



*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.*

February 2006

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January was Mentoring Month in Washington State. Many of us can recall a person who had an important influence in bringing us to a more fulfilling life. I think of three right now who were mentors for me as I was growing up. That's why I support the mentoring program that has been developed by the organization Communities In Schools of Orting (CISO).

CISO was honored January 25 by the Washington State Mentoring Partnership (WSMP) in the Capitol Building in Olympia, one of three organizations in Washington to receive this award. Governor Christine Gregoire read a proclamation on mentoring and addressed it briefly. As chair of the CISO Board, I went forward to receive the award and was able to shake the hand of Gov. Gregoire.

Rena Shawver, executive director of CISO, spoke to the WSMP Committee about our mentoring program, thanking them for the \$20,000 grant we were given to continue the work we are doing and expand it.

You, the members of Orting UMC, have supported CISO by giving to their auction and the school supply drive. John Downs has been a CISO mentor. Even though we don't have youth members in our church right now, we are ministering to youth in the community through CISO and the Youth Coffee House. Good work, my friends. This, too, is a part of the CONTINUING STORY OF LOVE.

Shalom,  
*Carol*

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## Piano Notes

We are so blessed in our church! We have a beautiful “new” petite baby grand piano, thanks to Thelma Hansen’s family. What a wonderful way to remember her! She loved music, especially when her husband, Ed, sang, accompanied by their daughter. Our “new” piano is made by Kohler & Campbell. It is used, but it looks and sounds like it’s brand new. We paid 1/3 of what a brand new similar piano would cost.

There is a wonderful historical connection to the piano’s previous owner. The owner’s grandparents were members in our church here in Orting for many years, and her parents were married in our church.

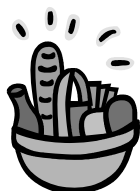
Why did we need a new piano? I’m glad you asked! The piano we had was a spinet. These pianos are designed primarily for use in a home, or other small space. They are more appropriate for practice than for performance. They have a very small dynamic range. This means there is very little variety in the loudness. Much of music’s excitement is in the variety of volume, and we were not able to express this. Also, the tone of the old piano was not a good quality. The low notes were very weak, and the high notes had a “tinny” quality, which made it sound like a toy piano. Our new piano has a fullness and richness throughout the entire range of the piano, much more suitable for glorifying God.

The brand of our old piano is one which many musicians regard as poor. It would not “hold its tuning,” which means it would go out of tune more quickly than a quality instrument. This resulted in more money spent on tuning the instrument more frequently. The other problem we were noticing is bad “action” of the keys. This means that when you press a key, it would not always make a sound. This is very frustrating for the pianist, and very detrimental to the music. Our new piano has wonderful action, and a much clearer, more beautiful tone. We are truly blessed with a piano of excellent quality.

If you have any other questions or concerns about this, please feel free to call Cheryl Dyson at (253) 847-0199, or talk to her after church during coffee hour.

## Financial Update as of December 31, 2006

Budget for year	68,165
Needed monthly (average)	5680
Received in December	3889
Disbursed in December	6036
Transferred from savings	2000
Savings deficit	9,332



The Third Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday at OUMC.



Denise Mabry is the proud grandmother of Taylor Rayne, 5 lb. 13 oz, 17 inches long, born January 12 to Trisha Moerer.

**Our Church Directory is now accessible on-line...**

through our web site.

Go to [www.gbgm-umc.org/ortingumc](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/ortingumc) and follow directions at the bottom of the page in the church directory box.

## Prayers:

Ethel Ford, at Lynden Grove recovering from intestinal surgery.

Bette Scott, recovering from back surgery at home.

Lynn Johnson, cancer recurrence, in Good Samaritan Hospital.

Randy Larson, hospitalized with intestinal disorder, but now resting at home.

Harrison Ford, radiation treatments for throat cancer.

Sharon and Leigh Starr as they prepare to move into their new home in Auburn in March.

Stacey Straughn who has begun a part-time job as a preschool assistant.

Remember shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels, LeRoy Bush, Rosemary Todd.



## In Memoriam:

Alice Rushton  
May 7, 1934-January  
11, 2006  
Long time  
community worker

and author of a book on the history of Orting.

Charles Fiske  
January 9, 1941-December 30, 2005  
Son of Leonard Fiske who was a member of our church for many years before moving to Lacey with his wife Winifred.

Loren Soler  
Died January 18, 2006  
Oralyn Fleming's brother-in-law

## Prayer Chain Reorganized...

**Lyla Lee** is the new contact person for our prayer chain. If you have a prayer request to put on the prayer chain,

please call **Lyla Lee (360-893-6290)**

and/or Pastor Carol (360-893-2740).

