



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 2003

The Continuing Story of Love

June is here--the end of the school year; the end of my fifth year as your pastor. But in our end is our beginning. June 8th is Pentecost, the birthday of the church. On Pentecost Sunday we will welcome new members into our church. We will give thanks that we can look forward to another year together in Christian service. Have you ever considered how being willing to serve is different than trying to help? That's what Dr. Rachel Remen said in a conference for hospice workers. She said that helping is based on inequality. We help people who are weaker than we are, or worse off than we are, and we help them because we are stronger. We believe we can fix things for them. When we are trying to fix someone, we are thinking of them as broken. This kind of judgment brings distance between us. It leaves them feeling guilty and indebted to us and over time leads only to burnout for us. On the other hand, if we serve someone we act out of our limitations, our weakness, rather than our strength. We bring our experience of weakness and woundedness and darkness to the person we serve because it helps us relate to their suffering. It is a relationship of mutuality and equality and is based on a belief in a power bigger than our own that is available to both the one serving and the one receiving. Service is the work of the soul. It leaves no one indebted to another person. If we serve, we are renewed and refreshed in the mystery of life and come to wholeness and healing in ourselves even as we encourage that in others. Pentecost is a time when we see that power of renewal at work through the Holy Spirit in each of us and the church. It is a time to give ourselves again to that life of service that asks us to reach deep within and to give out of the depths of our souls and our life experience until we are each rebirthed in God's love and the church is alive with holiness and awe and excitement about where God is leading us next. Such is the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,
Carol

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

By Cheryl Dyson

There will be three exciting concerts to entertain you this summer! All are on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm with refreshments provided. Come enjoy listening to vocal and instrumental music. Each concert will also include some favorites for audience sing-along. Join us for a great time! Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken for the choir fund.

- June 29 -- Gospel Concert
Lemonade and Ice Cream Social
- July 27 -- Classical Concert
Sparkling Cider and Dessert
- August 24 -- Contemporary Christian Concert
Soda and Snacks

TIME TO PREPARE FOR YARD SALE

by Mardell Bauman

We will begin pricing items on Tuesday, June 17, and Thursday, June 19, from 9:30-11:30 in the Education Building and continuing in this manner until sale time. Our sale dates this year are Friday, August 8, Saturday, August 9, and Sunday afternoon, August 10th. We need good reusable clothing and household items for our sale. Call George Bauman 253-845-9602 if you need things picked up. Pricing is fun, so plan to help make this major fund raiser a success!



by Cheryl Dyson

The choir has one more selection to share with you before we disband for the summer. Feel the fire and excitement of Pentecost when we sing a fun arrangement of "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" on June 8th. Don't miss it! Also, don't miss our summer concert series! We're hoping to raise money for new choir robes. Please support our music program here at Orting UMC, and invite your friends and family!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Shirley Olson

June will soon be upon us. The year is half gone and we must begin to plan for next year. The responsibility for paying the required health insurance premiums will be ours in a few short months. We must also make a decision to replace our five year old office copier or to continue to maintain our maintenance contract payments. This has to be done by the end of September. We have had to call for service on the machine more and more frequently every month, and waste more paper to get fewer copies. Cost for the copier would average about \$2,200. We are working to find the most economical and efficient model to meet the many needs of our church. We are sincerely looking for any input from the congregation and any donation will be greatly appreciated. Then Pastor Carol would not have to "blow the breath of life" into the machine each week to get the bulletin copied.

What is a father?

Being a male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero; disciplinarian; a friend; someone to look up to; someone to model ... someone with a touch of the "mother" in him; someone who is big enough to say, "The fault was mine" ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, "I, too, shall follow Him!"

—Dr. Alton Kaul

TRUSTEES

By Joe Langowski

You may have noticed that our beautiful "Good Shepherd" stained glass window is beginning to buckle near the bottom. We have had an expert look at the window and advise us about its repair. Rev. Dick Seiber is a retired United Methodist minister living in Tacoma. He has done this kind of work on the stained glass windows in Epworth LeSourd UMC. He tells us that a window like this usually needs to be re-leaded after 70 years because the lead loses its elasticity. Our window was installed in 1931. We are extremely happy that Rev. Seiber has agreed to take on this work for us. He will come on June 5 and, with the help of the Trustees, he will removed the window and take it to his shop to do the repair work. So, our sanctuary is going to look different for a while, until the window is completed. Maybe that will help us appreciate it even more when we get it back. Also, you may have noticed that the exterior paint on our church is peeling in some places. We hope to get a work party together this summer to do touch up painting, especially on the west side. I (Joe) will let you know when. You can let me know if you will be able to help.

MISSIONS

We have adopted a child in the Congo in partnership with the United Methodist Women's group. Her name is Benita Tshala and she is seven years old. We will pay \$393 to support her in Jaama Letu Orphanage for one year. You can see her picture on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you would like to go on a mission to Costa Rica there is still room on a team going from Eatonville UMC, led by Pastor George Lockwood. They will go July 22-August 2 and the cost is \$1250, which includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging, and almost all meals. The team will be building a church. They have room for 2-3 people to fill out their team. If you want to go, talk to Pastor Carol right away. Thank you to all who came to the mission dinner. Your donations came to \$220, which will go a long way to support our mission projects in the Congo, Mexico and in our own community. God bless you,
Roger

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Bette Scott, U.M.W. President

We met at Dorothy Bosshart's apartment for our May meeting. We had an enjoyable visit. We made plans for Mother's Day. We set the dates August 8 & 9th for our annual church rummage sale. We urge you to start collecting usable articles for this sale. We will meet June 4th at Mardell Bauman's home. We do not meet in July or August. Come join us.

