



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 2009

Lent is upon us and we are into the study of John Wesley's Three Simple Rules for Christian Living. Last Sunday evening some of us went to Puyallup UMC for the kick off event with Bishop Grant Hagiya speaking. The Bishop helped us gain an understanding of Wesley's approach to the church and how we fit into it. His focus was on the importance of continuing study and growth in faith, with different levels of accomplishment and learning reflected in the way the church was put together in Wesley's day. We have gotten away from that, not wanting to alienate people by requiring too much of them, according to Bishop Hagiya. He believes we may have gone too far and we need to get back to more formalized instruction in the United Methodist church.

You might not think that Three Simple Rules lends itself to that approach, but in the introductory video, Rueben Job, the writer of the study

talks about how the rules of doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God have differing levels of meaning. They easily can be appropriated by young children, but as we go through life these rules take on deeper and deeper significance and continue to challenge us. It is like receiving on the computer a file that has been compressed. You have to have a program that will "unzip" it to see what the file really contains. What does it mean to do harm, after all? Or good, for that matter? Circumstances, interpretations, life experience come into play, with competing demands. That's why we meet together as Christian people to discuss how the rules apply and to challenge each other to grow in faith and in faithfulness, so we might live more completely the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol



- ☞ Worship leaders in Feb--Denise Mabry and Cheryl Dyson.
- ☞ Communion preparation and altar paraments--Eloise Schinnell and Jane Miller.
- ☞ Supplemental church cleaning--Rosalie Gronka and Beverly Gonzalez.
- ☞ Office help--Sue Fletcher.
- ☞ Newsletter mailing--Cheryl Riehl, Sue Fletcher, Greta Gleydura. Labels--Emma Ford. Editor--Sharon Starr.
- ☞ Youth Coffee House workers in Feb--George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura, Pastor Carol.
- ☞ Dave Lillie for yard work.
- ☞ To Cheryl Dyson for writing a song, "Three Simple Rules," to go with our Lenten study. This was introduced at the Bishop's gathering for the EPCC on Feb 22 and was a great hit.

Thank You and Congratulations!

Cheryl Dyson wrote a song called "Three Simple Rules" to be used in conjunction with our Lenten study by the same name. The song was introduced by Cheryl at the East Pierce County Circuit of UMC's event with Bishop Hagiya on Feb. 22, Puyallup UMC. It was enthusiastically received and several of the churches asked for copies so they can use it during Lent.



Congratulations

Jason and Alicia Chase have announced that they are expecting a baby.



Prayers

- ☞ Betty Degeberg, on chemotherapy.
- ☞ Helen Larson, receiving therapy after a stroke.
- ☞ Bette Scott, pneumonia.
- ☞ Keith Dyson, kidney stone.
- ☞ Catherine Sorensen, recovering from hip surgery.
- ☞ Mark Bigelow, esophageal cancer.
- ☞ Shut-ins: Margaret Eilers, Harrison Ford, Helen Larson, Howard and Jean (Webster) Pitts, Anne Spangler, Rosemary Todd.



Change of Address:

Margaret Eilers has moved to a new facility in Sumner.

Her mailing address is PO Box 1095, Orting, WA 98360

(her son is taking care of her mail).



John Downs will be in Jail...

...to raise money for muscular dystrophy. Go to web site

<https://www.joinmda.org/09Puyallup/johndowns> to see a picture of John in jail and see how you can donate to the cause.

Youth Group completes Pray Scout Program

We had five youth who met all the requirements to receive God and Duty patches: Jeffrey Straughn, Allan Straughn, Hunter Lillie, Spencer Ripley and Ryan Dildine. Their patches were awarded in the worship service Feb. 22.



The group decided to continue meeting and will be doing a Lenten youth study on Wesley's Three Simple Rules.

One Great Hour of Sharing

March 22nd

We will be taking a special offering on March 22 to support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief--UMCOR. Through this offering our congregation will join United Methodists around the world to support humanitarian aid and disaster relief. We can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering, the United Methodist Church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, will be in the lead to ease the pain. Please give your support to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.



