



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.*

November 2003

## The Continuing Story of Love

Covenants are agreements we make that come from our heart. They are based on what we consider important in our life and by keeping them we build for ourselves relationships of lasting value. We are familiar with the covenants of marriage, of baptism. We may also make friendship covenants or neighborhood covenants.

When we join the church we covenant to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts and service. This is a spiritual and biblical covenant reminding us how we are responding to the covenant God made with us in Jesus Christ. It is a promise we make to God. I'd like to suggest that we look at that covenant in more detail. As we begin to look towards 2004, there are six areas we might consider for making specific promises.

We might covenant to:

1. Attend worship a certain percentage of the year.
2. Participate in some kind of learning experience such as Bible study.
3. Share our spiritual gifts with others in a specified means such as teaching Sunday School, being a worship leader or scripture reader, visiting those who are ill, taking part in a prayer chain.
4. Serve others by a specified ministry or mission such as taking on an official position or becoming a mission volunteer, helping with the youth coffee house, food baskets, adopt-a-family.
5. Reconcile a broken relationship.
6. Be a faithful steward of our material gifts by pledging our support for the ministry and mission of our church.

By keeping these covenant promises we all become major players in the CONTINUING STORY OF LOVE.

Shalom,  
Pastor Carol



It is once again time to prepare for our annual mission project of donating food to families in our community who need our help. We will begin now to collect various food items weekly in order to be ready to put the donations together to be picked up on November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

If you know of anyone in our community who needs assistance with food during this holiday season, please tell Stacey Straughn or Mardell Bauman.

Here is a list of items we would like to have donated:

**Week of Nov. 2:** Bottled Salad Dressing, Canned Vegetables, and Canned Fruit.

**Week of Nov. 9:** Gravy Mix Canned Cranberries, Hot Chocolate or Spiced Cider Mix.

**Week of Nov. 16:** Stuffing Mix, Jell-O (fruit flavors), Canned Yams, and Olives.

**Week of Nov. 23:** Hard Candy (bagged), 10 lb. Bag of Potatoes, Fresh Apples.

Please feel free to bring any items at any. The above list is mainly a guide line. Donations may be placed in the Succoth.



## **ALL CHURCH (CHARGE) CONFERENCE** **November 20, 7:00 pm**

This is our annual meeting with District Superintendent Dan Smith in which we celebrate the work we have done together in 2003. We also elect officers for 2004 and adopt a budget. Everybody is welcome to attend and I think you will find it most informative.

Note: All church officers please turn in your written reports by Nov. 10.

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### **United Methodist Women**

*by Bette Scott*

We started our fall meetings after a beautiful summer. We helped with a successful rummage sale. We had a speaker on "Helping Hands House". It is a program to help homeless families. There are several in Orting. We discussed our Holiday Basket giving. We have our Talent Table ready. Come and see what we have.

Respectfully,  
Bette Scott U.M.W.



### **Remember the faithful believers**

Many denominations celebrate November 1 each year as All Saints' Day. It is a day when we recall those who have died in the faith throughout history.

Obviously there would be no Christianity without faithful disciples of Christ who have held fast to their faith in good times and in bad. There have been countless martyrs who have died witnessing to the love of God and the saving grace of Christ. And sad to say, in some parts of the world, Christians are still persecuted and even slain for their beliefs.

Take time to think of our Christian heritage, and remember with thanksgiving those who have held fast to their faith no matter what.

### **Succoth Booth**

By Muriel Doolittle

It's time again for the Succoth Booth or display of autumn produce and flowers. It forms the backdrop for our collection for the food baskets at our church. The name Succoth comes up eleven times in the Bible, each time denoting a place, and we find the place to be thirteen miles east of Jordan. One time it refers to a stall that Jacob built for his castle. This year we used apples, pears, wreaths of cones, grapevine, and herb called Santolina, colored leaves from the churchyard, pumpkins and squash, dried corn and ivy. The lattice belongs to George Bauman. Please remember to bring food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

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### **We honor our veterans**

On Veterans Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America's quest for world peace and our nation's desire for justice and freedom throughout the world — our nation's higher goals.

Veterans Day is actually rooted in Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies met with German leaders to sign a truce ending World War I. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decided that our nation should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor those who served in the military. He called the holiday, Armistice Day. Armistice means "truce."

In his proclamation the president wrote that Armistice Day was an "opportunity ... given to America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The name Armistice Day was kept until 1954 when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day remembering the sacrifices of veterans and "the task of promoting an enduring peace."

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### **The first Thanksgiving day**

Heap high the board with plenteous cheer,  
and gather in the feast.  
And toast the sturdy Pilgrim band  
whose courage never ceased.  
Give praise to the All-Gracious One  
by whom their steps were led,  
And thanks unto the harvest's Lord  
who sends our daily bread.

—Alice Williams Brotherton

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A Special Thanks to...

