



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.

May 2003

The Continuing Story of Love

We have just come through a wonderful celebration of Holy Week and Easter! As I reflect on that, I think of how many of you contributed your skills, talents and gifts to help that happen. I think of how each of you is important--extremely important--to the ongoing working of the Body of Christ. Nobody can take your place--the place uniquely created for you by God--in the total scheme of things. It brings to mind the following story. At an international seminar held in Australia, Aboriginal speaker Eddie Kneebone explained the sense of importance his people were able to impart to their children when they still lived "in the old way on their land." A feeling of insignificance or despair leading to suicide - all too common today among young adults - was unlikely then because of a unique custom: At a certain predetermined time, a young person would be solemnly entrusted with a secret piece of knowledge-information that could prove vital to the tribe's survival. It might be the location of a hidden waterhole in one area of their territory. It might be the medicinal powers of a certain plant. No one else in the tribe would be given that piece of important knowledge and when the time came, this young person would be expected to contribute it for the welfare of all. "Imagine," concluded Eddie, "what a sense of importance and belonging this custom gave our young people. Each of them had a unique place; each had an undeniably important role to play. Self-esteem and a sense of personal worth were the great benefits of this Aboriginal custom-long before any psychologist told us about these elements of healthy growth!" Perhaps the best things we can do as Easter People is to open our eyes to see what we have to offer for the good of all, to let ourselves be used by God, and to let others know how valuable they are to the well being of all in the realm of God.

Shalom,
Carol



VBS Planning

PLANNING AHEAD FOR SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Market Place 29 AD: The Lord's Prayer" will be the theme for our Vacation Bible School this year. The dates are August 18-22. We could use your help to begin to collect items we need:

1. Men's shirts--we will be removing sleeves, buttons and collar. The shirts should be plain or striped (no plaids).
2. Flat bed sheets--plain white or pastel colors without patterns, preferably king or queen sized.
3. Useless keys.
4. Clear plastic deli lids.

As in previous years, we will need many people to help put on this program, including family leaders, crafts people, and youth helpers. This is a big production for us, but a lot of fun. Leaders as well as participants come in costume. If you would like to help, contact Stacey Straughn, Roger Downing, or Pastor Carol.



by Cheryl Dyson

The choir is winding down for the season, but look for a special music concert series coming up this summer to raise money for new choir robes, since we don't have enough robes of the same color for all the choir members.

ESTATE PLANNING

Have you ever thought of leaving a portion of your estate to Orting United Methodist Church? The process is as simple as a sentence or two in your will or estate plan. There are brochures in the fellowship hall, entitled "Memorial Giving" with information to help you plan your giving to the church.

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.

A safe haven

Don't ride in automobiles; they cause 20 percent of all fatal accidents. Don't stay at home; 17 percent of all accidents occur in the home. Don't walk on the street or the sidewalk; 14 percent of all accidents happen to pedestrians. Don't travel by air, rail or water; 16 percent of all accidents happen on these.

However, only 0.001 percent of all deaths reported occur in worship services. Therefore, the safest place for you to be is in church. Sunday school is also relatively safe.



The birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States. On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

Lectionary for May

- May 4 Psalm 4, Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48
- May 11 Psalm 23
Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
- May 18 Psalm 22:25-31
Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
- May 25 Psalm 98
Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17



VISIT OUR CHURCH

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

We are now posting the newsletter on the website.

A Special Thanks to...

- ◆ Church cleaners in April: Roger and Janet Downing, Phil Fabel, George and Mardell Bauman, Vernon and Mary Lou Lewis.
- ◆ Yard work and lawn care: Arnie Olson.
- ◆ Office help: Stacey Straughn, Shirley Olson, and Mary Jo Walker.
- ◆ Newsletter mailing: Mary Jo Walker, Shirley, Emma Ford, Thelma Hanson, Anne Spangler.
- ◆ Worship leaders: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Shannon Scott and Joe Langowski.
- ◆ Coffee House Volunteers: Roger Downing, George and Mardell Bauman, John Downs, Patti Chouery and Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Praise Music team: Leigh and Sharon Starr, Cheryl Dyson, Shannon Scott, Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Sunday School teachers: Stacey Straughn and Janet Downing.
- ◆ Adult Bible Study leader: Joe Langowski and Pastor Carol
- ◆ Daffodil and Easter Cookie baking and decorating: John Downs, Muriel Doolittle, Shirley Olson, Rosalie Gronka, Janet Bjork, Jeanne Wolford, Darleen Gilbertson, Stacey Straughn, Mary Jo Walker, Thelma Hanson, Joan Cook, Bea Lewis, Frank and Ruth Shride, and Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Deana Reese and Greg and Rochelle Zirkle for obtaining daffodils to put on the cross and to Muriel Doolittle for putting them on, with her daughter's help.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday Drama participants: Keith Dyson, Roger Downing, Sulmo Mariano, Leigh Starr, Frank Shride, Jim Paschall, Joe Langowski, John Down, Arnie Olson, Jeff Straughn, Patti Chouery, Jan Paschall (lights) and Denise Mabry (narrator).

