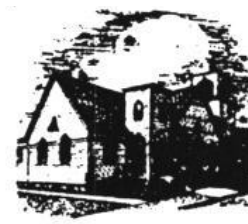




Orting United Methodist Church

# 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 2006

## **...the continuing story of love**

Education is such a good thing!

I have been invited to participate in a program for clergy this year at Seattle University called the Pastoral Leadership Program. Our Pastor Parish Committee and our District Superintendent affirm me in this endeavor, and I have already started the program, as you know if you have heard my sermons lately.

Part of my expenses will be paid by a grant from the Lilly Foundation, part by the Conference Ministerial Education Fund, and part by me.

I will be attending classes all day Tuesday and Wednesday once a month from now through May, so I will be out of the office on the following dates:

November 14-15

December 12-13

January 9-10

February 13-15 (additional day)

March 13-14

April 14-26 (additional day)

May 15-16

On the weeks I am gone I will be in the office all day Monday, which is normally my day off. When I complete this year, I will have completed the first year of a Doctor of Ministry Program. I expect my work at



Seattle University will enrich my service to you and help make me a better pastor.

I will appreciate your understanding and patience with me if I am not always where you would like me to be. I believe we are being faithful to God when we help each other learn and grow.

It is all a part of the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,

*Pastor Carol*



## Charge Conference

Our annual meeting of the church will be November 9, at 7:00 pm. We will elect officers and adopt a budget for 2007, and we will receive year end reports. The Rev. Dennis Magnuson, our Presiding Elder representing the District Superintendent, will preside at the meeting. Everybody is invited. Please come and show your support for our church.

## Thanksgiving Eve Service



We will have a combined Thanksgiving Eve Service with all the churches in the EPCC (East Pierce County Circuit of United

Methodist Churches). The service will be at Summit UMC and will begin at 7:00 pm. Those wishing to sing in the choir should come at 6:00 pm for rehearsal. This is a great way to begin your Thanksgiving celebrations!

## Short Term Adult Class to be Offered during Advent

Patty Chouery will be leading an Advent Study on the Sundays of December leading up to Christmas during the regular adult Sunday School time, 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to participate. Please put this on your calendar now.

## Financial Budget

Budget for year	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$5,756
Income in September	\$4,007
Disbursements in Sept.	\$5,280



## Please pray for:

- ◆ Mike Bettis, in treatment for bile duct cancer.
- ◆ Jessica Rhamy, facing reconstructive colon surgery.
- ◆ Jesse Gilbertson, recovering from heart surgery, implant of pacemaker and defibrillator.
- ◆ Billy Jean Stevens, medical testing for breast cancer.
- ◆ Shirley Olson, recovering from a broken leg and broken ankle.
- ◆ Our nation and its leaders.
- ◆ Our men and women in military service.
- ◆ Shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels, Rosemary Todd, Harlan and Ethel Ford, Harrison and Vonnie Ford.

## Guest Speaker Nov. 12th

We will have a guest preacher on November 12th speaking on her work in prison ministry.

## Coming - Espresso Drama fall Production



You are invited to the fall production of Espresso Drama, Nov 17 at 7:00 pm and Nov. 18 at 2:00 pm in the Community Center. They will be performing two plays: "The Final Curtain" and "Dead of Night." Cost is \$3.00 per person.



### **A Special Thank You to:**

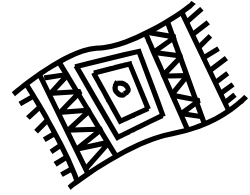
- ◆ Arnie Olson for patching the roof of the Christian Education Building and for mowing the lawn.
- ◆ Worship Leaders in October: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Stacey Nagy, Keith Dyson, Frank and Ruth Shride.
- ◆ Praise Music: Cheryl and Keith Dyson, Leigh and Sharon Starr, Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Church cleaning: Muriel Doolittle and Rosalie Gronka.
- ◆ Newsletter mailing crew: Anne Spangler and Margaret Eilers.
- ◆ Newsletter editor: Sharon Starr.
- ◆ Coffee House volunteers: George Bauman, Brian Wells, Pastor Carol.

### **Our Pledge Campaign for 2007 is now underway...**

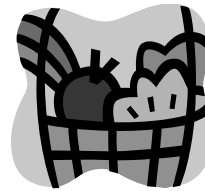
There is a slight increase in the budget, mostly due to increases in utility expenses. When you receive your pledge card in the mail please fill it out and return it to the church. You may want to bring it on Sunday and place it in the collection plate. We will have a service of dedication of the pledges on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19.

### **Thanksgiving Blanket Drive**

Homeless people are always in need of blankets. As the cold weather sets in we would like to reach out to help them. So we will be participating in the Associated Ministries of Pierce County Blanket drive during the month of November. Just bring clean, lightly used or new blankets to the church on any Sunday between now and Thanksgiving Day.



### **Holiday Baskets**



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 collect food items for Thanksgiving Baskets on each of the Sundays in November leading up to Thanksgiving. If you know families in need, please call the office, 360-893-2740. Here is a list of items we would like to have donated.

Bottled salad dressing  
Canned vegetables and fruit  
Gravy mix  
Canned cranberries  
Hot chocolate or spiced cider mix  
Stuffing mix  
Jell-O in fruit flavors  
Canned yams  
Olives  
Hard Candy (bagged)  
Ten pounds of potatoes  
(bring on Nov. 19)  
Fresh apples (bring on Nov. 19)

## Domestic Violence Called A Social Epidemic

Reprinted from a letter from Rev. David Alger of Associated Ministries of Pierce County



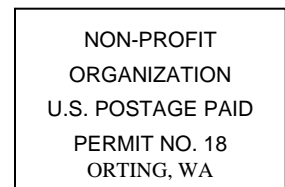
Domestic violence has been appropriately labeled a social epidemic, and its evidence is very close. In Washington, over 52,000 incidents of domestic violence were reported in 2004, the latest year for which we

have good information. In Pierce County alone, the number was almost 9,100....

We are all on a steep learning curve regarding domestic violence. What we do know is that it is neither an acceptable part of any caring relationship nor in the category of what anyone would define as "normal" marital conflict. It is the systematic, always-escalating control of one person by another through manipulative and violent means. We know it does untold damage to families and changes lives forever. We also know it cannot be considered a private family matter. It is a major social issue that affects us all, and must be addressed by our entire community working toward its eradication and helping those who suffer from its terrible effects.

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