



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 2007

Tanya Barnett & Tom Wilson are members of our PNW Annual Conference Stewardship Committee. They write a regular email column called "Radical Gratitude," which I often find stimulating. In the most recent article they wrote that the early church treated every day between Easter and Pentecost as if it were the Sabbath.

Imagine what that would be like. We would all come to church for worship and praise and prayer every day. We would live each day in service to others and respect the holiness of creation in every moment. We would value each other deeply, expecting to see Christ standing among us at any moment. We would live as if Christ were right here in the room with us, now. It must have been exciting to live in such times--no nit picking, no selfish clinging to things, no one-up-man-ship, but simply appreciating the glorious presence of God and building each other up in love.

Typically this is not what happens in our churches. Easter tends to be a high point after which people fall away until Mother's Day or maybe even September. I recently read a church sign that said, "In order to meet your ongoing worship

needs, we will remain open between Easter and Christmas."



The church is open because we all need to come to worship, we need to be together in Christian community and gain strength from each other, especially as we face the tragedies of the Virginia Tech killer, Baghdad bombings, threats of contaminated water. Coming to church puts us in touch with holiness and helps us continue to hope and plan and work for a better world.

This is the Continuing Story of Love...



You are welcome!

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- Dave and Nancy Lillie, Ruth and Frank Shride, and George Bauman for weeding around the church.
- Arnie Olson, yard care.
- Rosalie Gronka and Muriel Doolittle, supplemental church cleaning.
- Karen Moroney, cleaning church office.
- Worship leaders in April: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Angela Downing, Stacey Nagy.
- Praise Music Team: Cheryl and Keith Dyson, Nancy Lillie, Pastor Carol.
- Liz Larkins and Margaret Eilers, newsletter mailing.
- Sharon Starr, newsletter editor.
- Coffee House: John Downs, George Bauman, Nancy Lillie, Pastor Carol.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES NOW FORMING

This is for those who will be in 6th grade or higher in the Fall.

The East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches will host an information meeting on Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am to noon, at Summit United Methodist Church to propose a fall schedule and outline the requirements for confirmation. If you are considering attending confirmation next year, please make plans to attend this meeting with at least one of your parents. See pastor Carol if you have questions.

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES ARE HERE

Now is the time to register for summer camp. Early registration (reduced price) cut off is May 1. Online registration closes one week prior to the start of the camp you are registering for. The United Methodist Church owns camps at Indianola (Bainbridge Island), Lazy F (Ellensburg), Ocean Park, and Twinlow (North Idaho). Some campership money is available. If you are interested contact Pastor Carol.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Gayle Stark, recovering from surgery.
- Brian Kolar, personal problems and loss of job.
- Josh Holubz, Emma's grand daughter's husband, recovering from a serious wound received in Iraq.
- Phil Fabel, as he moves his church membership to Auburn where he now lives and works.
- Margaret Eilers, as she moves into Stafford Suites Retirement Home in Sumner.
- Our shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels, Anne Spangler, Rosemary Todd, Harlan and Ethel Ford, Harrison and Vonnice Ford.
- Our men and women in military service.
- Our nation and its leaders.



Lectionary

May 6th

5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148

Acts 11:1-18

Revelations 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

May 13th

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Festival of the Christian Home

Psalm 67

Acts 16: 9-15

Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22:5

John 14: 23-29

May 20th

7th Sunday of Easter

Heritage Sunday

Psalm 97

Acts 16: 16-34

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17: 20-26

May 27th

Day of Pentecost

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8: 14-17

John 14: 8-17 (25-27)

Volunteer Opportunities

Where will your talents and interests take you today?



Scripture Reading



Coffee House helper



Church Cleaning



Yard Work



Office Assistance



Special Music

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.

May Birthdays



May 7	Cheryl Riehl
May 9	Janet Bjork
May 11	Sulmo Mariano
May 14	Michael Bettis
May 17	Muriel Doolittle
May 19	Mackenzie Starr
May 24	Karen Moroney
May 25	Brian Kolar
May 28	Elizabeth Starr
May 28	Vernon Lewis
May 29	Greta Gleydura



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited about plans for VBS this year. We will be doing the Market Place, with a focus on the Lord's Prayer. Dates are August 13-17. Helpers are needed. Please sign up in the fellowship hall to be a family leader, craft leader or to help in one of the other areas. Also, we will need tents and awnings and men's shirts (used) to make into children's costumes. Summit UMC is going to join with us this year and they have been coming to planning meetings.

