



Orting United Methodist Church

# The Messenger

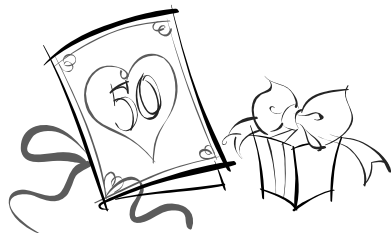


*A neighborhood church in the heart of the community*

*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.*

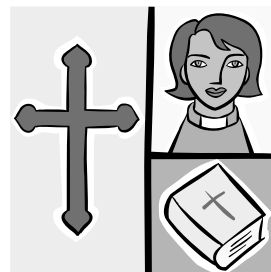
June/July 2006

June is the month of graduations, vacations, weddings...and Annual Conference. June 14-17, our lay member of the Annual Conference Roger Downing and myself will be at the University of Puget Sound attending the Conference. We will participate in moving worship experiences as we do the yearly business of the church—ordaining, appointing, retiring pastors; hearing reports from Bishop Paup, our District Superintendents and other leaders of the Conference relating to our ministry and mission; adopting budgets and programs.



A special focus of the Conference this year will be the fiftieth anniversary of the full recognition of ordination and clergy rights for women. Full clergy rights for women in the United Methodist Church were accepted in 1956. Still, it would be years before many churches had a woman pastor. I suspect there are several churches in our Conference who have not yet had that experience.

I was ten years old in 1956. I have been a Methodist all of my life. Yet I have never been a member of a church with a woman pastor. I had to become one to know fully what it is like. I remember hearing as a child arguments among some church leaders about whether or not it was appropriate. I remember hearing about some church members leaving to go to another denomination when a woman was appointed to their church.



I have been blessed to be pastor of OUMC where you have accepted me as your pastor and worked with me in doing the mission and ministry God is calling us to. I believe God uses the gifts of both men and women in leading the church forward in discipleship. Thank you for your part in this

Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

*Carol*

### Please Pray for:

- ◆ Billie Braddock, recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Gayle Stark in the hospital.
- ◆ Brian Kolar with serious sinus infection.
- ◆ Vonnie Ford in the hospital again.

### Financial Update

Budget for year	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$5756
Income in April	\$7512
Disbursed in April	\$6330

## Thank You

- ◆ To Cheryl Dyson for another wonderful season as choir director, and to Denise Mabry, our talented and willing accompanist.
- ◆ To those who helped on YARD CLEANUP DAY: Nancy, Dave and Hunter Lillie; Arnie and Shirley Olson, George Bauman, Sulmo and Carol Mariano, Rosalie Gronka, Janet Bjork, Frank and Ruth Shride, Stephanie and Mike Bettis, and Karen Moroney.
- ◆ To Rosalie Gronka for purchasing and putting in place the cement stepping stones between the office and Christian education buildings.
- ◆ Arnie Olson for mowing, thatching, raking, watering and overall lawn care.
- ◆ To church cleaners Muriel Doolittle and Rosalie Gronka.
- ◆ Worship leaders in May--Shirley Olson, Roger Downing, Keith Dyson and Stacey Nagy.
- ◆ Mother's Day Chocolate Covered Strawberries Janet Bjork.
- ◆ May Mission Dinner Shirley Olson.
- ◆ Office cleaning Karen Moroney.
- ◆ Newsletter editor Sharon Starr
- ◆ Newsletter mailing crew Annie Spangler and Margaret Eilers.

## Life Line Screening

Coming to OUMC June 12  
Our church will be the site for health screenings for stroke, coronary problems, aneurisms, and osteoporosis. These simple, low cost screenings are provided by Life Line Screening using ultrasound technology. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851 or visit web site [www.lifescreeing.com](http://www.lifescreeing.com) for information. Several of our church members have been through this screening and they highly recommend it.

## It's That Time Again

Got Forgotten Treasurers?  
Neat Stuff? Toys to Share?  
Kitchen Goodies? Good used clothes? Tools?  
Books?

Well, put them in a box or a bag and bring them to the church. If you have so many neat things and need a pick-up, we can handle that too!

We need your donations. We will begin sorting and pricing on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we need a few able hands to help.

Remember—we can't take used appliances, manual or computer equipment, and damaged overused furniture. It costs to get rid of it when the yard sale is over.

Shirley Olson 253-875-4248

## Vacation Bible School

### August 21-25

It's time to start thinking about Summer Vacation Bible School. It's not as far off as you think.

The theme for this year's Market Place 29 AD is "Jesus and the Kings." We will be looking at the judges and kings to see what Jesus might have learned from them--Judges Deborah and Samuel, and Kings Saul, David and Solomon. As in past years we will all wear costumes and do crafts reminiscent of the times of Jesus. We also will learn about the Jewish festivals that Jesus would have celebrated.

We will again be needing men's shirts (no bright colors or plaids) to make into children's costumes. We will also need tents and awnings. It takes the help of many adults and youth helpers to put this on. You might like to be a story teller, family leader, craft worker, kitchen worker, drama coach, preschool worker, games leader, song leader, dance instructor, animal tender, Roman soldier, tax collector, beggar, Jesus. If you can help, please call Pastor Carol (3600-893-2740) or Janet Downing (360-893-6508) or sign up on the sheets posted in the fellowship hall.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Where will your talents and interests take you today?



Scripture Reading



Special Music



Coffee House helper



Church cleaning



Mowing Lawn



Office Assistance

Please call the church office to express your interest in any of these areas.

360-893-2740

Do you have an idea that is not listed?  
Great let us know.