



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 2008

FROM THE PASTOR:

What is Christian Stewardship?

Christian Stewardship is everything you do with everything you have after you've said "I Believe."

It's what you pledge to the church budget

It's what you put in the collection plate

It's what you give to special offerings

It's participation as a scripture reader or worship leader

It's singing in the choir or helping to lead praise music

It's teaching Sunday School

It's being an usher or doing coffee hour

It's greeting newcomers and making them welcome

It's serving on a committee or board, or as an officer

It's being involved in the United Methodist Women's group

It's working on a stained glass window

It's helping with the youth coffee house

It's bringing food for the food bank and Holiday Baskets

It's going to help on a mission project like Neighbor Helping Neighbor.

It's doing many small tasks around the church

It's using your talents to help others.

Stewardship is everything you do.

It's your part in the Continuing Story of Love...

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

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Please Pray for:

- ☆ Wayne Olson, Arnie's brother who has Lou Gehrig's Disease and terminal cancer.
- ☆ Mike Bettis' father passed away October 13.
- ☆ Dave, Nancy and Hunter Lillie whose house was burglarized. Thank you to those who contributed to the love fund for them.
- ☆ Our shut-ins: Margaret Eilers, Harrison Ford, Helen Larson, Anne Spangler, Rosemary Todd.



- ☆ Catherine Sorenson celebrated her 85th birthday October 11.
- ☆ Pastor Carol and Sulmo were honored in worship on October 12, National Clergy Appreciation Day. They have been serving OUMC for more than ten years.

Annual Pledge Campaign

Our annual pledge drive is underway. You should be getting your letter soon, with pledge card enclosed. Please return your pledge to the church by November 9. Pledges will be dedicated in worship that day.



All Church Annual Meeting Set for November 23rd

Our annual all church meeting where we elect officers, receive reports for 2008 and adopt a budget for 2009 will be November 23 following worship. Everyone is invited to attend. This is always a fun and educational meeting. In preparation for it we are now seeking to identify leaders for next year. The Committee on Lay Leadership and Development (previously known as the Nominating Committee) is meeting to prepare a slate of officers. If there is a special way you feel God calling you to leadership in our church, please pray about it and talk with Pastor Carol or a member of the committee. Members are Nancy Lillie, Cheryl Dyson, Janet Bjork, Arnie Olson, Stacey Straughn and John Downs.

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled

Pastor Parish Committee will meet Nov. 9 following worship.
Worship Committee will meet Nov. 16 following worship.

Missions - Neighbor Helping Neighbor Update

Heather has had some set backs. Things are not progressing as quickly as she had hoped. She is worried that they won't be in the house before freezing weather comes. As their water supply is from a garden hose, it is likely to freeze quickly. At this point the second part of the foundation has been poured and the framer is working on the house. Plumbing and electrical are yet to be done before they can move in. Please send prayers their way.



A Special Thanks to:

- ☆ Larry Guinn for taking care of the parsonage painting project--the new paint job looks terrific!
- ☆ Keith Dyson for repairs to the kitchen faucet in the parsonage.
- ☆ Rosalie Gronka and Bob Gardella for supplemental church cleaning.
- ☆ Arnold Olson for setting thermostats, replacing batteries and furnace filters in the church.
- ☆ Sue Ellis Fletcher for office help.
- ☆ Worship leaders in October--Denise Mabry, Mike Bettis, Keith Dyson.
- ☆ Cheryl Riehl, Lyla Lee and Sue Ellis Fetcher for mailing the newsletter, Emma Ford for preparing labels, Sharon Starr for continuing to serve us well as newsletter editor.
- ☆ Youth Coffee House workers in October--George Bauman, John Downs, Mark Gleydura, Pastor Carol.
- ☆ Those who helped at the Opportunity Center booth at the Pumpkin Fest--John Downs, Mark and Greta Gleydura, Patty Chouery, Jason and Alicia Chase, Cheryl and Gregg Riehl, and Pastor Carol. And to Greta Gleydura, Cheryl Riehl, Rosalie Gronka and Pastor Carol who made cookies to sell in the booth.

Letters of Thanks from Pastor Carol and Sulmo

Thank you to all who made Clergy Appreciation Day so wonderful! We



were overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness. The plaque

recognizing ten years of service to OUMC, the bouquet of roses and the corsage and boutonniere, the baskets of good things, the gift certificates, the love offering for our upcoming trip to Turkey, the picture made by the Sunday School children, the beautiful presentation by Markus Dennis, and the reception following the service all together made this a day that we will remember with warmth and joy. Special thanks to Larry Guinn, John Downs, Janet Bjork and Markus Dennis for their work in putting this together.

Congratulations Stan and Norma Baker (relatives of Muriel Doolittle) celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in October.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for the year	\$79,962
Needed monthly (avg.)	\$ 6,664
Received in September	\$ 5,721
Disbursements in September	\$ 7,361

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Lectionary

November 2nd

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3: 7-17

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Matthew 23: 1-12

November 9th

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25

Psalm 78: 1-7

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

November 16th

27th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123 or 76

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

November 23rd

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

November 30th

1st Sunday of Advent

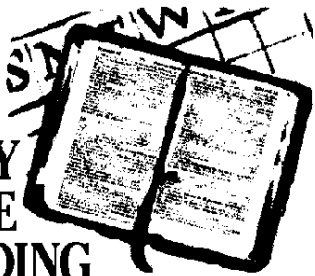
Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

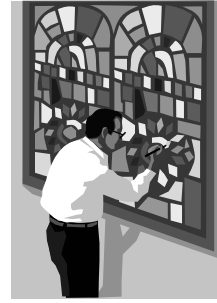
Mark 13: 24-37

**DAILY
BIBLE
READING**



Windows of the Soul

We have had a good response to the stained glass class and have gotten a



good start on our window. We are learning so much--not just about working with stained glass, but also about theological and biblical reasons for

doing it. Everyone is welcome to come and participate or observe--Sunday mornings at 9:30.

Holiday Baskets

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and it is time to do our local mission project to help families in need. We will be collecting food items each Sunday in November to make Thanksgiving Baskets. All the items need to be brought to the church by November 23--they will be distributed that day.



If you know of a family in need, please call the church office, 360-893-2740.

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

Bottled salad dressing

Canned cranberries

Hot Chocolate or spiced cider mix

Stuffing mix

Jell-O in assorted fruit flavors

Canned yams

Olives

Hard candy (bagged)

Ten pound bag of potatoes

(bring on Nov 23)

Fresh Apples (bring on Nov 23)



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Thanksgiving SERVICE



The EPCC (East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches) will join together for a Thanksgiving service on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 25, 7:30 pm, at Puyallup UMC. Our choir will be singing. Everyone is invited--it will be a wonderful celebration and a good way to prepare for the festivities of your own celebrations of Thanksgiving.

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