



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.*

December 2007-January 2008

## ADVENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### December 2

**First Sunday of Advent -- Hope**  
Lighting of First Advent Candle  
Hanging of the Greens in Worship  
Special Music by Choir  
Holy Communion, Holiday Potluck



### December 5

Wednesday, 12:00 pm, United Methodist Women

### December 9

**Second Sunday of Advent -- Peace**  
Lighting of Second Advent Candle  
Special Music by the Choir  
All Church Conference and Dinner



### December 16

**Third Sunday of Advent -- Joy**  
Lighting of Third Advent Candle  
Special Music by Sunday School Children  
Special Music by the Choir  
Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins, 4:00 pm  
Christmas Caroling Sing-Along



### December 23

**Fourth Sunday of Advent -- Love**  
Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle  
Special Christmas Music by the Choir  
Christmas Pageant  
Food Baskets and Adopt A Family Gifts given out

*Focus on Christ  
this Season*



### December 24

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

### December 25

**Christmas Day!**

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Ethel and Harlan Ford. Ethel has been moved into a higher care level home. Harlan is still at Stafford Suites in Sumner but will move when space becomes available for him.
- After a return of his throat cancer, Harrison and Vonnie Ford have moved to Bellingham to live with their son.
- Mike Bettis' liver lesions do not appear to be cancerous. Praise God! and thank you for your prayers.
- Nancy Lillie is still struggling with her knee injury.
- Cheryl Dyson had a minor car accident which left her with another back injury just as she was recovering from the previous one.
- Brian Kolar has been released and charges dropped. Praise God!

## **A BIG THANK YOU:**

- George Bauman for repairs to the office furnace.
- John Downs for monitoring the paint job and following through to see that it was completed to our satisfaction.
- Stacey Straughn for office help.
- Denise Mabry, Mike Bettis and Keith Dyson for serving as worship leaders in November.
- Muriel Doolittle for preparation of communion elements and changing the paraments on the altar.
- Cheryl and Keith Dyson, Nancy and Hunter Lillie and Pastor Carol for leading praise music.
- Cheryl Dyson, Denise Mabry and the choir for special music at the

Thanksgiving Eve Service and throughout Advent and Christmas.

- Nancy Lillie for preparing the Children's Choir to sing for Christmas.
- Rosalie Gronka for church cleaning and Karen Moroney for office cleaning.
- We have two new Sunday School teachers--Stephanie Bettis and Alicia Chase. Thank you both for taking on this important commitment in serving Christ and the church.
- Dave Lillie for putting bark on the flower beds.
- Sulmo Mariano for building a new door for the church sign when the old door was destroyed by the wind.
- Lyla Lee and Rosalie Gronka for newsletter mailing. Emma Ford for preparing labels and envelopes. Sharon Starr for continuing to be our newsletter editor from afar.
- George Bauman, John Downs, Nancy Lillie and Pastor Carol for volunteering many hours at the Youth Coffee House and Espresso Drama.
- Rosalie Gronka and Bob Gardella for gleaning baked goods for coffee hour and the youth coffee house.
- To all who brought food for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We were able to serve four families.
- To those who contributed to the Love In the Name of Christ request for jackets, gloves, toiletries, etc.

## Lectionary

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

**December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Luke 1: 47-55

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2: 1-20

## December Birthdays

2 Sharla Bode

10 Elise Schinnell

18 Kim Kalina

29 Vonnice Ford

30 Janet Langowski

## January Birthdays

2 Carol Mariano

15 Kaelin Zirkle

19 Shirley Olson

John Downs

23 Mary Lou Lewis

29 Allyson Rose

## Lectionary

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**New Year's Day**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

Psalms 8

Revelation 21: 1-6

Matthew 25: 31-46

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalms 40: 1-11

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalms 9: 1-4

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23

## Lectionary

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day**

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1: 1-4

John 1: 1-14

**December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2: 10-18

Matthew 2: 13-23

## NEW MEMBERS

Neil and Jeri Schweitzer were received into our congregation on Nov. 11. Please add them to your church directory:  
836 Harman Way So, #16  
Orting, WA 98360  
Phone: 206-406-2521

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

It is time to bring food to fill the Christmas Baskets for families in our community who need our help. We are collecting various food items weekly in order to be ready to put the donations together to be picked up on Dec. 23, the Sunday before Christmas. Here is a list of items we would like to have donated:

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Bottled salad dressing, canned vegetables and canned fruit.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Gravy mix, canned cranberries, hot chocolate or spiced cider mix.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Stuffing mix, Jell-O (in fruit flavors), canned yams and olives.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Hard candy (bagged), 10 lb. bag of potatoes, fresh apples.

Please feel free to bring any items at any time. The above list is simply a guide for your donating.

## GIVING TREE

Again this year we will adopt families for Christmas and buy gifts for them. Gift tags listing what to buy will be placed on the small white tree in the fellowship hall. You may take a tag and buy what it says. Bring the item back, wrapped, with the tag attached so we will know whom to give it to. Thank you for your generosity.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE/ CHURCH CONFERENCE

You will have the opportunity to meet our new Tacoma District superintendent, Sharon Moe, at our annual meeting Dec 9, following worship. Everyone is invited to attend the dinner, prepared by Janet Bjork and the United Methodist Women, and the meeting. This will be a time of celebrating the work we have done this year at Orting UMC. We will also elect officers, adopt budget items and make recommendations concerning the running of our church. Please join us on this joyful day!

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BAPTISM

Allyson Rose was baptized in our church on Nov. 11

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SING- ALONG

Come one, come all! On Sunday evening, December 16. There will be a dinner for the returning carolers at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall and then we will have a jammin' evening of Christmas music--everybody welcome--bring your musical instrument and/or your voice. Let's have a good time sharing Christmas music!

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<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	
Budget for 2007	\$74,958
Needed monthly (av)	\$ 6,247
Income for Oct.	\$ 7,620
Disbursements in Oct.	\$ 6,558
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