



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 2004

## The Continuing Story of Love

I have just returned from a gathering of my clergy brothers and sisters for our annual clergy retreat. We honored Bishop Galvan with a retirement party. (Can it have really been eight years since we welcomed him here?) We met in small groups to discuss our covenant with each other as clergy and to seek ways we can be supportive of each other. We celebrated success stories of each other's ministries and personal lives. And we discussed the actions of the recent General Conference in Pittsburgh.

There was disagreement among us over the Rev. Karen Dammann case and the rulings of General Conference in regard to homosexuality. Yet that did not dominate the mood of the clergy. Our leaders called us to look beyond our differences and to focus instead on the things that hold us together as United Methodists. They patterned acceptance of diverse opinions. Our worship resources were drawn from a variety of sources reflecting theological diversity. Each person's perspective was respected and valued. We affirmed the Resolution on Church Unity adopted by a vote of 869 to 41 on the last day of General Conference. The resolution reads as follows:

*As United Methodists we remain in covenant with one another, even in the midst of disagreement, and reaffirm our commitment to work together for our common mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world.*

None of us knows what will happen as we go to the Annual Conference June 23-27. Divisive petitions may be presented, confrontations may occur, changes may be made that are challenging. But I know that I am a stronger pastor because in the midst of honest expressions of differences at this clergy gathering there was also a firm commitment to honor all our clergy brothers and sisters. It was an experience of the fullness of God's grace, the overarching power of the Holy Spirit. I am proud to be a United Methodist in the Pacific Northwest Conference, a place where we can celebrate our commonalities, discuss our disagreements and love each other into the heart of God.

Shalom,  
Carol



## Summer Concert Series

This summer we are presenting our 2nd annual summer concert series. Reserve the 2nd Sunday of June, July, and August for some musical treats. We will be taking a free-will offering to continue raising money for new choir robes. All concerts will be at 6pm, and there will be refreshments afterward. Invite your friends and family.

### June 13th - Organ Showcase and Hymn Sing

Join us for a dedication of our new organ, and enjoy all of the different sounds our organ can produce. The choir will perform, and there will be vocal and instrumental selections interspersed with some of your favorite hymns.

### July 11th - Styles for Everyone

This concert will feature many diverse styles of music including jazz, pop, and opera. Chances are you will hear some of your old favorites, and maybe find some new favorites.

### August 8th - Music to Make You Laugh

Ready for some comedy? We will present humorous songs to lift your spirits. This will be a time to have fun and laugh out loud.





## TRUSTEES REPORT

It has been two years since the administration board approved of the design of the church sign, and was submitted to the city and approved. It is now starting to become a reality. George and I "Roger" picked up the lumber for the sign and I have put the pieces together and I am now ready to start carving. The old sign was torn down about four years ago and we are now finally ready to make progress. I checked with the city last week and we don't need a permit to build the base to hold it. Hopefully we can get to this before I have to go to Claremont for the summer COS. It states the name of the church, "United Methodist Church of Orting", a place for the pastor's name and a picture of MT. Rainer, and the charter date of the church. It also will have the eternal flame and cross, the trademark of the Methodist Church. Under the sign in the base will be room for a flowerbed. We need to receive donations for this project to complete it, so if you have any old moldy money lying around that you would like to dispose of, we will surely appreciate it; we will even do the cleaning of it for you. This sign will be an important addition for the church due to so many new people moving to the Orting area, and also discloses to passers by who the resident faith of the building is. The church thanks all who have given and all who will give in the days to come.

Your servant in Christ Roger.

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## YARD SALE DATES SET AUGUST 5-7, 2004

Yes, the date has been set for our sale. The plan is to have three full days August 5, 6, and 7 from 9am-5:30pm. We will begin pricing items in the Education building on Tuesday, June 8th and Thursday, June 10 continuing each Tuesday and Thursday until the day of the sale. Please join us at 9:30am for work and fun. Remember to tell family and friends that we are accepting donations of reusable household items; clothing, small furniture pieces, toys etc. We will need some help from the guys when we price tools and other garage items. Hope to see you on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Mardell Bauman  
Yard Sale Chairperson

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

by Muriel Doolittle

We met the first Wednesday in May. Pastor Carol led us in prayer. We talked about the new flowers in front of the church and the new church sign. We did daffodils for the cross on Easter that were donated by Greg Zirkle from Knudsen Bulb Farm. It is time again to pay for our African orphan's care. The talent table will be "Baked with Love" each Sunday with baked goods for sale.

