



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 2007



COME ONE, COME ALL! ---

To our annual all church meeting on December 9th following worship. We will have a wonderful meal prepared by Janet Bjork and the United Methodist Women. We will meet our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Sharon Moe, and experience her leadership. We will hear annual reports from church leaders, elect officer for 2008, and vote on matters pertaining to our pastor's salary and appointment.

This is an important time in the life of our church. It is a day of rejoicing, evaluating and decision making regarding the future of the church. We hope you will come and help make it a great day of celebration! For this, too, is part of the...

Continuing Story of Love...

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

PASTOR'S FUND NEEDS REPLENISHING

From time to time we get requests for help on energy assistance or rent payment. The Pastor's Fund was set up to help with these emergency needs. The Fund is very low right now and we are heading into a high needs time of the year. If you would like to make a special donation, please make a check to Orting UMC and mark it for the Pastor's Fund.

C O M M U N I T Y
Thanksgiving
SERVICE



We will have a combined Thanksgiving Eve Service with the East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches. The service will be a Spanaway UMC and will begin at 7:00 pm. We will carpool from the church. If you are interested in carpooling, let Pastor Carol know.

This is a great way to begin your Thanksgiving celebration!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Randy Larson, surgical procedure.
- Nancy Lillie, severe knee injury from work.
- Our nation and its leaders.
- Our men and women in military service, including Jason Chase now serving in Iraq.
- Shut-ins:
Dorothy Bosshart, Rosemary Todd, Mary Lou Geels, Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers, Harlan and Ethel Ford, Harrison and Vonnice Ford.




A Special Thanks to:

- Keith Dyson for arranging pulpit supply and worship leadership during Pastor Carol's vacation to Morocco.
- Marcus Dennis and Ginny Christensen for preaching during Pastor Carol's absence.
- Stacey Straughn for office coverage.
- Denise Mabry, Michael Bettis, Keith Dyson for serving as worship leaders in October.
- Cheryl and Keith Dyson and Nancy Lillie for leading praise music.
- Rosalie Gronka for supplemental church cleaning.
- Muriel Doolittle, Communion Steward.
- Dave Lillie for extensive yard work.
- Liz Larkins, Cheryl Riehl and Rosalie Gronka for mailing the newsletter. Emma Ford for preparing labels and Sharon Starr, newsletter editor.
- George Bauman, John Downs, and Nancy Lillie for volunteering at the Youth Coffee House.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for 2007	\$74,958
Needed monthly (av)	\$ 6,247
Income in Sept.	\$ 7709
Disbursements in Sept.	\$ 6052
Contributions for Painting in Sept.	\$14,115

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Lectionary

November 4th

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119: 137-144

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Luke 19: 1-10

November 11th

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

Haggai 1: 15 - 2: 9

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Luke 20: 27-38

November 18th

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 118

Isaiah 12, 65: 17-25

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 5-19

November 25th

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 1: 68-79

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43



November Birthdays

- 6 Joe Langowsky
- 15 Janice Peterson
- 16 Christopher Underwood
- 20 Allan Straughn
- 21 Joyce Mickelsen
- 22 Jason Chase
- 27 Ethel Ford



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?

Great let us know.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Messenger of Orting United Methodist Church has been a treasure of memories since 1950, the year we moved to Bellingham. Many names mentioned who were students that have matured into fine Christian leaders.

Comments by Pastor Carol and the poem by Thom Shuman, "Leaning," merit prayerful study.

Most sincerely,

Helen L. and John S. Warden
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Hello Carol,

We are on the "home" stretch of our Civil War site trip. We've seen so much in these 5 weeks-finding there is still so much to see!! Presently we are heading across Texas and should be at our Arizona home in a few days. We will be there through November--returning to Orting for December. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

I had a good couple day visit with Kristine in North Carolina. And we caught up with a friend in Indiana I had not seen in over 30 years. (We hadn't changed a bit--yeah right.)

Hope you are well and that the church looks lovely in its new coat of paint.

Karen and Lanny Thurston

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

We have the opportunity to join an adult mission team to Kona, Hawaii, April 7-19, 2008, to work on Methodist church camp Mekokiko. The cost is \$350 plus airfare. Let Pastor Carol know if you are interested.



HOLIDAY BASKETS

The time has come for our annual local mission project of donating food to families in need in our community. We will be collecting



Thanksgiving Baskets on each of the Sunday 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 pound bags of potatoes (bring on Nov. 18)**
- Fresh apples (bring on Nov. 18)**

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN FOR 2007 IS NOW UNDERWAY...

Commitment cards have been mailed out and we appreciate your responses. Pledges will be dedicated in worship on November 18.



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