



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 2004

The Continuing Story of Love

As you may know, from time to time our church has worked with our neighboring United Methodist churches of Sumner and Bonney Lake (Foothills) for programs such as Confirmation, Youth Events, and a Christmas Cantata. Two months ago we entered into a more formal and larger relationship with a cluster of UMC's including Orting, Sumner, Bonney Lake, Puyallup, Light of the Hill, Summit, Milton, Spanaway, Parkland, and Eatonville. We call ourselves the East Pierce County Circuit. This is because there are some things we can do together better than we can do them separately. Also, this is a way to expand program offerings, so we can meet more needs of our church people.

Our cooperative endeavors at this point are:

- Confirmation training--meeting monthly on Saturday mornings rotating among the participating churches, beginning November 6.
- Handbell Choir practicing every Monday night at 7:00 pm at Puyallup UMC.
- Blue Christmas Worship Service the Saturday afternoon before Christmas at Orting UMC. This is a Christmas service for people who experience loneliness and sadness during the holiday season related to loss or absence of a loved one. The worship service is designed to address those emotional needs and reaffirm the love of God for those who are suffering.
- Thanksgiving Eve Service at Orting UMC on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm. We plan on having a joint choir and hearing the first public performance of the EPCC Handbell Choir.

I hope you will come to this Thanksgiving Eve Service. It will be a great way to get to know our UM neighbors and to prepare ourselves for the celebrations of Thanksgiving Day.

Shalom,
Pastor Carol



THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By Mardell Bauman

I awakened to frost on the rooftops here in Puyallup, and also to thought that Halloween is only a few days away. And then my mind turned to the fact that the Holidays are closer than we think. It has been our tradition here at OUMC to give to families or individuals in need so they too may give thanks for a real Thanksgiving meal. So once again I'm asking you to give out of the love in your hearts to God's children who are less fortunate, that they too may celebrate the holidays knowing God cares for them through the generosity of the people in our church.

Please bring listed food items, and or money so we can purchase a food certificate from Safeway whereby each family may purchase their favorite meat and dessert. Baskets must be ready to be picked up on Sunday November 21 and December 19.

If you know of anyone deserving of a basket we would like to know. Please call Pastor Carol or Mardell Bauman (253-845-9602).





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Muriel Doolittle

United Methodist Women met on the first Wednesday in October with a good turn out of members, but there's always room for more. Better Scott read a devotional prayer and Joan Cook led in devotions. Business included:

Setting up a Visitation Group. They have made two monthly visits to shut-ins. Anyone in the church is invited to go on these visits. Just come to the church at 10:00 am on the third Wednesday of each month.

The Talent Table is doing great and there are special items of interest--so take a look. Thank you Stacey Straughn for the home canned tuna, Rosalie Gronka for the blackberry jam, and to all others who have contributed items.

A Bell Choir at Puyallup UMC is asking for members. What an opportunity! Call Pastor Carol for information. Our church is blessed with special music--a fabulous choir, new (to us) organ, a harp, and talented soloists for voice and instruments. Let's have hand bells.

After lunch the group learned to carve a salad-table goose from an apple as seen by a member at Seattle's Space Needle. Helen Larson will give devotions on Nov. 3.



WHAT IS A PRAYER CHAIN?

By Muriel Doolittle

For those not familiar with a "prayer chain," it is a list of people who contact the next in line on their list when someone requests a prayer. That means as many as 15-25 people could be praying for you and yours.

Please contact Muriel Doolittle, 253-848-3781 or Pastor Carol 360-893-2740 when you would welcome prayer OR--when there is good news such as winning the lottery, birth of a child, new car or a prayer answered. Prayer does take patience.

PLEDGE TIME IS HERE!

Shirley Olson

Time is approaching for us to begin to set financial goals to meet the needs of our Church and congregation. This is the time we must all join together to financially support our programs with our pledges. Remember, on November 15th we will dedicate those pledges and ask God's blessing for all who have so diligently supported our Church. With your help the coming year will be a year full of programs that touch each of us and those in the community who look to the church for guidance and help.

