



Orting United Methodist Church

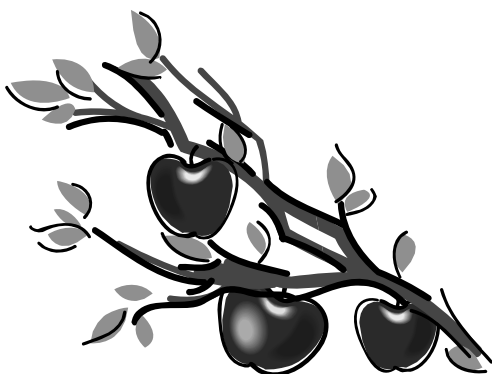
The Messenger



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.

March 2006



Her eyes were glued to the apple.

Blonde, curly haired Elizabeth was two and a half.

It was the first time she had come forward for children's time and she might not have come had it not been for the apple in his hand.

Roger, the storyteller was talking about how the apple is a miracle - a miracle of God!

I'm not sure she got the point. She didn't look all that involved, standing at the edge of the circle.

In fact, she turned and quietly lisped, "What's a miracle?" but the storyteller didn't hear her.

She may not know what a miracle is.

But she does know the feel of cool crunchy apple on inflamed gums,

And the sweet taste of juice on her tongue,

The happy feeling of apple in her stomach,

The smooth round shape of it in her hands,

And its bright redness.

At the end the storyteller handed her the apple

She grasped it happily in both hands.

Then we watched that miracle walk away.

She carried it all day and wouldn't even let her mother have it when she tucked her into bed.

Three days later she finally turned that apple loose and they ate it for lunch.

The apple is gone, but the miracle remains in this

Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

Carol

Sunday school report

February 27, 2006

The Sunday school teachers just recently made a new schedule through June 11, the last day before our summer break. This year's teachers are Stacey Straughn, Nancy Lillie, Kim Kalina, and Janet Downing. Jeffery Straughn taught one class. (Our youngest teacher yet, he did a great job!)

Our class is working its way through the Bible and is currently starting Chronicles 1 and 2. We're on schedule and should be finished with the Old Testament by June. We also memorize a verse and a vocabulary word each week. On March 5th, Nancy Lillie will begin teaching children's singing practice for Palm Sunday.

Janet Downing

Co-Chair Education

WELCOME

New Members

The following people joined our church on February 12, 2006.

Stacey Nagy and Sharla Bode

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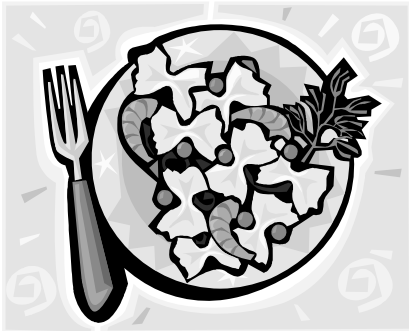
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Orting UMC in Mission

Our mission's luncheon in February was graciously hosted by Eloise, and Jane, two new members of our congregation, and Phil who has been with us for some years, and who participated in the mission trip to the Black Feet reservation last summer. The meal consisted of chicken and biscuits, green salad, cake and ice cream for desert. It was a delicious meal, and everyone had a good time. There were thirty people who participated in this month's mission lunch.

These luncheons are a very important part of the support for the church's mission, in and

outside the community. With out them a large part of the finance for missions would be lost, and vary important work would be left undone. It is of extreme importance for all to remember that those who give time to provide these meals for this good cause should be rewarded for there efforts by are participation and generosity in giving to the mission donation basket provided for your convenience. We have had medium to good participation in the past, let's make this year a banner year, by better participation in giving and participation. We are a small church and are limited to some degree on what we can do, but give what you can, those who are recipients of your generosity are truly thankful, I have seen it with my own eyes. God's work is never done, and we as disciples must keep working in everyway we know how to accomplish all that we can towards the goal of God's will. Remember, these meals are not just a meal, but the way to fulfilling God's promise to those who have lost there way and have fallen through the cracks of our society, we are not just paying for a meal, but accomplishing God's will.

Thanks for your continuing participation.

There has been talk of missions to Hawaii, possibly the south to help in the aftermath of Katrina, but nothing has been set, if anyone has a good idea, let us know and it will be put on the list for consideration, thanks to all.

Roger

Mission chair, and committee,
serving God and congregation.



New Paraments on the Altar

The new green and gold paraments on the pulpit and altar are a memorial gift in honor of Mardell Bauman.

The silk fabric was purchased by Pastor Carol in India and Ruth Shride did the sewing.

Thank You

Eloise Schinnell and Jane Miller, for preparing the Mission Dinner in February.

Church cleaners in February: Muriel Doolittle and Rosalie Gronka.

Worship leaders: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Cheryl Dyson.

Coffee House volunteers: Roger Downing, George Bauman, John Downs, Pastor Carol.

Office volunteer: Stacey Straughn

Newsletter editor:: Sharon Starr

Newsletter mailing: Annie Spangler and Margaret Eilers



Communities In Schools:

Communities In Schools of Orting is preparing for their spring auction March 24.

If you would like to contribute something or purchase tickets (\$40 each), please contact Pastor Carol.



Financial Report:

Budget for year	\$70,401
Needed monthly (average)	\$5,867
Receipts for January	\$6,984
Disbursements in January	\$5,279

Honor My Wishes

Dignity, Security, and Peace at Life's End

March 18, 1:00-2:30 pm

Dignity: Instruction and tools for completing a strong Health Care Power of Attorney and Directive to make choices for life-sustaining medical treatments known. Also encourages writing messages for loved ones to reduce their anxiety of making these difficult choices for you.

Security: Encourages preparing a will and provides pages for organizing financial affairs, ensuring this information is complete and easily accessible so loved ones can find and act in accordance with your wishes.

Peace: Provides help in planning cremation or burial arrangements and funeral or memorial service. Also includes pages for recording important family history and personal reflections on life.

Honor My Wishes is a volunteer organization committed to raising public awareness about end of life issues.



Emma Ford Honored for Service to the Church

Emma Ford has been church treasurer for about 40 years--she started while still in high school and has grown with the job. Now she is at a time in her life where she wants a change. We hate to see her go--she does a fine job--but we have to admit that she deserves a break. John Downs has graciously consented to take on the job, at least temporarily. We will have a special day to honor Emma in worship on March 5th.

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Lenten Schedule

Lenten Events begin with a meal together (donation) at 6:00, followed by a Lenten activity. We close with a special TAIZE service of meditation and prayer.

The schedule is:

March 1	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
March 9	6:00 pm	Lenten Event 1
March 16	6:00 pm	Lenten Event 2
March 23	6:00 pm	Lenten Event 3
March 30	6:00 pm	Lenten Event 4
April 6	6:00 pm	Seder Meal
April 9		Palm Sunday
April 13	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
April 16	6:30 am	Sunrise Service
	7:30 am	Breakfast
	11:00 am	Worship



March Lectionary

March 5 1st Sunday in Lent

Psalm 25: 1-10
Genesis 9: 8-17
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15

March 12 2nd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 22: 23-31
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Romans 4: 13-25
Mark 8: 31-38

March 19 3rd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 19
Exodus 20: 1-17
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
John 2: 13-22

March 26 4th Sunday in Lent

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
Numbers 21: 4-9
Ephesians 2: 1-10
John 3: 14-21



March Birthdays

Mike Perzel	7
Nancy Lillie	9
Monique Barteaux Michelsen	15
Greg Zirkle	31