Others on the prayer chain are:

Muriel Doolittle	(253-848-3781)
Shirley Olson	(253-875-4248)
Bette Scott	(253-770-2632)
Gayle Stark	(253-841-4422)
Helen Larson	(253-863-1322)
Ruth Shride	(360-893-5396)
Karen Weismiller	(360-893-8705)
Margaret Eilers	(360-893-9312)
Stacey Straughn	(360-897-1118)

## Choir Notes



We hope you enjoyed all of the music during Advent and Christmas! We had a lot of new songs to share with you.

A special thanks to Denise Mabry for donating sets of 2 new choral anthems for Advent! New music is expensive!

We will continue to sing 2 Sundays per month through the Spring. The other weeks will be filled with special music by soloists and small groups. We're already planning exciting music for Easter on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be the date for the East Pierce county Circuit of Methodist Churches' Choir Festival. We will give you more details as we get closer to the date.

May God fill your life with beautiful music!

**Cheryl Dyson**  
**Choir Director**



## January

- ◆ Church cleaners Roger Downing, George Bauman, Phil Fabel, Ruth Shride, Rosalie Gronka, Muriel Doolittle.
- ◆ Cleaning church office--Karen Moroney
- ◆ Plugging mouse holes in kitchen and under the church--Roger Downing
- ◆ To the UMW group for cleaning the kitchen.
- ◆ Coffee House volunteers--John Downs, George Bauman, Roger Downing, Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Mission Dinner--Sunday School teachers Stacey Straughn, Janet Downing and Nancy Lillie.
- ◆ Worship Leaders--Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Cheryl Dyson, Nancy Lillie, Leigh Starr.
- ◆ To Cheryl Dyson for a beautiful piano solo on the day of the dedication of the new baby grand piano (see article elsewhere).
- ◆ Newsletter editor Sharon Starr.
- ◆ Office help--Stacey Straughn.

### A Personal Thank You:

Pastor Carol and Sulmo thank you for you many expressions of kindness during the holidays. The gift certificates to the mall were greatly appreciated.



## Christmas

This is our first newsletter since Christmas and there are many thank you's from the Christmas Season:

- ◆ All who helped with baskets and the Giving Tree, especially Cheryl and Keith Dyson, billie Braddock, Billie Jean Stevens, Janet Bjork, Shirley Olson, Arnie Olson, and Roger Downing.
- ◆ Those who went caroling to shut-ins: Keith and Cheryl Dyson, Christopher Underwood, Nancy Lillie, Hunter Lillie, Shirley Olson, Roger Downing, Ruth Shride, Judy White, and Pastor Carol.
- ◆ To the Choir and to Cheryl Dyson, Denise Mabry and Judy White for beautiful Christmas music.
- ◆ For the Hanging of the Greens--Roger Downing, George Bauman and the UMW group.
- ◆ Christmas Mission Dinner--Janet Bjork.
- ◆ Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long--Judy White and Pastor Carol.
- ◆ To all who helped with lighting Advent Candles and to the Dyson family for special readings on Christmas Eve.
- ◆ Worship Leaders in December--Leigh Starr, Keith Dyson, Roger Downing, Denise Mabry.
- ◆ To Cheryl Dyson for helping with the East Pierce County Circuit of Churches Blue Christmas Service.
- ◆ To Stacey Straughn for extra Christmas baking for the Sing-a-Long and Fellowship Hour.

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## February Lectionary

### Feb. 5

Psalm 147: 1-11  
Isaiah 40: 21-31  
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23  
Mark 1: 29-39

### Feb. 12

#### Scouting Ministries Sunday

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 5: 1-14  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1: 40-45

### Feb. 19

Psalm 41  
Isaiah 43: 18-25  
2 Corinthians 1: 18-22  
Mark 2: 1-12

### Feb. 26

#### Transfiguration of the Lord

Psalm 50: 1-6  
2 Kings 2: 1-12  
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6  
Mark 9: 2-9



## February Birthdays

Keri Archie	5
Johnathan Kalina	5
Jesse Gilbertson	6
Hunter Lillie	9
Hans Nothstein	10
Allison Zuger	11
Tony Zuger	13
John Kalina	17
Darlene Gilbertson	23
Jo Perzel	25



## Lenten Schedule

Lent will be here before we know it.

Ash Wednesday is March 1.

We will again have Lenten evening events and services on the Thursdays of Lent.

Lenten Events begin with a meal together (donation) at 6:00, followed by a Lenten activity. We close with a special TAIZE service of meditation and prayer.

The schedule is:

March 1 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
March 9 6:00 pm	Lenten Event 1
March 16 6:00 pm	Lenten Event 2
March 23 6:00 pm	Lenten Event 3
March 30 6:00 pm	Lenten Event 4
April 6 6:00 pm	Lenten Event 5
April 13 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service

Palm Sunday is April 9.

Easter Sunday is April 16.

