



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.

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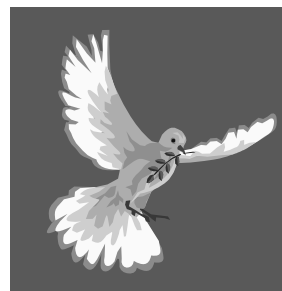
Are you the kind of person who jumps out of bed the minute you wake up? I have heard there are people like that and I am happy for them, but I'm not one of them. I wake up slowly, savoring the return of energy to mind, body and spirit.



The same may be true for many of us at Easter. We want to rejoice and experience resurrection life with Christ in a moment. We want to rise up with him out of the things that zap our strength, that keep us down--the things that lead to death. But it doesn't happen in a moment. Slowly, little by little, we open ourselves to the changes Christ is making in our lives. We enjoy those changes, we embrace them and incorporate them into new self understanding that makes our relationships more fulfilling, our attitudes more generous, our lives richer and fuller in spiritual awareness and responsiveness to God.

Well, surprise! Easter doesn't end in one shining moment of glory. Christ comes in various ways to various people in those days following Easter, equipping them to move forward in carrying out his ministry and mission to the world. That is why we have the Fifty Great Days of Easter, as it is called ~ the time between Easter and Pentecost when the disciples slowly wake up to what it means to live a resurrection life. According to the gospel of Mark that means going back to Galilee, where they started so they can regain a sense of their initial call and remember the claims it

placed on them. According to the gospel of John, it means "feed my sheep," or, in other words, reach out to others to share with them what Jesus has taught you. For Thomas, it is stepping away from doubt and holding onto a belief that fills you with hope. For Mary Magdalene, there is the assurance of an abiding love. For all of them, it rests on the peace of Christ filling their hearts and minds.



So, I invite you to savor these Fifty Great Days of Easter, looking for appearances of the risen Lord around you ~ in our church, in your relationships with others, in the depths of your own soul. Look for the risen Lord reaffirming your call to live as a child of God, strengthening your hope for a fresh start and a new day, encouraging you to help others, and nourishing your soul with peace. This is what it means to live the

Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

Carol

Thank You

- ❖ To all who helped make this a wonderful Lenten and Easter Season.
- ❖ Karen Weismiller for being in charge of food for the Seder Meal and to those who contributed food items.
- ❖ Those who participated in all of the Maundy Thursday service as disciples and readers: Keith Dyson, Brian Wells, John Downs, Phil Fabel, Sulmo Mariano, Frank Shride, Bob Wolford, Jerome DeRousse, Bill Jean Stevens, Ruth Shride, Cheryl Dyson, Nancy Lillie, Sharla Bode, Stacey Nagy, Janet Downing, Denise Mabry, and Susan DeRousse.... And special thanks to Roger Downing for making and carrying the cross during the Maundy Thursday service.
- ❖ Special Easter music: Cheryl Dyson, Denise Mabry, Judy White, Pastor Carol and the choir--plus those who came up and joined in singing the Halleluiah Chorus.
- ❖ Nancy Lillie for directing the children's choir on Palm Sunday and for being in charge of the children's Easter Egg Hunt.
- ❖ Easter cookie bakers and decorators: Muriel Doolittle, Rosalie Gronka, Jean and Bob Wolford, and Pastor Carol.
- ❖ Jerome and Susan DeRousse and Cheryl Dyson for putting daffodils on the outdoor cross. To John Downs and Arnie Olson for putting up the crosses. To Muriel Doolittle for securing the daffodils. To Gregg Zirkle for donating them.
- ❖ Janet Bjork and Shirley Olson for cooking Easter breakfast.
- ❖ Viola Bush for paying for extra tuning of the piano for Easter.
- ❖ To April worship leaders Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Keith Dyson and Leigh Starr.
- ❖ Roger Downing for preaching April 23.

