



*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.*

**October 2005**

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UP WITH THE ORGANIZATION! The way we organize is important. Paul talks about it a lot in his letters to the various churches. He likens the church to a human body. We are made up of many parts, each essential to the working of the whole. Each part needs to be healthy and doing its part, and we need to assess regularly how well each part is working, whether changes might need to be made. Just like our bodies need a yearly medical checkup, our church needs checkups. That is why we have an Administrative Council--to guide us in being a good and healthy organization. That is also why we have a yearly Charge Conference where we meet with our District Superintendent, representing the Bishop.

This year things will be a little different at the District level. Because of a shortage of funds on the Conference (Statewide) level, there has been a re-organization. The Tacoma and Seattle Districts have been combined to save money. That means one District Superintendent oversees 95 churches. That is asking too much! So our huge District has been split into 13 Cluster Groups.

You have heard me speak before about the East Pierce County Circuit of Churches. This has now become our Cluster Group for the Conference. There are nine churches in our Cluster: Puyallup, Whitney Memorial (Puyallup) Sumner, Bonney Lake, Orting, Light of the Hill, Parkland, Spanaway, and Summit. We will have an Assistant to the District Superintendent relating to us: Rev. Ed Iwamoto.

On Sunday afternoon of September 25, we participated in a commissioning service for these new Assistants to the District Superintendent. The service was held at Auburn United Methodist Church. Your Lay Leader, Roger Downing, and I attended. It was a moving ceremony. Following the ceremony I spoke with Ed Iwamoto. He has been a District Superintendent himself in the past. I am impressed with his leadership and am looking forward to working with him.

We are made richer when we see ourselves as part of something bigger than just Orting UMC, when we participate with other United Methodist Churches to combine resources and see our strength as a denomination. I am pleased to be a part of Orting UMC, but we are just one part of the Body of Christ. Let's be all we can be here in Orting. Let's also see how we can contribute to the life of that larger Body. It is essential if we are to Continue this Story of Love.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

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## Letter from Bishop Edward Paup

To the pastors of Churches of the Pacific Northwest Conference

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

With this letter I extend to you and your congregation my profound thanks for that which you have already offered in response to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and encourage your ongoing commitment to the relief and recovery efforts.

In my role as president of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), I can report to you that the United Methodist response began immediately and that we are committed to be present in the recovery efforts for years to come. We have already received millions of dollars from United Methodists around the world as well as thousands of health kits, school kits, and volunteers offering assistance in a variety of ways.



While the charter of UMCOR is for humanitarian relief, an Advance Special is being created for the recovery of congregations wiped away by the incredible storm. This will supplement receipts from insurance companies which will help with rebuilding and with pastor/staff salaries. In this disaster we have learned the value of the denominational property insurance program in which the Mississippi Conference is a participant but the Louisiana Conference is not.

It seems that daily we are hearing stories of need and opportunities to help. Some of the help we may need to offer is in the receiving of evacuees in our own area. We have much to learn about what this means. I encourage you to stay informed by regularly checking the

UMCOR website (<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>), as well as our own conference website ([www.pnwumc.org](http://www.pnwumc.org)).



Let us put the needs, circumstances, and the many issues identified through this crisis into our daily prayer life. May they be added to ongoing prayer related to other natural disasters, such as the tsunami in Southeast Asia, and also to human-created devastation, such as the circumstances in the Sudan.

May we Learn all we can, Give all we can, and Work all we can in accord with the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Edward W. Paup

### Please Prayer for:

- ◆ Mardell Bauman, tremors.
- ◆ Brian Kolar, rib injury and loss of job.
- ◆ Shirley Olson, broken foot.
- ◆ Prayers answered: the case against Billie Braddock was dismissed by the judge.
- ◆ Our shut-ins: Louise Hause, Dorothy Bosshart, Lynn Johnson, LeRoy Bush, Rosemary Todd.



- ◆ Brian Wells graduated from the Job Corp and has a job on an ocean liner going to Hawaii beginning in November.

