



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 2005

FROM THE PASTOR

We belong to a "Connectional Church." At this time of the year we are particularly aware of that as we prepare for the Annual Conference, the time when pastors are ordained and assigned to churches, when issues are discussed and positions taken, when great worship, preaching and Bible study undergird the work we take on in service to God.

But Annual Conference is only one part of the big picture. We belong to the General Conference, a national/international body that meets once every four years, and the Jurisdictional Conference, a regional body of the Western States whose major task is electing and assigning bishops.

In addition to these connections, just this year we formed an association with another connection—the East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist churches. Pastors and Lay Leaders of nine churches in our immediate area meet regularly to see how we can work together for effective ministry.

Several good events have come out of this: the Thanksgiving Eve Service and the Blue Christmas Service (both held in Orting UMC), the Choir Festival (held at Puyallup UMC), and Confirmation training (circulating between the churches). We are now planning a summer picnic and chili cook-off August 28 at 2:00 pm at Puyallup UMC.

Yet another kind of connection came through our mission trip to Montana and our renewed commitment to Benita Tshala, our orphan in Congo. We are greatly enriched when we reach out beyond ourselves, for as John Wesley said, "the world is our parish," and connecting with others to work for the Kingdom of God is what we are all called to in this CONTINUING STORY OF LOVE.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING

It has been several years since we made our last directory and it is badly out of date. June 14-15 the

photographer will be here to take our pictures. There is no obligation to you...except to show up to be photographed. Please be sure that you are included in our new directory. Call Nancy Lillie, 360-893-8519.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The last day of Sunday School before Summer vacation will be June 12. On that day the children will sing in worship. They will also be singing at the Soldiers Home prior to singing for our service.

We have been blessed this year to have four teachers. Stacey Straughn, Nancy Lillie, Janet Downing and Kim Kalina will be recognized and honored in worship this Sunday. We greatly appreciate their dedication and service to the children, to God and to our church.

Vacation Bible School brochures and registration forms are available in the fellowship hall. The theme is Market Place 29 AD: Along the Road with Jesus. The date is August 22-26. We are excited that Bonney Lake: Foothills UMC will be joining us again. We are looking forward to another great VBS.

If you can help please sign up on the form in the fellowship hall or talk to Stacey Straughn or Pastor Carol.

***ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL BE
JUNE 15-18 AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF PUGET SOUND IN TACOMA.
Pastor Carol and Roger Downing
will be attending from our church.***

MISSION CORNER

Roger Downing

The mission is, if you decided to accept it, to go forth into the world and experience other people and their cultures, to learn of the nature of God's interaction with all the peoples of the world. Sound romantic? Well, it is. New places, new people, a new set of rules to work by, a perfect setting to do God's will.

This was the fifth mission I have been on since I came to this church, and every one has its special meaning in my thoughts; this one is no different. The Black Feet reservation is a unique place to be sure. Nestled between the mountains of Montana by Glacier Park and the Great Plains, with Canada sitting on top. What a beautiful combination of God's handiwork for these eyes and the eyes of the mission team to behold.

We did good things there and made some friends at the same time: Bible school, construction work on the mission quarters, feeding the homeless, and we met some good folks of other mission teams from our eastern neighbors. The memories from these trips are lasting and reinforce the sense of connection with all the churches of the Methodist system, and help the needy at the same time.

These trips are necessary to renew our oneness with each other in God. The more we know about each other the less we find different in each other, thus the more we become one with God. There will be more about the mission on Sunday, June 12th at the mission dinner after worship. You will be able to ask each person about their experience in Black Feet Country. Please come and enjoy, and learn more about the mission. Maybe next time it will be you who will take flight on the wings of God's hope, and see for yourself the great mysteries that lie in store for anyone who will dare to seek.

FINANCIAL UPDATE as of April 30

Budget for year	\$68,165
Needed monthly (1/12 th of budget)	5,680
April Receipts	6,137
April Disbursements	5,890
Balance as of April 30, 2005	748
Deficit in Reserve Account	1,332

CHURCHES WORK TOGETHER FOR CONFIRMATION

Nine United Methodist churches in East Pierce County have been working together, pooling our resources for the things that we can do better together than we can do separately. One of those things is confirmation training for our youth.

Twice a month since last fall Alex Jones met with youth from the other UMC's for preparation to join the church. On Pentecost Sunday Alex was received into membership in our church service. Then in the afternoon she joined with youth from the other churches at Puyallup UMC for confirmation by Bishop Paup.

