



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 2008

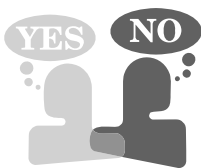
"Come let us reason together,"

Isaiah 1:18

In the book of Isaiah, this scripture is an invitation from God for the people to be in conversation with God so that things can be set right. God wants us to bring the entirety of our thoughts and lives into communication with God in worship and prayer.

This scripture is also a call to us to be in conversation with each other about faith and life issues. People don't just naturally agree on everything. In a democracy, we believe in hearing all sides of an issue and working toward closer agreement and/or growth. I recently came across this anonymous quote: "Consensus makes democracy possible. Dissent makes democracy meaningful."

There are two ways to deal with differences. 1) One side takes control, either through manipulation or force, and the other side gives in. 2) Both sides approach the issue on equal terms, listening and discussing the issue with a spirit of negotiation so that a solution is reached that satisfies both sides. Methodists are a conciliar people. That means we believe in being in dialogue about issues and working together toward new and creative solutions. That's why we do what we call "holy conferencing." This is the season of holy conferencing in our



church. The General Conference (all of the UMC's in the US and some from other parts of the world) is now in session. The Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest UMC's will meet in June in Moscow, Idaho. The Jurisdictional Conference will meet in July in Portland. All of these conferences are a way of us being in dialogue about the meaning of our faith and beliefs as United Methodists.

These conferences are extensions of what goes on in our churches as church members honestly try to address our differences. We need to reason together--you and I--about how we can best be the church God wants us to be. We need to let each other know when we disagree over things said from the pulpit or in meetings or even informally. We need to care enough to listen, not to pull away or become defensive. At times this is uncomfortable, but the power of God's love can help us through the discomfort and bring us to a better place. By trying to understand different points of view we can work together toward the best solution for all.

"Come, let us reason together,"

...in the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

In Loving Memory

Mary Lou Geels

passed away April 2. The family thanks you for your prayers and the many kindnesses shown to them.

Marie Brittin

passed away March 23. Her service was at Puyallup UMC April 19.

Ethel Ford

passed away April 28. Her Memorial Service will be May 5, 2:00 pm at the Orting UMC.

Julian B. Santos, Jr.

retired pastor, died April 24, 2008 while in the Philippines with his spouse Angelina D. Santos. A Memorial service will be held Saturday, May 3, 2008, 10:45 am at Bryn Mawr UMC, 8016 S. 116th St, Seattle, WA 98178. Rev. Santos served Orting UMC 1989-1993.



Our Church Family in Prayer:

- Randy Larson, hospitalized after a fall, and Helen Larson, with Alzheimer's.
- Terry Lewis' heart valve repair surgery went well. Vern and Mary Lou are staying with him in Virginia until June.
- Brian Kolar, job search.
- Georgia Strauss, recovering from a back injury after a fall.
- June Berk, having treatments for bone cancer.
- Muriel Doolittle's 32 year old grandson in law passed away leaving a wife and two young daughters.
- Billy Lou Braddock and Billy Jean Stevens as they move to Tacoma.
- Our men and women in military service.
- Shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Rosemary Todd, Ethel Ford, Harrison Ford, Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers.

Our Church Family in Thanks:

- Dave Lillie for lawn care and yard work.
- John Downs, weeding and updating fire extinguishers and exit lights.
- Worship leaders in April: Denise Mabry, Keith Dyson and Michael Bettis.
- Markus Dennis for preaching April 27.
- Eloise Schinnell, Jane Miller and Catherine Sorensen for cooking the Mission Dinner in April.
- United Methodist Women for all their hard work on the Memorial and Funeral Services. Note: the UMW wishes to thank the family of Harlan Ford and Mary Lou Geels for their gifts in memory.
- Liz Larkins and Greta Gleydura who helped mail out the April newsletter, Emma Ford, for preparing mailing labels, and Sharon Starr, newsletter editor from afar.
- Coffee House Workers: George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura and Pastor Carol.

General Conference

The **General Conference of the United Methodist Church** is now in session in Fort Worth, Texas. Delegates from all over the US and from some other parts of the world as well gather to make decisions about how we operate as a church. This conference is held only once every four years. If you would like to find out what is happening go to <http://www.pnwumc.org/generalconference> **Jurisdictional Conference** will be meeting in Portland, Oregon July 16-19. The main purpose of this conference is to elect and assign bishops. Two new bishops will be elected this year in our Western Jurisdiction. We will have a new bishop in our Pacific Northwest Conference as of September 1, since Bishop Paup is leaving to become the head of the General Board of Global Ministries in New York.