- ◆ Those who installed siding and scraped and painted the west side of our church: Roger Downing, George Bauman, Arne Olson, Joe Langowski, and John Downs.
- ◆ Roger Downing for finishing the deck.
- ◆ Shirley Olson for procuring our new copy machine for the office--what a blessing!
- ◆ Church cleaners in Sept/Oct: roger and Janet Downing, George and Mardell Bauman, Mary Lou and Vernon Lewis, Phil Fabel, Ruth Shride.
- ◆ Leigh Starr and Roger Downing who preached while Pastor Carol was in Australia on vacation.
- ◆ Worship leaders: Keith Dyson, Denise Mabry, Joe Langowski, and Roger Downing.
- ◆ Stained glass window work: George Bauman, Frank Shirde and Rev. Dick Seiber.
- ◆ Roger Downing, Vernon Lewis, Phil Fabel and Sulmo Mariano. for replacing the leaking water line for the parsonage.
- ◆ Coffee House Workers: George and Mardell Bauman, John Downs, Roger Downing, Muriel Doolittle, Patricia Chouery, Pastor Carol.

Please Pray for...

- ◆ Five month old Rhiannon Arjona as she continues recovery from open heart surgery.
- ◆ Four year old Shyanne Phillips. She has recovered from the stem cell transplant and is now getting ready to start the next stage of her treatment.
- ◆ Les Spangler having radiation and chemo for lung cancer.
- ◆ Mary Jo Walker is looking good after her radiation treatments for lung cancer. She may start chemo soon.
- ◆ Marilyn Johnson, dealing with COPD (lung disease).
- ◆ Roy Gronka, degenerative arthritis and other complications.
- ◆ Mary Apple, who is in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's.
- ◆ Billie Braddock, who is recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Eric Markstrom, who has a staph infection.
- ◆ LeRoy Bush, recovering from surgery and just diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.
- ◆ Dorothy Bosshart, who is rapidly losing vision due to macular degeneration.
- ◆ Phyllis Rudnick, who has uterine cancer.
- ◆ Benita Tshala, our adopted orphan in the Congo.
- ◆ Noelle and Randy Mauer who are trying to adopt.
- ◆ For our shut-ins: Ernie Thompson, Louise Hause, Hazelle Woods, and Dorothy Bosshart.

In Memoriam..

- ◆ Condolences to the family of Cathy Zirkle, who passed away from a brain tumor September 19.

Congratulations...

- ◆ John Moody and Patricia Chouery who were married in our sanctuary September 2.

Welcome!

- ◆ Kirsty Farnes, our new nursery attendant.

Birthdays Celebrated in October

- 4 Arnold Olson
- 9 Doug Scott
- 10 Liz Larkins & Thelma Hansen
- 13 Meaghan Oakes
- 16 Jan Paschall
- 20 Cheryl Dyson
- 30 Jeffrey Straughn

Celebrating Birthdays in

- 6 Joe Langowski
- 15 Janice Peterson
- 20 Allan Straughn
- 21 Joyce Mickelsen
- 27 Ethel Ford



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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Budget for year	\$ 62,244.00
Needed monthly (avg)	\$ 5,187.00
Receipts in Sept.	\$ 4,829.00
Disbursements in Sept.	\$ 5,894.00

Total General Fund receipts  
for the year as of 9/30/03 \$48,368.00



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November Lectionary

November 2	Psalm 146 Ruth 1:1-18 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
November 9	Psalm 127 Psalm 42 Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
November 16	Psalm 113 1 Samuel 2:1-10 1 Samuel 1:4-20 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
November 23	Psalm 132:1-12 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
November 30	Psalm 25:1-10 Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

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# Thank You, Lord

Make place mat collages for everyone in your family. Use the place mats for Thanksgiving dinner or any other meal.

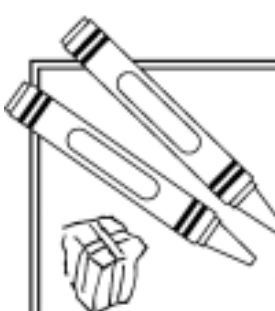


### You will need:

- construction paper (approximately 12" x 18")
- old magazines
- scissors
- glue
- clear contact paper

### How to make place mats:

- Cut out words and pictures from the magazines. Choose things that you are thankful for.
- Arrange them on the paper and glue them.
- Cut a piece of clear contact paper a little bigger than the construction paper.
- Place the contact paper over your collage and smooth it down.
- Fold the edges under so they stick to the back.



# Just for KIDS

## Psalm 107:1

*Fill in the blanks with words that match the descriptions. Transfer the letters to the boxes below. Read the verse from Psalms.*

Shape that symbolizes "love" \_\_\_\_\_  
 31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking \_\_\_\_\_  
 12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow \_\_\_\_\_  
 28 42 7 8 27 37

A present \_\_\_\_\_      Something a girl wears \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 32 20 11      19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room \_\_\_\_\_  
 40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound) \_\_\_\_\_      To take a long walk \_\_\_\_\_  
 34 17 41 30      14 2 9 38

A high body temperature \_\_\_\_\_  
 45 50 49 48 42

Equipment used to build or fix things \_\_\_\_\_  
 13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea \_\_\_\_\_      Home for a bee \_\_\_\_\_  
 10 23 46 51 4      6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

106; Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.