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## SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Market Place 29 A.D. August 23-27, 2004



Old Testament: The Ten Commandments  
New Testament: Being Good Neighbors

Preparations for VBS 2004 are well underway. You can register children and sign up now to help with this wonderful event. This five-day experience re-living Bible times, events, occupations, relationships will acquaint children with their 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 Market Place and living in small family groups, they will grow in their relationship with God and Jesus Christ. They will learn some of the Jewish customs that were important to Jesus. Dramas of Bible stories will help children understand the Bible is about real people.

We will need family leaders, craft leaders, food preparers, and a variety of village actors. Please sign up on the form in the fellowship hall or talk to Stacey Straughn or Pastor Carol. Registration forms for children are available in the narthex.

We also need men's shirts (plain or striped) to make into children's costumes. There will be a workday on June 17, 7:00 pm, at the church to prepare craft items. We would welcome your help.

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## Choir Notes

June 13th will be the last Sunday for choir. We will fill the summer Sundays with special music (solos and duets), and we will be back as a group in September.

A Special Thanks to...

- ◆ Those who helped with our "May Gardening Days at the Church," moving shrubs, weeding, planting, fertilizing, mowing: Arnie Olson, George and Mardell Bauman, John Downs, Rosalie Gronka, Frank Shride, Dave and Nancy and Hunter Lillie, and Pastor Carol. Our church yard is shaping up very nicely. Special thanks to Rosalie Gronka for the stepping-stones between the Education Building and Pastor's Study and to Pastor Carol for the statue of Saint Francis of Assisi.
- ◆ To George and Mardell Bauman, Phil Fabel and Rosalie Gronka for church cleaning in May.
- ◆ To Worship Leaders Roger Downing, Keith Dyson and Joe Langowski.
- ◆ To Shirley Olson for special music.
- ◆ Scripture Readers Viola Bush and Nancy Lillie.
- ◆ To Keith Dyson for preaching while Pastor Carol was on vacation May 2 and Roger Downing for preaching while she was at the Clergy Gathering of the Orders Retreat May 23.
- ◆ Mardell Bauman for making chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day.
- ◆ Those who prepared the Mission Dinner May 16-- Roger and Janet Downing, Shirley Olson and Mardell Bauman.
- ◆ Sunday School teachers this year--Stacey Straughn, Janet and Roger Downing. Those who helped with Daffodil Cookies to sell on Daffodil Parade Day: Jean and Bob Wolford, Darlene Gilbertson, Shirley and Arnie Olson, Muriel Doolittle, John Downs, Linda Navarro and Dillon, Pastor Carol.

Please Pray for...

- ◆ Roger Downing as he attends seminary at Claremont in June and July.
- ◆ Mary Jo Walker with lung cancer.
- ◆ Those who have recently lost a spouse through death or divorce and are deeply grieving this loss.
- ◆ Theresa Downs is recovering from hip surgery.
- ◆ Denise Mabry, recovering from a car accident that left her very shaken and totaled her car, and this not long after Tricia's very serious car accident for which she still needs our prayers.
- ◆ Our orphan in the Congo, Benita Tshala.
- ◆ Pray for shut-ins: Louise Hause, Hazelle Wood, Dorothy Bosshart and Marilyn Johnson.

Congratulations!!!

- ◆ Keith and Cheryl Dyson have finally finished their house to the point that they can live in it--no more trailer living--yeah!

**It Is Time to Sign Up for Summer Camp**

Brochures are available at the church.  
Camperships are available. See Pastor Carol for information.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Budget for year	\$ 70,784.00
Needed monthly (average)	\$ 5,899.00
Receipts in April	\$ 5,578.00
Disbursements in April	\$ 6,531.00

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**Lectionary for June and July**

*June 6*

Psalm 8  
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

*June 13*

Psalm 5:1-8  
1Kings 21:1-21a  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

*June 20*

Psalm 42  
1Kings 19:1-15a  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

*June 27*

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
2Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

*July 4*

Psalm 30  
2Kings 5:1-14  
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*July 11*

Psalm 82  
Amos 7:7-17  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

*July 18*

Psalm 52 or Psalm 82  
Amos 8:1-12  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

*July 25*

Psalm 85  
Hosea 1:2-10  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-13

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Celebrating Birthdays in June

- 5 - Deana Reese
- 9 - Harrison Ford
- 17 - Elise Kirk
- 18 - Billie Braddock
- 22 - Phil Fabel
- 23 - Bette Scott



Celebrating Birthdays in July

- 1 - Brynn Zirkle
- 2 - Oralyn Fleming
- 4 - Anne Spangler
- 12 - Helen Larson
- 15 - Stacey Straughn
- 18 - Randy Larson
- 25 - Jeff Straughn
- 27 - Harlan Ford  
Jim Paschall
- 31 - Diane Kirk

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