



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 2007

Last night a ten year old boy came to my office with his mother. They had set up an appointment to talk about baptism. Although his mother is not a member of our church, the boy is interested and had pressed his mother to have him baptized. They came together and I spent the next hour and a half responding to the boy's questions about the Bible, faith, and the church, as well as the meaning of baptism.



It was encouraging to me to see his interest and to have him stick with me through long answers as I took him through an overview of what we call salvation history. It is wonderful to see that kind of interest!

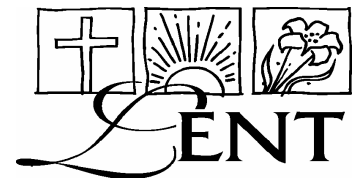
Those who have been in the church for a long time may forget how exciting it is to see how this picture all comes together when we believe in Christ, and how it makes sense of all of life, giving us new perspective. What a great discovery! Remember how it was for you? Well, it's not over. Our life continues to unfold in new and

dramatic ways when we walk the life of faith with our Lord, when we continue to seek God's guidance and dare to follow it, when we probe with others the depths of commitment and love.

As we enter Lent this year why not challenge yourself to a deeper commitment to studying the scriptures by coming to the Sunday morning Lenten study with Patricia Chouery. Why not spend time with your church family in the Lenten Events each Thursday evening beginning March 1. Why not participate in the ritual of Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm on February 21. You, too, can play a vital role in salvation history as it unfolds in our community and our church. This is what it means to be a part of the Continuing Story of Love

Shalom,

Carol



Thank You

- John Downs for temporarily filling in as church treasurer. Arnie Olson will take over as of February 1.
- Janet Bjork and Shirley Olson for preparing the January mission dinner. We brought in \$94 to add to our mission fund.
- Stacey Straughn and Pastor Carol for cooking the meal for our all church planning meeting.
- Vernon and Mary Lou Lewis and Margaret Eilers for supplemental church cleaning in January and Karen Moroney for cleaning the church office.
- Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers and Liz Larkins for mailing the newsletter.
- Emma Ford for preparing mailing list and labels.
- Sharon Starr for editing and putting together the newsletter.
- Stacey Straughn for typing and running bulletins.
- Worship Leaders in January: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Keith Dyson, Stacey Nagy.
- Cheryl Dyson for special music.
- Coffee House: John Downs, George Bauman, Nancy Lillie, William Knowles, Pastor Carol.

A Note of Thanks

Pastor Carol and Sulmo Mariano thank you for you many expressions of kindness during the Christmas season.

Please Pray for:

- Anne Spangler, recovering from a small stroke.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Rosemary Todd, Mary Lou Geels, Harlan and Ethel Ford, Harrison and Vonnie Ford.
- Our men and women in military service.
- Our nations and its leaders.



In Memoriam

Please remember in prayer Darlene and the family of

Jesse (Biff) Gilbertson

who passed away January 5, 2007

In Memoriam

Please remember in prayer Lyla Lee and the family of

Anna Jane Spradley

Lyla's sister who passed away December 6, 2006

In Memoriam

Please remember and pray for the family of

Paul Martinsen

who passed away December 24, 2006

Lectionary

February 4
5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-13
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 11
6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Scouting Ministries Sunday
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 18
Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-43

February 21
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (or Isaiah 58:1-12)
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 25
1st Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Lenten/Easter Schedule

February 21 **Ash Wednesday**
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
and burying of Alleluias.

February 25 **1st Sunday of Lent**
9:30 am Adult Lenten Bible Study
led by Patricia Chouery

March 1
6:00 pm Lenten Event #1

March 4 **2nd Sunday of Lent**
9:30 am Adult Lenten Bible
Study led by Patricia Chouery

March 8
6:00 pm Lenten Event #2

March 11 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
9:30 am Adult Lenten Bible
Study led by Patricia Chouery

March 15
6:00 pm Lenten Event #3

March 18 **4th Sunday of Lent**
9:30 am Adult Lenten Bible
Study led by Patricia Chouery

March 22
6:00 pm Lenten Event #4

March 25 **5th Sunday of Lent**
9:30 am Adult Lenten Bible
Study led by Patricia Chouery

March 29
6:00 Seder Meal

April 1 **Palm/Passion Sunday**

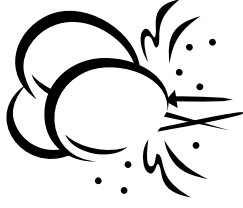
April 5 **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

April 6 **Good Friday**

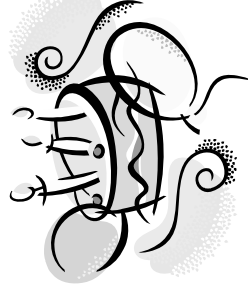
April 8 **Easter**
6:30 am Sunrise Service
7:30 am Easter Breakfast
11:00 am Resurrection Celebration
Worship!



