



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.

June/July 2008

"We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load."

The words of this song came to mind this morning as I thought about summer's coming, graduations happening, and all the various journeys we are taking. Journey is an interesting word--it is more than a vacation. It is not just a getting away. It is a time of searching for something, traveling from one place to another with the intent of change. Life itself is a journey, as we search for God's guidance, wisdom and love, as we set out to find what it is God is holding for us.

For some that journey is a release from things that bind us up and keep us from living fully. It is the new freedom we feel when we are able to let go of sin and move forward, or when we are empowered to step out of our places of bondage, trusting in God's power. This is the journey of liberation, such as the Hebrews celebrate in the Passover reliving of the Exodus.



For others it is a coming home after having been away and after feeling alienation and fear, a coming back to something of great value that we have been missing--like when the Hebrews returned to Jerusalem after the Exile. Even though there was much work to do, they knew they were home. In fact, they valued the work because they had a vision of the comfort and peace it would eventually bring.

For still others, the journey involves looking for someone to follow who can lead us into greater truth. This is the journey of discipleship--following Jesus in the way that leads to life. This means learning from the word of Christ, feasting upon the presence of Christ, finding our place in the body of Christ (the church), and carrying forward the ministry and mission of service and witness.

Each of these journeys is valuable, and maybe we all do all three at various times in our life. Through the church we try to encourage you in whatever journey your faith leads you.

Traveling mercies to you, my friends and fellow travelers! Let me know how it is going.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

In Loving Memory

Randall Larson

passed away May 30, 2008. His Memorial Service will be June 21, 7:00 pm, at Puyallup UMC.

Dorothy Bosshart

passed away May 17. Her Memorial Service was held in our church May 22.
THANK YOU



Our Church Family in Prayer:

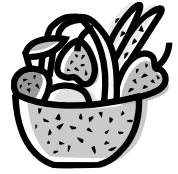
- Joyce Mickelsen has moved to Idaho and Rosalie Gronka moved into her home in Mountain View Estates after Rosalie's home sold right after she put it on the market.
- Helen Larson is doing better and is enjoying attending an Alzheimer's group at Good Samaritan Hospital.
- George Bauman's biopsy came out negative, Praise God! But he is still recovering at home from the surgery.
- June Berk, having treatments for bone cancer.
- Georgia Strauss, recovering from prescription drug induced hepatitis.
- Tom Pitz has written to us from Iowa requesting prayers for his health. He has visited our church in the past when he came to Orting to visit his daughter, who has now moved away.
- Jason Chase, serving in Iraq.
- Shut-ins: Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers, Rosemary Todd, Harrison Ford.



Food Fight

Fighting Hunger One Meal at a Time
June 15-July 13

Remember how we were the top givers per capita in the EPCC food fight last summer?



Let's do it again. Bring food donations to the church and we will deliver to the Orting Food Bank. All food given through our church goes to local needs.

Our Church Family in Thanks:

- Stacey Straughn for cooking wonderful goodies for the John Nilsen piano concert.
- All those who participated in the 24 hour prayer vigil May 6.
- Pastor Carol and George Bauman for making chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day.
- Dave Lillie for lawn care.
- John Downs for weeding.
- Sulmo Mariano for building a new cover for the church sign case. Markus Dennis and Larry Guinn for improvements to the church sign.
- Worship leaders in May: Denise Mabry, Mike Bettis, Keith Dyson, Cheryl Dyson.
- Cheryl Dyson and Pastor Carol for special music in worship on May 11 in celebration of Pentecost.
- Shirley Olson and Janet Bjork for cooking the mission dinner in May.
- Markus Dennis for helping with the Goforth Memorial Service and Janet Bjork for overseeing the kitchen.
- Newsletter mailing: Greta Gleydura and Cheryl Riehl. Labels: Emma Ford. Editor: Sharon Starr.
- Coffee House workers: George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura, Nancy and Dave Lillie, Pastor Carol.

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Financial Budget

Budget for year	\$79,962
Needed monthly (avg.)	\$6,664
Received in April	\$5,235
Disbursed in April	\$7,365

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You Are Invited to a Party!

Saturday, June 28, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm there will be a church work party with a pancake breakfast provided. Everybody invited to come and do you favorite kind of work--weeding, cleaning, etc.

John Downs (360-897-2617), Markus Dennis (253-848-8802) or Larry Guinn (253-678-7949).

Confirmation

Jeffrey Straughn was confirmed by Bishop Paup and District Superintendent Sharon Moe with 24 other youth at Puyallup UMC. This was the culmination of several months of learning together, plus two retreats. It was a beautiful and inspirational service. Jeffrey will be confirmed in our church on June 8.

Yard Sale

Our church rummage sale will be August 1-2. We are now collecting items for the sale. They may be brought to the church on Sunday or on Tuesday or Thursday mornings after June 10, or make arrangements by calling the office (360-893-2740). Pricing will begin June 10, 9:00 to 12:00. Helpers are needed to get the pricing done in a timely way. Please do not bring old computers, etc. Thank you.