Please Pray for...

- ◆ Pat McMullen, brain tumor.
- ◆ Cathi Zirkle, brain tumor--doctors decided to do surgery even though they had first said the tumor was inoperable. The tumor has now been removed and Cathi is waiting for further treatment.
- ◆ Doug Scott's knee replacement went well and he is back up and around. Thank you for your prayers.
- ◆ Bette Scott is having laser eye surgery for glaucoma.
- ◆ Shyanne Phillips (3 years old) is having her last chemo treatment for stomach cancer and will have surgery to remove the tumor in May. If everything goes well, this will be followed by a stem cell transplant in July.
- ◆ Joe Bates is now receiving hospice care in his battle with lymphoma.
- ◆ Marti Buckholtz, George and Mardell's daughter-in-law's sister, had successful surgery for lung cancer and she thanks you for your prayers.
- ◆ Noelle and Randy Mauer ask for prayers in the adoption process. The baby they were hoping to adopt was kept by the birth parents, so Noelle and Randy have to start over.
- ◆ Shut ins: Ernie Thompson, Louise Hause, Hazelle Woods, and Dorothy Bosshart.

Thank You for the Easter Music...

- ◆ To Cheryl Dyson and the choir for three wonderful Easter anthems, including Handel's Halleluiahs Chorus--great job!
- ◆ To Denise Mabry for accompanying the choir.
- ◆ To Leigh Starr and Cheryl Dyson for trombone and trumpet accompaniment to Easter hymns.
- ◆ To Judy White for great organ playing.
- ◆ To Cheryl Dyson and Judy White for organ/piano duet.
- ◆ To Judy Cash for vocal solo on Palm Sunday.
- ◆ To Pastor Carol for vocal solo on Maundy Thursday and harp solo at the Sunrise Service.
- ◆ To Judy White for vocal solo at the Sunrise Service.
- ◆ To Cheryl Dyson and Pastor Carol for vocal duet on April 27.

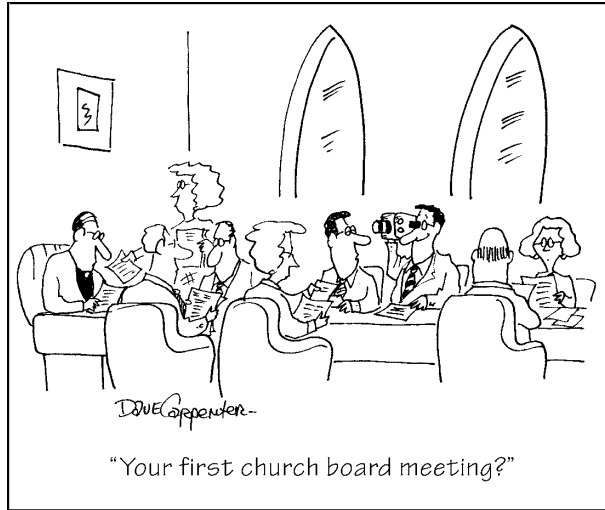
Celebrating Birthdays in May

9	Janet Bjork, Corey Roberts
11	Sulmo Mariano
15	Mary Jo Walker
17	Muriel Doolittle
19	Les Spangler
28	Vernon Lewis



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for year	\$ 62,244.00
Needed monthly (avg)	\$ 5,187.00
Receipts in Mar.	\$ 5,153.00
Disbursements in Mar.	\$ 6,436.00



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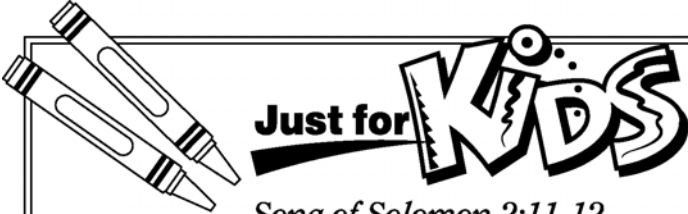
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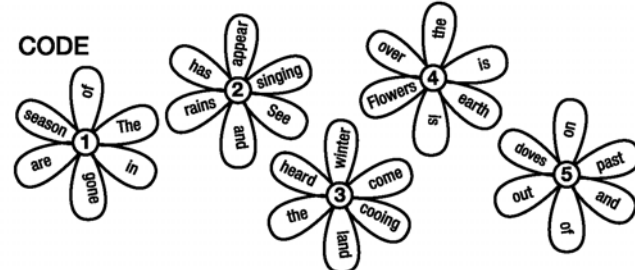


Just for KIDS

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Find the beautiful springtime words from Song of Solomon.
Use the flower code to fill in the blanks.

CODE



Flower 1: season, are, 1, The, in, and
Flower 2: rains, has, 2, singing, pure, appear
Flower 3: heard, the, 3, winter, land, come, cooling
Flower 4: over, the, 4, is, earth, Flowers, as
Flower 5: doves, on, 5, past, and, out

“ _____ ! _____ ;

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Answer: "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooling of doves is heard in our land."