroling to Shut-ins



December 16

2:00 pm Blue Christmas Service at
Sumner UMC



December 17

Third Sunday of Advent
Advent Lectionary Study #3
Lighting of Third Advent Candle
Special Music by the Sunday
School Children and the Choir
7:00 pm Community Christmas Carol Sing
Refreshments served,
Bring family and friends

December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Advent Lectionary Study #4
Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle
Special Christmas Music by the Choir
Christmas Pageant
Food Baskets and Adopt A Family
Gifts given out

December 24

7:00 pm Christmas Eve
A Service of Carols, Communion,
and Candlelight

December 25

Christmas Day!



Holiday Baskets

Thank you to all who contributed to our Thanksgiving Baskets. We were able to serve five families, two of which had been severely impacted by the flood. Billy Braddock delivered the then boxes of food and five Safeway gift cards and the families were extremely grateful.

Now we are collecting food for Christmas Baskets.

Here is a list of what is needed.

Bottles salad dressing, Canned vegetables and fruit, Gravy mix, Canned cranberries, Hot chocolate or spiced cider mix, Stuffing mix, Jell-O in fruit flavors, Canned yams, Olives, Hard Candy (bagged), Ten pounds bags of potatoes, Fresh apples

Congratulations and Best Wishes

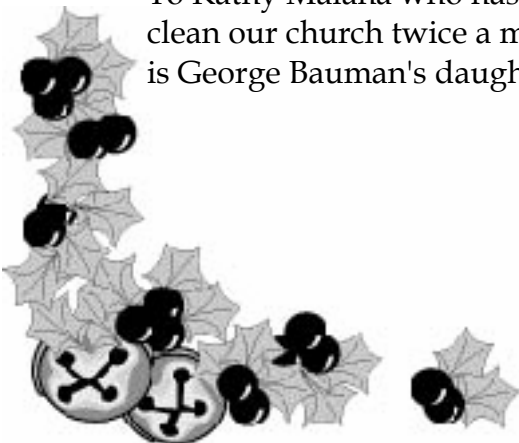
To Phil Nothstein and Cindy Marcelle who were married in our church November 10.

Financial Budget

Budget for year	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$5,756
Income in September	\$6,788
Disbursements in Oct..	\$5,325
Special offering for World Communion	\$145

Welcome Aboard

To Kathy Malaha who has been hired to clean our church twice a month. Kathy is George Bauman's daughter.



Blue Christmas

"Tis the season to be jolly!"

But what about those of us who have recently experienced great loss, even the death of a loved one? Many bereaved persons find that the holiday season is very hard to bear. The East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches, of which Orting UMC is a part, is sponsoring a worship service especially for those who are feeling blue this Christmas season. Your grief will be recognized, your feelings acknowledged in a community of caring concern. You are invited to come to Sumner United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm on December 16. You do not need to feel alone. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Carol, 360-893-2740.



Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins

You are invited to join a group that will go out caroling on December 10, at 4:00 pm. Come to the church and we will carpool. Dress warmly.

Webmaster Needed!

Are you computer savvy? Would you like to learn more about how to put together a web site and find out how to make ours more appealing? We are looking for someone to do just that! There will be a workshop January 20 put on by the East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches to help you learn what you need to know. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Carol.

The Giving Tree

We will again be adopting two or possibly three families for Christmas. You may pick up a tag from the white branched tree in the fellowship hall and purchase the gift listed on the tag. Gifts need to be brought to church before December 24, so they can be delivered.



Please pray for:

- ◆ Shirley Olson was just beginning to recover from her broken leg when she had a minor stroke, following worship on November 19. The next week she went in for surgery on her carotid arteries. Everything went smoothly and she is now recovering at home.
- ◆ Howard Pitts is recovering well from his surgery.
- ◆ Mike Bettis has finished his round of chemotherapy and needs prayers for healing.
- ◆ Jess Gilbertson is recovering from heart surgery.
- ◆ Michael Cash has been sent to Iraq and Jason Chase is scheduled to ship out in June.
- ◆ Continue to pray for Jessica Rhamy in her recovery from surgery.
- ◆ Shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Rosemary Todd, Mary Lou Geels, Harlan and Ethel Ford, Harrison and Vonnie Ford.

Thank you to those who have made a pledge for 2007

So far we have received 27 pledges totaling \$43,760. If you have not yet pledged you may get a pledge form in the back of the sanctuary and turn it in to Stacey Straughn.

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

Invite your family and friends and neighbors to a fun evening of singing Christmas carols, secular and sacred, on December 17, at 7:00 pm, in our sanctuary. If you would like to contribute an instrumental or vocal solo, contact Cheryl Dyson. Christmas treats follow.

A Special Thank You to:

- ◆ Nancy Lillie for directing the Christmas Children's Choir
- ◆ Worship leaders in November: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Cheryl Dyson, Nancy Lillie.
- ◆ Special Music: Judy White and Cheryl Dyson, Nancy Lillie and Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Billy Braddock for her work on the Holiday Baskets.
- ◆ To those who donated blankets for our blanket drive-Pastor Carol delivered them in the midst of our cold snap and they were greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Shirley Olson for preparation of the Charge Conference dinner.
- ◆ Eloise Schinnell, Jane Miller and Catherine Sorensen for preparing the November mission dinner.
- ◆ Church cleaners in November: Arnie Olson, Vern and Mary Lou Lewis, Margaret Eilers, Ruth Shride.
- ◆ Newsletter mailing: Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers and Sue Ellis Fletcher.
- ◆ Emma Ford for preparing mailing list and labels.
- ◆ Newsletter editor Sharon Starr.
- ◆ Coffee House workers: George Bauman, John Downs, William Knowles, Pastor Carol.

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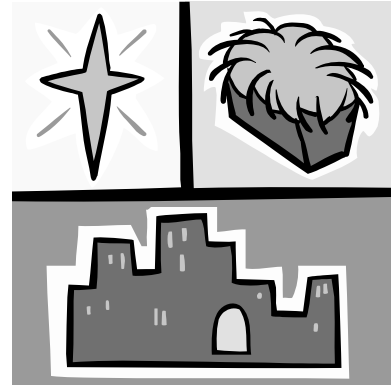
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