ESPRESSO DRAMA

The Spring production of Espresso Drama is "The Treasure of Huckleberry Ridge (or... Hey, Jude), a melodrama, dinner theater. Performances will be May 18 and 19 at Ptarmigan Ridge school. Ask Nancy Lillie for more information.



COME TO THE CHOIR CONCERT MAY 6

Remember what a great time we had last year at the Choir Concert! It's coming up again, May 6, 7:00 pm at Puyallup UMC. Choirs from each of the eight United Methodist churches in our cluster group will offer an anthem and then all will join together in a mass choir for three pieces. Our choir will be singing "Elijah Rock." We hope you will come to show support for our choir and our church...plus having a great evening of music with friends.



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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for 2007	\$74,958
Needed monthly (avg.)	\$6247
Receipts in March	\$6498
Disbursements in March	\$8235

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JUBILATE SUMMER FESTIVAL ON WORSHIP AND THE ARTS

Every summer our United Methodist Pacific NW Conference offers an opportunity for people to come together for a week to learn about and experience inspiring worship in a retreat setting. Workshops are offered in several areas including choir, music, scripture reading, dance, preaching, altar design, hand bell ringing, banner and stole making, responding to scripture with art, the labyrinth, use of technology in worship.



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his year Jubilate will be at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane July 23-28. Pastor Carol is dean and she would love to have you come to Jubilate this year. You can find out more about it by visiting the website www.gbgn-umc.org/jubilate/ or pick up one of the bright pink Jubilate information cards in the fellowship hall.

Hope for the Children of Africa Task Force Pacific Northwest Conference

Bishop Elias Galvan created the PNW Conference Hope for the Children of Africa task force in 1998. Since that time, nearly \$600,000 in funds have been donated through conference-wide fundraising efforts. Working in partnership with the South Congo Conference our PNW Conference has:

- Built Jamaa Letu orphanage - a safe, loving home for up to 60 girls orphaned from war or AIDS
- Dug a well for fresh water at Jamaa Letu and installed a generator to produce electricity (replacing candle use at night)
- Provided a fair wage and a secure job for staff persons at Jamaa Letu
- Assisted local church outreach with feeding programs for street kids
- Provided medical treatment and food in refugee camps
- Worked with the Women's Development Center, training key village leaders in nutrition, family planning, sewing, gardening and more
- Repaired and helped complete school buildings and churches
- Shipped two 40-foot containers filled with medical equipment, medicines, books, clothing, computers, gardening tools, blankets, toys, and more
- Purchased pews for a new church in South Congo conference
- An official adoption agency is now in place to process girls from Jamaa Letu for legal adoption

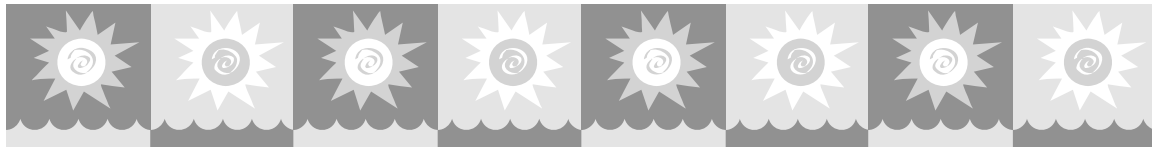
As many of you remember, Orting UMC helped send Roger Downing as our short term missionary to Jamaa Letu in the Congo. Our church was greatly enriched when Roger brought back pictures and stories of his experiences there. We also hosted a singing group from the Congo and had a wonderful afternoon with them. An offering will be received at Annual Conference this June to go towards the PNW Conference continuing work with Jamaa Letu orphanage. Donations will be received between now and June 10 to go to Hope for the Children of Africa.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE TO BE BUILT BY WOMEN - WOMEN BUILD IV

All women are invited to participate in building a Habitat House in Tacoma. Building will begin in mid-May, and finish in early August. This group will be a mixture of church women and not, some with construction experience, and most with limited to no experience. We will be building on Saturdays, starting on May 19th, and then on June 28th we will add Thursdays and Fridays to the schedule. Habitat for Humanity is founded on biblical principals and devotions will be a part of each work day.

"This will be our 4th Women Build project - the previous three were tremendously successful. We have a LOT of fun!" says Alison Paradise, Team Leader.

Pastor Carol has registration forms and more detailed information, so talk to her if you are interested in participating in this very worthwhile mission project.



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