February Birthdays



Keri Archie 5
Johnathan Kalina 5
Hunter Lillie 9
Hans Nothstein 10
John Kalina 17
Darlene Gilbertson 23



Financial Report as of 12/31/06



Budget for 2006	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$ 5,756
Income in December	\$ 8,057
Disbursements in December	\$ 6,875

Christmas Greetings from Afar

Greetings to the congregations from Don and Evelyn Stephens, previous members of our church now living in California.

We received a nice Christmas letter from Rev. Jody and Suellen Campbell whom we met and worked with on our mission to Montana.

Appreciation Expressed

Recently I visited another Methodist church for a couple Sundays. It is not a large church but it made me realize how much talent we have here. Music has its part in the church service--voice and instrumental. We have more than our share. Their church had no choir leader. They had two girls lead in song before service, but only they would sing. We may have an over abundance of songs, but they hold a message too. Consider our blessings. We have choir leaders, song writers, instrumentals, soloists and leaders in crafts, catering, sewing, art work. We are blessed.

Muriel Doolittle

Announcement

Baptisms and Reception of New Members will be February 18.

Confession

You asked for my hands
that you could use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment
and then withdrew for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth
to speak against injustice.
I gave you a whisper
that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them
for I did not want to know.
You asked for my life
that you might work through me.
I gave you a fractional part
that I might not get involved.
God forgive me for calculated efforts
to serve you only when
it is convenient to do so,
only in places where it is safe to do so.
Creator God, forgive me, renew me,
and send me out as a usable instrument,
that I may take seriously the meaning of
your cross.

(from the annual meeting of the
United Methodist Women's Caucus
of 1976)

Announcement

Communities in School of Orting will hold their Annual Dinner/Auction March 31 at Emerald Downs. As you know, Pastor Carol is chair of the board for Communities In Schools. She would welcome your contributions to the auction or your desire to purchase a ticket. This benefits children and youth in Orting through the Wings Mentoring Program, the After School Enrichment Program, the School Supply Drive, the Recourse Fair, the Community Resource Guide and other special projects to help kids.

Church Officers for 2007

Lay Leader: Stacey Straughn
Administrative Council:
Chair: Janet Bjork
Vice Chair: Keith Dyson
Secretary: Shirley Olson
Pastor Parish:
2007: Keith Dyson (chairperson),
Phil Fabel, June Patterson
2008: John Downs, Janet
Downing, Jeanne Wolford
2009: Howard Pitts, Arnie Olson
Trustees:
2007: George Bauman,
Emma Ford
2008: Arnie Olson, Nancy Lillie
2009: John Downs, Stacey Nagy
Nominating Committee:
2007: Stacey Straughn,
Brian Kolar
2008: Nancy Lillie, Janet
Downing
2009: Janet Bjork, Arnie Olson
Finance:
John Downs (chair), Stacey
Straughn, Arnie Olson (treasurer),
Shirley Olson, Sulmo Mariano,
Janet Bjork, Emma Ford
Lay Member to Annual Conference
(2004-2008)
Roger Downing
John Downs (alternate)
UMW President: Muriel Doolittle
Memorials: Muriel Doolittle
Historian: Muriel Doolittle
Evangelism:
Sue Metts
Shirley Olson (membership sec)
Outreach/Missions:
Phil Fabel—chair
George Bauman
Frank Shride
Ruth Shride
Janet Bjork
Stacey Straughn
Shirley Olson
Arnie Olson

Worship:
Cheryl Dyson, chair
Denise Mabry
Muriel Doolittle
Karen Weismiller
Jean Wolford
Worship Leaders:
Denise Mabry
Roger Downing
Keith Dyson
Cheryl Dyson
Sharla Bode
Stacey Nagy
Shirley Olson (alt.)
Communion Stewards:
Eloise Schinnell
Jane Miller
Muriel Doolittle
Ushers:
Phil Fabel
George Bauman
Arnie Olson (alt.)
John Downs (alt.)
Choir Director:
Cheryl Dyson
Choir Accompanist:
Denise Mabry
Organist:
Judy White
Praise Team:
Cheryl Dyson
Keith Dyson
Nancy Lillie
Pastor Carol
Nursery Attendants:
Carol and Vanya Ernst
Education:
Janet Downing, chair
Shirley Olson
Stacey Straughn
Nancy Lillie
Kim Kalina
Oralyn Fleming
Patty Chouery
Vacation Bible School Chair:
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Newsletter Editor: Sharon Starr

Pastor:

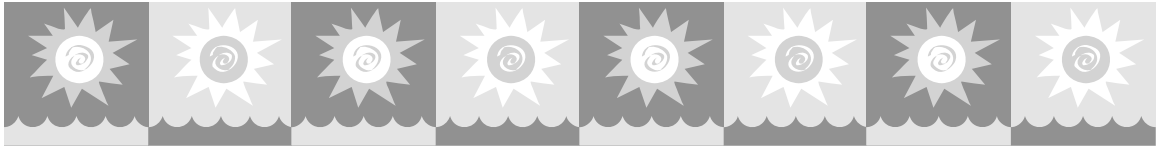
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