- ❖ Muriel Doolittle and Rosalie Gronka for church cleaning.
- ❖ Karen Moroney for cleaning church office.
- ❖ John Downs and Arnie Olson for stripping and waxing the fellowship hall floor.
- ❖ Arnie Olson for lawn care.
- ❖ Dave and Nancy Lillie for yard work and planting flowers in sign planter box.
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- ❖ Newsletter editor Sharon Starr, mailing crew Margaret Eilers and Anne Spangler, label preparer Emma Ford.
- ❖ Coffee House volunteers John Downs, Brian Wells and Pastor Carol.
- ❖ Arnie Olson for putting up office signpost.



Baptism

Taylor Rayne Moerer

Daughter of Tricia Moerer,
Grand daughter of Denise Mabry

Baptized April 30



Please Pray for:

- ❖ Arnie and Shirley Olson in the death of Arnie's sister.
- ❖ Billy Jean Stevens who suffered a minor stroke April 22.
- ❖ Billy Braddock, undergoing medical tests.
- ❖ Shut ins Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels, Rosemary Todd.



Financial Report

Budget for year	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$5,756
Income in March	\$4,648
Disbursements in March	\$5,996



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.lifelinescreening.com for information. Several of our church members have been through this screening and they highly recommend it.



Spring Yard Clean-Up Day!

We will have a Spring Yard Clean-Up Day at the church on Saturday May 13th. We will be starting at 9:00 am until we are done. Bring your own tools or we will have some for those who need them. Lunch will be provided by the UMW. If you have yard recycling and can take some home let us know. It would be a big help.

Nancy Lillie
(360) 893-8519



Sunday School Report

Our children's choir directed by Nancy Lillie sang on Palm Sunday, then earlier that same day, they sang at the Soldier's Home. They had been working hard practicing for several weeks and did a great job. Then, on Easter Sunday, we had an Easter egg hunt with candy stuffed inside the bigger eggs and the smaller eggs had a scripture inside. The kids were rewarded with a prize for finding a particular scripture in the Bible. All the kids found their scripture in the Bible and had a lot of fun in the process. We are still working our way through the Bible and just finished the book Ezekiel. So far, we have had 14 vocabulary words. Our latest words are: *Lamentations*—funeral songs, *Psalms*—poetry written to praise God, and *Bible*—the writings of the old and new testaments. The new Bibles given to the Sunday school children by the United Methodist Women are being put to good use and are much appreciated.

Janet Downing



Choir Festival

Mark your calendars! The East Pierce County Circuit Methodist Choirs are having a festival on Sunday, May 21st.

Join us at Puyallup UMC for a potluck dinner at 5:45pm and a concert at 7:00pm. It's a great evening of fun, fellowship, and music.

Don't miss out!

Cheryl Dyson
Choir Director

May 4th is the National Day of Prayer

"Whereas, The Governor of the State of Washington in recognition of a Joint Resolution of the Congress of the United States on April 17, 1952, setting aside an appropriate day as a National Day of Prayer; and

"Whereas, said Governor recognized that the history of our nation is indelibly marked with the role that prayer has played in the lives of individuals and the nation; and

"Whereas, it is further recognized that historically our greatest leaders have turned to prayer in times of crisis and thanksgiving; and

"Whereas the virtues of prayer reflect a common bond, hopes and aspirations, sorrows and fears, remorse and renewed resolve, thanks and joyful praise, and love;

"NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Orting, Washington do hereby proclaim May 4, 2006 as the DAY OF PRAYER. /s/ Cheryl M. Temple, Mayor

In keeping with this proclamation from our mayor, several churches in Orting will be participating in a Round the Clock Prayer Vigil beginning in our church on Thursday, May 4, at 6:00 pm with a worship service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Carol. We will pray for the needs of our community, our city, our nation and our world. The Prayer Vigil will continue all night Thursday at our church and all day and all night Friday at River's Edge church. It will end with a rally in the Orting City Park at 10:00 am Saturday. You can participate by signing up for an hour of prayer on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall--or call the church office to sign up. We hope to have at least four people praying in the church throughout the time set aside for this. Materials will be provided to help you.

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