Thank you for all you have done during the past year. Your financial gifts and your gifts of time and talents have continued to make our Church the rich and growing congregation that we are.



From the Editor

As we approach Thanksgiving, I find myself grateful for many things; the changing color of the trees, the joy that small children bring to our lives, and the love of God who has made me aware of the many blessings every day living can bring. It is with this attitude that I want to thank Pastor Carol, Stacey Straughn and the people of Orting United Methodist Church. Five years ago I found myself in an unfamiliar part of the country looking for a place to fit in. The church has always been a place of refuge for me and Orting United Methodist Church was no different. I approached Pastor Carol to see if there was anything I could do to help. I was not working outside of the home and wanted to find some purpose for myself. Needless to say, I had a lot of time on my hands. Carol was gracious enough to ask me if I would be the editor of the newsletter. Well, here I am 5 years later, with 2 small children, living back in the Midwest (yes, I moved from Washington, to northern California, to southern California and back to Illinois and continued to publish The Messenger) and feeling as though I have fulfilled a responsibility I could not have ever imagined. What a privilege it has been to be part of the ministry of your church. But now I feel that it is time to move on and let someone else take over this rewarding job. Starting next month, Mike Perzel will become the new editor of The Messenger. I am leaving the newsletter in good hands. Thank you so much for letting me be part of the life of Orting United Methodist Church. It is a memory I will cherish forever.

Blessings to all of you,
Noelle Mauer

A Special Thanks to...

- ◆ To the Choir and Cheryl Dyson and Denise Mabry for the Festival of Hymns in worship on October 24. It was a great day of celebrating our United Methodist heritage in hymnody.
- ◆ Muriel Doolittle for setting up the Sukkoth Booth to receive food donations for Thanksgiving Baskets.
- ◆ George and Mardell Bauman, Roger Downing and Phil Fabel for church cleaning in October.
- ◆ John Downs, Bob Gardella and Arnie Olson for church painting.
- ◆ Arnie Olson for installing the handicap parking sign and for yard work.
- ◆ Leigh Starr for being the mc for our Talent Show. It was an evening of fun and fellowship. Performers were Mike Perzel, Roger Downing, Nancy Lillie, Hunter Lillie, Christopher Underwood, Cheryl Dyson, Dana Robinson, Pastor Carol, Shirley Olson, Denise Mabry, and Leigh Starr, and we had everybody laughing in the aisles.
- ◆ Roger and Janet Downing and Shirley Olson for preparing the Mission Dinner. We raised \$300 this month.
- ◆ John Downs, Mardell Bauman, Roger Downing and Pastor Carol for volunteering at the Youth Coffee House.
- ◆ Worship Leaders: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, and Leigh Starr.
- ◆ Special Music in October: Shirley Olson and Cheryl Dyson.
- ◆ Visitation Group: Mardell Bauman, Joan Cook and Lyla Lee.
- ◆ Mardell Bauman for being in charge of gathering children's shoes and clothing to send to Afghanistan.

Please Pray for...

- ◆ Mary Jo Walker, dealing with lung cancer.
- ◆ Lynn Johnson, dealing with lung cancer.
- ◆ Jo Perzel, dealing with lung cancer.
- ◆ Jean Harrison, dealing with bone density problems.
- ◆ Jean Webster, dealing with asthma, pneumonia, congestive heart failure.
- ◆ Le Roy Bush, dealing with Parkinsons.
- ◆ Mary Lou Lewis, recovering from knee surgery.
- ◆ Our nation and its leaders.
- ◆ Our men and women in military service.
- ◆ Shut-ins: Louise Hause, Hazelle Woods, Dorothy Bosshart, and Lynn Johnson.
- ◆ Pray for those suffering from hurricane damage.