Change of Worship Time for Summer

BEGINNING JUNE 15 WORSHIP WILL BE AT 10:00 am, one hour earlier than we have been having worship.



This will allow you to get an earlier start on the day and take full advantage of the long summer days.

Support Global Aids Fund

The PNW Conference is calling for support for the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund and has committed to raising one dollar per member. Local AIDS programs will receive 25 percent of the funds raise in the Conference. To support this worthwhile cause, make a check to Orting UMC and mark it for the AIDS Fund.

Missions

We are tentatively making plans to go to the Centralia area (Boisfort Valley) to help a family who suffered from the December flooding. We are still waiting to be assigned a family after the family we were assigned determined they would not be able to save their home. We will let you know as soon as more information is available. In the meantime, thank you for your support of the mission dinners. We will not be holding mission dinners during the summer months.



Responds to Tragedie

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is at work in Myanmar and China. If you would like to contribute to easing the suffering in these terrible tragedies, make a check to Orting UMC and mark it for Myanmar or for China. Every cent you give through the United Methodist Church goes directly to aid those in need.

Lectionary

June 1st

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 6:11-22; 7:24; 8:14-19

Psalms 46

Romans 1: 16-17; 3: 22-28

Matthew 7: 21-29

June 8th

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12: 1-9

Psalms 33: 1-12

Romans 4: 13-25

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

June 15th

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Genesis 18: 1-15

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35-10:8

June 22nd

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21: 8-21

Psalms 86: 1-10, 16-17; 17

Romans 6: 1-11

Matthew 10: 24-39

June 29th

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22: 1-14

Psalms 13

Romans 6: 12-23

Matthew 10: 40-42



June Birthdays

3	Kassandra Kalina
5	Deana Reese
9	Mark Gleydura
9	Harrison Ford
17	Elise Kirk
18	Billie Braddock
19	Jane Miller
23	Bette Scott

July Birthdays

2	Oralyn Fleming
4	Anne Spangler
12	Helen Larson
15	Stacey Straughn
18	Randy Larson
25	Jeff Straughn
29	June Berk
31	Diane Tomaso



Lectionary

July 6th

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45: 10-17 or Psalm 72

Romans 7: 15-25

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 13th

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25: 19-34

Psalms 119: 105-112 or Psalm 25

Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 20th

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28: 10-19

Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 27th

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29: 15-28

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52



Jubilate

Summer Festival of Worship and the Arts

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in
Spokane

Featuring Biblical Humorist Dr. Margie
Brown

*Workshops,
choir, worship*

July 14-19

Cost \$450



For more information and registration
form go to

www.gbkm-umc.org/jubilate!/

Or talk to Pastor Carol.

Cooperative School of Christian Mission

July 11-14

Central Washington University, Ellensburg

Cost: \$250 if registered before June 20

Topics:

- *I Believe in Jesus*

Led by Rev. Dr. Ron Hines (All School
Study)

To believe in Jesus is to love as God loved
and to live as Christ lived, valuing all
creation. To believe in Jesus is to live in
the way of Christ, freeing the oppressed,
healing the sick and wounded, clothing
the naked, welcoming all. To believe in
Jesus is to follow the sacred
commandment to love as God loved. To
believe in Jesus is to embrace the
sacredness of life.

- *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native
American Survival*

Led by Barry Moffett, JaNet' Crouse,
Alicia Coleman-Clark,
assisted by Virginia Herrera-Paramo &
Phyllis Reynolds

Children and youth led by Ariana Eaton &
Dean Smith (Ages 6-15)

Native American traditions teach us that
creation includes all that comes from God
and all that comes from the heart and
mind of God is sacred. Native traditions
call on its people to value life as God
values life. To be a created people is to be
relationally connected to all people
everywhere, as well as to that which God
has created.

- *Israel/Palestine*

Led by Mark Wendle & Paul Graves
This study will help the participants learn
about the history and complexities of
relationships between Israel and Palestine.
We will explore, and seek to understand,
the concepts of security and freedom
which dominate the lives of these peoples.
The students will be challenged to move
through the process of tolerance and
respect to achieve a just peace.

For registration go to

www.pnwumc.org/missions

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Vacation Bible School

August 18-22

Marketplace 29 CE: Disciples of Jesus

When: Monday through Friday, Aug.
18-22

Time: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Place: Orting UMC church yard



Reliving Bible times events, occupations and relationships will help the children learn about their Judeo-Christian heritage. They will come to know Christianity as a living kinship with God in the days when Jesus was teaching. Through involvement in the

Marketplace and living in small family groups, they will grow in their relationship with God and learn some of the Jewish customs of the day. As they respond to the dramas of Bible stories, the children will be helped to understand the Bible is about real people.



This is a wonderful experience for the children and is only possible as adults take on various roles in making it work. You may want to sign up on the VBS List in the fellowship hall. Or come and help us prepare--there is much work to be done. VBS workshops will be held June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 5 and 12, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Registration forms for the children are available in the church.

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