



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 2009

A few months ago Shirley and Arnie Olson attended a workshop in Yakima on the small church. They came back enthused about what they learned. Sometimes we worry about being small, and we certainly would like to be using our facilities and resources fully. But what Shirley and Arnie were told at the workshop is that small can be good. If you are small, celebrate that and do what you can do to the best of your ability. We do many things well here at Orting UMC. In these difficult times we are responding to needs around us through use of the Pastor's fund to help those in desperate straits. We give food to the food bank regularly because of your weekly donations. We are helping homeless people in downtown Tacoma with our donations to the Tacoma Community House. We have done excellent work to help Heather

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Loose rebuilt her house that had been flooded in the Boistfort Valley. Some of our members have given above and beyond what they have ever done before, either financially or by giving of their own time and energy to help someone else find a new lease on life. I am overwhelmed, humbled, overjoyed at your generosity. This is what the church is supposed to be doing, with each person bringing what they can offer for the good of others. If I listed names, it would include all of you. We can only help one person at a time, but by helping the individuals God brings into our hands, we do our part to contribute to good will in the world. Thank you for being active in the...

Continuing Story of Love...

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

Thank You

- ☞ Those who were disciples in our Maundy Thursday service--Dave Lovelace, George Bauman, Sulmo Mariano, Mike Bettis, Mark Gleydura, Greta Gleydura, Brian Wells, Jerome DeRousse, Susan DeRousse, Hunter Lillie, Christopher Underwood, and Cheryl Dyson.
- ☞ Larry Guinn and his helper, Dawn Orden and Angie Tague, for preparing Easter breakfast for both services. It was delicious!
- ☞ Cheryl Dyson, Denise Mabry and the choir for special Easter music with handbells.
- ☞ Worship leaders in April--Denise Mabry, Keith Dyson, Cheryl Dyson, and Mike Bettis.
- ☞ Dave Lillie for weeding and mowing the church lawn.
- ☞ Larry Guinn for new flowers in the planter under the church sign and for providing lilies for Easter.
- ☞ Rosalie Gronka for supplemental church cleaning, altar flowers, cookie baking.
- ☞ Sue Fletcher for secretarial help.
- ☞ Mission Dinner for April--Eloise Schinnell and Jane Miller.
- ☞ Beverly Gonzalez for special music on her saxophone in worship on April 19.
- ☞ Patti Chouery for her strong leadership of our youth group.
- ☞ Newsletter mailing--Eloise Schinnell, Jane Miller and Beverly Gonzalez. Label preparation--Emma Ford. Newsletter editor--Sharon Starr.
- ☞ Youth Coffee House workers in April--George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura, Beverly Gonzalez and Pastor Carol.

Sunday School Youth to lead Worship

Our youth are hard at work to prepare for leading worship on May 31, Pentecost Sunday.

Prayers

- ☞ Wayne Olson, Arnie's brother in the final stages of ALS.
- ☞ Betty Degeberg, struggling with cancer.
- ☞ Jean Hart, having chemotherapy.
- ☞ Beverly Gonzalez in her new living arrangements with the Dysons.
- ☞ Lauren Peterson, Beverly Gonzalez' friend with brain cancer.
- ☞ Gail Bigelow in the passing away of her husband Mark from esophageal cancer.
- ☞ Lila Lee in the passing away of her cousin Ramona (Mona) Hanson.
- ☞ Catherine Sorenson's fourth try on her hip replacement seems to have gone well. Thanks be to God.
- ☞ Janet Bjork is doing much better after her bout of MRSA that caused painful swelling in her legs and feet.
- ☞ Don Stebbins, Pastor Carol's brother, lost a finger when the car he was working on fell off the jack, crushing his hand.
- ☞ All who were impacted by the murder of the five Harrison children and suicide by their father. We had a small candlelight service in our church to remember them on April 8.
- ☞ Shut-ins: Margaret Eilers, Harrison Ford, Howard and Jean (Webster) Pitts, Rosemary Todd.

In Memoriam



Helen Larson passed away April 14. Her service will be at the Puyallup UMC May 9.

Congratulations

To Roselyn Robertson on the baptism of her son, Thayer Kia Robertson, on April 19 in our church.

Lectionary

May 3rd

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:13-24

John 10: 11-18

May 10th

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8

May 17th

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

May 21st

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

May 24th

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

May 31st

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 24-34

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27. 16: 4-15

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?



Birthdays

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



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