Lectionary

May 4th

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Festival of the Christian Home

Acts 1: 6-14

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

John 17: 1-11

May 11th

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

John 7: 37-39

May 18th

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

May 25th

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 49: 8-16a

Psalm 131 or Psalm 62: 5-12

1 Corinthians 4: 1-5

Matthew 6: 24-34



April 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

Planning is Underway

Date: August 18-22

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Theme: Market Place 29 AD:

Disciples of Jesus



If you would like to help with planning, come to our meeting May 6, 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

We need your help to make this a successful event.

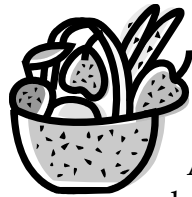


Confirmation Sunday

Jeffrey Straughn has been participating in confirmation training with the East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches. There are about 30 youth in the group and they have been meeting once a month since last fall. On May 18, 7:30 pm, they will be confirmed in a service of worship at Puyallup UMC. Bishop Paup will preach and our District Superintendent will also participate. We encourage you to come to this service to show your support for Jeffrey and to hear Bishop Paup. Jeffrey will be received into membership in our church June 8th.

Food Fight

Fighting Hunger One Meal at a Time
June 15-July 13



Remember how we were the top givers in the EPCC food fight last summer? Let's do it again. All food given through our church goes to the Orting Food Bank.

Dual District Training Event

May 17, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Place: Puyallup UMC

Sponsored by the Seattle and Tacoma Districts and the EPCC

Theme:

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- Intentional Faith Development
- Extravagant Generosity

What: A variety of workshops for church leaders, from administrative tasks and missions to Bible study and prayer. A registration fee of \$15 covers workshops and lunch. See Pastor Carol for information and registration.

National Day of Prayer



The city of Orting is again supporting National Day of Prayer on May 1. Several Orting churches are joining together for a prayer service 6:30-8:30 pm on Thursday, May 1, in the

Orting multi-purpose center.

Representative Jim McCune will be the guest speaker and there will be a combined children's choir. Over the following week the churches will each take a day to cover for 24 hours of prayer.

Participating groups are Abundant Life, Gatekeepers, Orting Christian Church, Orting Community Baptist, Orting Christian Business and Government, Reunion Church, River Chase, River's Edge, Saints Cosmas & Damian, and Orting United Methodist Church.

The Methodist day of prayer is Tuesday, May 6. Sign up times are from 12:00 am to 11:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the church. You may sign up there or call the church office or Mark Gleydura (360-893-0099). You can pray at home or at work--wherever you are. Or you may come to the church. We will have the sanctuary open for prayer during that time and will have prayer resources available to you.

Congratulations to the Choir



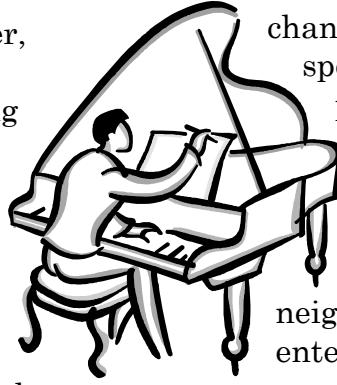
...on a beautiful presentation at the Choir Festival in Puyallup April 27. We had a wonderful day of music by the choirs of the East Pierce County Circuit of UMC's each singing their own anthem and then joining to sing five anthems together. In addition there was a great organ and piano duet by Miki Craighead and Suna Chung of the Puyallup UMC. Thank you, Cheryl Dyson and Denise Mabry and all the members of the choir.

Famous Pianist to play Concert in our Church May 3.

Saturday afternoon
May 3 4:00 pm

John Nilsen, pianist, guitarist, vocalist, composer and co-producer, one of the largest selling musical artists in the Northwest, is coming to Orting to do a piano concert in the Orting United Methodist Church. He is sandwiching us in between gigs in Olympia and at Seattle's Benaroya Hall.

Born in Seattle in 1956, he began studying classical piano at the age of six. He now lives in Oregon where he founded the Magic Wing recording label in 1987. The label has a catalog of thirteen successful titles,



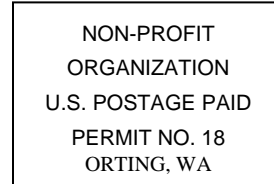
all having international distribution. Nilsen is an innovative performer who creates an intimate repartee with his audience: "As a performer, I like exploring beyond the boundaries of my

recorded songs. It gives me the chance to offer something special, spontaneous and personal to my audience.

The entire performance hinges on the connection with the audience."

Invite your friends and neighbors to come and hear him entertain us and carry us to new heights of musical experience. (No charge but a freewill offering will be received.)

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