A Special Thanks to...

- ◆ The Mission Committee: Roger Downing, George and Mardell Bauman, Vernon and Mary Lou Lewis, and Shirley Olson for a wonderful mission dinner with a Hawaiian theme on May 18. There were 31 people there and we raised \$220.
- ◆ Mardell Bauman for chocolate covered strawberries on Mother's Day.
- ◆ Shirley Olson for her diligence in working on copy machine repairs.
- ◆ Arnie Olson for lawn care.
- ◆ Youth Coffee House Volunteers: George and Mardell Bauman, Roger Downing, John Downs, Patti Chouery and Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Church cleaners for May: Roger Downing, Phil Fabel, George and Mardell Bauman, Mary Lou and Vernon Lewis.
- ◆ Cheryl Dyson, Denise Mabry and the choir for a year of good music enhancing our worship.
- ◆ Worship leaders in May: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Keith Dyson and Joe Langowski.
- ◆ Newsletter crew: Mary Jo Walker, Shirley Olson, Emma Ford, Liz Larkins and Joe.
- ◆ Phil Fabel for the donation of a vacuum cleaner for the church, since the switch on the old one broke.

Please Pray for...

- ◆ Elizabeth Starr who celebrates her first birthday May 28 and then begins a series of laser treatments on her cheek.
- ◆ Pat McMullen, brain tumor.
- ◆ Cathi Zirkle, brain tumor.
- ◆ Three year old Shyanne Phillips, recovering from surgery to remove the tumor in her stomach. She still has a rough road ahead with stem cell transplant to begin possibly in July.
- ◆ Noelle and Randy Mauer as they continue plans for adoption.
- ◆ Shut ins: Ernie Thompson, Louise Hause, Hazelle Woods, and Dorothy Bosshart.

Congratulations...

- ◆ Diane Kirk on her marriage to Steve Tomaso April 26.
- ◆ Doug Scott was recently recognized and awarded a medal of honor for military service in the Normandy invasion of WWII.
- ◆ Diane Kirk put on a wonderful surprise 75th birthday party for her mother, Alice Brown Pearson, in our church on April 19.
- ◆ Denise and Chet Mabry are the proud grandparents of Aliyah Kayt Clarke who was born to Trisha on Saturday, April 19th at 9:47 p.m. She weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 in. long.



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<http://gbgm-umc.org/ortingumc>

Congratulations to Harlan and Ethel Ford on their 67th wedding anniversary May 29.

Celebrating Birthdays in June

5	Deana Reese
9	Harrison Ford
17	Elise Kirk
22	Phil Fabel
23	Bette Scott
24	Rochelle Zirkle



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for year	\$ 62,244.00
Needed monthly (avg)	\$ 5,187.00
Receipts in Apr.	\$ 5,541.00
Disbursements in Mar.	\$ 6,379.22
Transfer from Savings	\$ 2,000.00

SUMMER CAMPING

Summer Camping brochures are here. There are a variety of camp experiences available for all ages at our United Methodist camps. Take a look and see if there is something of interest to you. We have some camperships available. Pick up a camp brochure in the fellowship hall-- now is the time to register for summer camp.

Please Note:

*There will be no newsletter published in July.
Deadline for the August newsletter will
be July 25, 2003.*

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VBS News

MARKET PLACE 29 AD: THE LORD'S PRAYER will be August 18-22, 9:00am to 12:00. This year we will be erecting a Tabernacle and making an Ark of the Covenant as we talk about the Ten Commandments. The story teller, Howard Pitts, will help the children learn the Lord's Prayer as they sit in the Tabernacle and feel the sense of history, worship and prayer come together. We will sing songs and dance around the well. At the Market Place a variety of crafts reminiscent of the times of Jesus will be available. Many helpers will be needed to make this a successful week--family leaders, craft workers, food preparers, a Roman soldier, tax collector, beggar, drama coach, registrars, games leader, and preschool helpers. We also need someone to play Jesus on Friday. Sign up sheets are posted in the fellowship hall. The following items can be donated to Vacation Bible School:

- ◆ Men's dress shirts--plain colored or striped.
- ◆ Flat plain sheets, king or queen sized.
- ◆ Plastic deli lids
- ◆ Old, useless keys
- ◆ Large flat buttons
- ◆ Empty paper towel tubes
- ◆ Inexpensive Costume jewelry you don't want anymore.
- ◆ We would like to borrow two large tents and one or two awnings.

A work day will be held Thursday, June 25, at 7:00 pm. Even if you can't help during the VBS in August, we would welcome your help on the work day. If you have questions, please talk to Stacey Straughn (360-893-1118) or Pastor Carol (360-893-2740).

June Lectionary

June 1

Psalm 1
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

June 8

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

June 15

Psalm 29
Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 22

Psalm 9:9-20
1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11,
19-23, 32-49
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 29

Psalm 130
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July Lectionary

July 6

Psalm 48
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 13

Psalm 24
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 20

Psalm 89:20-37
2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 27

Psalm 14
2 Samuel 11:1-15
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