Celebrating Birthdays in

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



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for year	\$ 70,784.00
Needed monthly (average)	\$ 5,899.00
Receipts in Sept.	\$ 4,195.00
Disbursements in Sept.	\$ 5,206.00
Saving Deficit for the year	\$ 2,500.00



<i>November 1</i>	<i>All Saints Day</i> Psalm 149 or Psalm 150 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31
<i>November 7</i>	Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 Haggai 1:15b—2:9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38
<i>November 14</i>	Psalm 118 Isaiah 65:17-25 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21 5-19
<i>November 21</i>	Luke 1:68-79 Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
<i>November 24</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Eve</i> Psalm 100 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Philippians 4:4-9, John 6:25-35
<i>November 28</i>	Psalm 122 Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44



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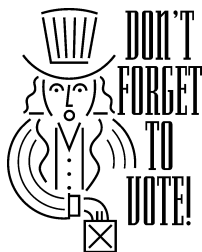
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MISSIONS

By Roger Downing

This year we didn't do any missions outside the country, but we continued to support Benita Tshala at Jamaa Letu, the orphanage the North West Conference built in Lubumbashi Congo, Africa. We have not been able to establish contact with our sister church in Jaramillo Mexico this year, the pastor that had been appointed there was moved to another church and we don't really know what is going on there at this time. We still support the food bank in Orting, and the school supply drive for Orting schools, and sing Christmas Carols at several retiree homes each year. The church staffs the Youth Coffee House, which is an independent organization, started by Pastor Carol, and other members of the City of Orting. It continues to be a great source of evangelism for the Church, through the contact we have with the kids and parents form the Orting area.

Another great mission and out reach for the church is our vacation bible school. We draw fifty children from the neighborhood each year, which is our best opportunity for evangelism that we have at this time. There is a great amount of hard work put into this bible school, and the people who participate are to be commended. We are currently in the process of setting up a mission to the Blackfeet Reservation in North West Montana. While in COS at Claremont School of Theology, I met the missionaries Jodie and Sue Ellen Campbell, who had just been appointed for a twenty year stint as pastor of three churches on the reservation. We are at this time waiting for information from there so we can start planning for this mission. We expect it to encompass some building work projects and bible school. This will be a great opportunity for many of the congregation to participate, which otherwise could not, because of having to travel out of the country

The Orting Church, in spite of its financial struggles, still finds the strength and the means to support and carryout badly needed missions, when and where they are most needed. This is a great church, a great congregation, and I can't think of any place I would rather be.



Reach out to those in need

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT A CONNECTIONAL MINISTER

(Reprinted from Summer UMC newsletter--thank you Rev. Anne Hayes)

Since many of you did not grow up as United Methodists, or you just never knew, or have forgotten, I would like to share with you some of the details of what it means to be an Ordained United Methodist Elder. First, we are ordained "Elders" or "Deacons." UM Elders are what most people think of when they think of pastors or ministers of reverends. UM Elders are appointed to local UM churches by the area Bishop through the cooperative action of the District Superintendent and the local Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Once an Elder is appointed to a local church, the local church through the cooperative action of the Elder and the PPR Committee determines the duties and priorities of the Elder and the compensation. The "cooperative" emphasis is very important to assure that the local church (that is, **each of you individually, and each of you as a body--YOU!**) can indeed act as the body of Christ. Our people are our church, and everyone and everyone's dedication is vital to our existence.

All full-time pastors are guaranteed:

- * A minimum compensation package set by the conference (this is what Pastor Carol receives. The minimum for next year is \$31,538 whereas the 2005 denomination average compensation is \$50,931.)
- * An Account Reimbursable plan that should cover the Elder's reasonable expenses;
- * Four weeks of paid vacation;
- * One week of continuing education time;
- * Adequate housing or a housing allowance;
- * A pension plan, comprehensive protection plan (disability), and adequate health insurance.

In addition, Elders are **strongly encouraged** to participate in missions, camping ministries, and conference committees.