The hour and a half service was wonderfully moving. Bishop Paup's sermon was inspiring. A combined choir sang, and all the pastors who had taken turns in working with the youth participated in the service.

It is great to be a connectional church that works together to make things like this happen!

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE/JULY

June 5	Psalm 33:1-12, Genesis 12:1-9 Rom 4:13-25, Matt 9:9-13, 18-26
June 12	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Gen 18:1-15 Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 19	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Gen 21:8-21 Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39
June 26	Psalm 13, Genesis 22:1-14 Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42
July 3	Ps 45:10-17, Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Rom 7:15-25a, Matt 11:16-19, 25-30
July 10	Psalm 119:105-112, Gen 25:19-34 Romans 8:1-11, Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
July 17	Ps 139:1-12, 23-24, Gen 28:10-19a Rom 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
July 24	Ps 105:1-11, 45b, Genesis 29:15-28 Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52
July 31	Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

THANK YOU

To **Cheryl Dyson** for preaching while Pastor Carol was away on the Montana Mission trip. Worship Leaders in May—**Roger Downing, Muriel Doolittle, Keith Dyson, Denise Mabry** and **Nancy Lillie**.

Cheryl Dyson, Denise Mabry and the **Choir** for another wonderful year of good and inspiring music in worship, and for representing us so well at the Choir Festival. They will take summer off, resume in Sept.

Praise Music team: **Leigh** and **Sharon Starr, Keith** and **Cheryl Dyson** and **Pastor Carol, Nancy Lillie** for accepting leadership in putting together our new pictorial directory .

Cleaning the church in May—**George** and **Mardell Bauman, Karen Moroney, Rosalie Gronka, Phil Fabel**.

Yard work—**Arnie Olson**.

Flowers—**Rosalie Gronka, Muriel Doolittle, Mardell Bauman**.

Youth Coffee House volunteers—**George** and **Mardell Bauman, John Downs, Patty Chouery, Roger Downing, Pastor Carol**.

EDITOR NEEDED

Mike Perzel has resigned as newsletter editor so he can move back to Port Angeles. We thank him for the work he has done and wish him well in this move.

If you would like to be our newsletter editor, please contact Pastor Carol, 360-893-2740.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

Mackenzie Nicole Starr, born May 19. She weighed 7-1/2 lb and was 19-1/2 " long. Congratulations to proud parents, Leigh and Sharon. Mackenzie arrived three weeks early with some breathing problems, but she is home now and doing fine.

please pray for...

Thelma Hansen, home from the hospital but continuing to struggle with lymphoma and diabetes and other health problems.

Anne Spangler, out of the hospital but staying with her son.

Viola Bush, looking better each day as she continues to recover from her stroke. She now is getting around without the walker.

Roger Downing as he heads off to seminary in Claremont, California for his summer Course of Study to prepare for the ministry.

Our men and women in military service.

Shut-ins: **Louise Hause, Dorothy Bosshart, Lynn Johnson, LeRoy Bush, Rosemary Todd**.

Change of Address

Mary Lou Geels has moved to Merrill Gardens in Puyallup. Her new address is 123 – 4th Ave. NW, #222, Puyallup, WA 98371. Her phone number is 253-435-5435.

BIRTHDAYS

June

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

July

1 Brynn Zirkle
2 Oralyn Fleming
4 Anne Spangler
12 Helen Larson
15 Stacey Straughn
18 Randy Larson
25 Jeff Straughn
26 Harlan Ford
31 Diane Tomaso

Important dates to remember

June 14-15 Pictures will be taken for our new directory.
Call church office for an appointment if you don't yet have one.

July 18-21..School of Christian Mission in at TLC in Issaquah.

July 18-23 Jubilate Workshop on Worship and the Arts at Pacific Lutheran University.

August 4-6 Church Yard Sale

Thursday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. Pricing will be done every Tuesday and Thursday morning beginning at 9:00 from now until the sale.
Your help will be greatly appreciated.

August 13 United Methodist Day at the Mariners. Call office for information.

August 22-26 Vacation Bible School

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to Noon
Market Place 29 AD: Along the Road with Jesus

August 28 Picnic--East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches

At Puyallup UMC, 2:00 pm. Games, face painting, fun!
Barbecue and Chili Cook Off with Potluck Dinner

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