March Birthdays

- 3 Dave Lovelace
- 9 Nancy Lillie
- 13 Stacey Nagy
- 15 Monique Michelsen
- 19 Beverly Gonzalez



Lectionary

March 1st

1st Sunday in Lent

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

March 6th

Word Day of Prayer

March 8th

2nd Sunday in Lent

Girl Scout Sunday

Daylight Saving Time begins

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

March 15th

3rd Sunday in Lent

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

March 22nd

4th Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing

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

March 29th

5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: 1-12
Hebrews 5: 5-10
John 12: 20-33

Missions

Greta Gleydura

Our Project in Chehalis helping Heather & Kendrick to rebuild their house is coming along very well. She has just gotten approval on all the sheet rock and plastering and is now ready for painting. We are carpooling down on February 28 to start painting. Everyone is welcome to come if you need a ride we can arrange it, just talk to Greta.



We voted at our meeting to give Heather \$200.00 dollars to help with furniture as she lost almost everything, We hope it will help them.

The mission dinner for March 15 is going to be prepared by John Downs, Jason & Alicia Chase We will all be looking forward to that Yum Yum.

Thank you to those who went down to Chehalis Feb. 7 to do sheet rocking--Greg and Cheryl Riehl, Barbara Morrison, Dick Ford, Barbara Hansen, Mark Gleydura, Dave Lovelace, George Bauman, Bob Carper, Mary Roden, John Downs, Patty Chouery, and Pastor Carol. We also had four people from Puyallup UMC working with us, and we accomplished more than we had thought possible. On February 28, Beverly Gonzalez and Pastor Carol joined with three from Light of the Hill UMC to do painting. The next step will be installing floor coverings. If you have expertise in this area, please let Greta Gleydura know.

United Methodist Women

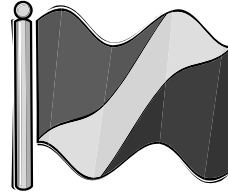
The UMW reports that the hat and glove drive for the Tacoma Community House collected in Feb:

- Gloves--16 pair
- Hats--4
- Earmuffs--5
- Scarves--5
- Socks--15 pair



Personal toiletries will be collected during the month of March. **Toothpaste, toilet paper, hand soap, bath soap, deodorant** (men & women), **shampoo, lotion** (hand & body), **feminine hygiene products.**

Please place them in the box in the fellowship hall. Thank you all for your support of this project.



Letter from Hope for the Children of Africa

(This is one of the mission projects supported by the Orting UMC).

Jambo and Asante Sana: In Swahili these words mean "Greetings" and "Thank you."

That's what the children at the Jamaa Letu Orphanages would say to you if they were able. Since the first Jamaa Letu building for the girls was constructed in 2001 in Lubumbashi, D.R. Congo, with funds from the PNW Conference, there has always been the question, "What about the boys?" Now with our support there is an answer--Jamaa Letu 2" Boys' Orphanage Building. We are so thankful for your financial support of this new building that will be built. As of the end of 2008, about a third of the needed funds were received by the conference office. A portion of that was sent to Lubumbashi to begin construction of the foundation during the rainy season when it is easier to do the digging. Additional funds will be forwarded as they are received and as the contractor proceeds. Thank you for your contribution to this project. And thank you for your continuing prayers for this project and entire ministry in the Congo.

Marian Zaske

Bishop's Task Force on Hope for the Children of Africa.

Financial Update

Budget for 2009 General Funds	\$82,634
Needed monthly (average)	\$6886
Received in Jan.	\$5424
Disbursed in Jan.	\$7488

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Sunday School Food Drive

Thank you to all who contributed to the Sunday School food drive. We delivered 76 pounds of food to the Orting food bank on Feb. 25.



Lenten Schedule

Lenten Events

every Thursday evening during Lent

March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2

Simple supper 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Craft 6:45 - 7:15 pm

Study of Wesley's Three Simple Rules
for Christian Living 7:15 - 8:00 pm

Closing worship with Taize 8:00 -
8:15 pm



Seder Meal

March 29th following
church on Sunday

A remembrance of the
Passover and acknowledgment of our
roots in Judaism



Maundy Thursday Service

April 9, Thursday 7:00 pm

A re-enactment of the Last Supper in the
Upper Room

Sunrise Service

April 12, Sunday 6:00 am

Beginning in the church yard and
processing into the church

Easter Sunday Celebration Worship

April 12, Sunday 11:00 am



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