### Financial Update as of: August 31, 2005

Budget for Year:	\$68,165
Needed monthly (1/12 of budget):	\$5680
Receipts in August:	\$3066
Disbursements in August:	\$4957
Transfer from Savings:	\$1000
Yard Sale:	\$2703
Savings Deficit for Year:	\$5832

# Thank You

- ◆ Church cleaners in September: George and Mardell Bauman, Phil Fable, Mike Perzel, Rosalie Gronka.
- ◆ Worship leaders in September: Denise Mabry, Cheryl Dyson.
- ◆ Preaching on Open House Sunday: Keith Dyson.
- ◆ Mission Dinner preparation: Vernon and Mary Lou Lewis, with help from Cheryl Dyson, Janet Bjork., Mardell Bauman, and Arnie Olson.
- ◆ Newsletter editor: Sharon Starr.
- ◆ Newsletter mailing crew: Margaret Eilers, Anne Spangler, and John Downs.
- ◆ Office volunteer: Stacey Straughn.
- ◆ Coffee House volunteers: George and Mardell Bauman, John Downs, Roger Downing, and Patty Chouery.
- ◆ Praise music team: Leigh and Sharon Starr, Cheryl and Keith Dyson, Pastor Carol.

## Mission News

Today Sept 25, the admin board voted to send 200.00 dollars to the Black Feet Parish to support a project that will help finish a housing unit for an older couple. The wife has cancer and the husband is not in good health either. This project was ongoing in the summer when we were their working on our projects. There only remains the installation of cabinets and a stove, and the couple can move in. They have been living in somewhat of a shack with leaky roof and bad drafts, among other things that were wrong and un-repairable. This project has been supported by other Methodist Churches from the eastern part of the USA, we are the only church from the western conferences to participate in this and other projects in the parish. This couple has been active in the Methodist Church for many years on the Black Feet Reservation and will much appreciate the help, thanks to all who support our mission fund.

Blessings to all, Roger Downing

## Thank You Letter Received

On behalf of Communities In Schools of Orting, I would like to thank you for your contribution to the 2005 School Supply Drive by allowing us to place a donation box at your church. The School Supply Drive was very successful, serving nearly 175 students on the day of the drive, and nearly 200 students overall. The donations gathered from donation boxes we placed have helped provide much-needed school supplies to families living under financial pressure. Approximately 450 students in the Orting School District qualify for free or reduced lunch, and every little bit we can do for our children counts. We will continue to equip students with supplies through the school year.

Thank you again for your cooperation and contributions. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Ruth Schauble, AmeriCorps Member and Outreach Coordinator and Enrichment Assistant, Communities In Schools of Orting.

## Funeral Pre-Planning Seminar

Summit UMC is proud to share a free "Funeral Pre-planning" class led by Rev. Kathy A. Yackey, pastor, and Dwayne Christensen, Family Service Counselor. Two sections of the same information are being offered on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 pm and Saturday October 29th at 10:00 am.

The class will address questions related to planning, costs and when they actually need to be paid, options and questions for families and what information should be shared with family, church and funeral home before death comes. Participants will receive handouts and worksheets to help them in the process. This is for all ages, as it is never too early to prepare for this experience. Pre-planning helps families in times of sorrow, so come and begin the process.

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## October Lectionary

### Oct 2

Psalm 19  
Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Philippians 3: 4b-14  
Matthew 21: 33-46

### Oct 9

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 32: 1-14  
Philippians 4: 1-9  
Matthew 22: 1-14

### Oct 16

Psalm 99  
Exodus 33: 12-23  
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10  
Matthew 22: 15-22

### Oct 23

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17  
Deuteronomy 34: 1-12  
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8  
Matthew 22: 34-46

### Oct 30

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37  
Joshua 3: 7-17  
1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13  
Matthew 23: 1-12

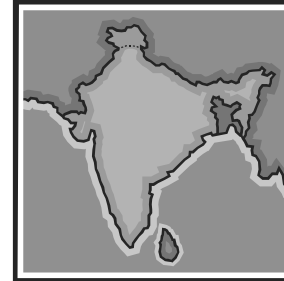


## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

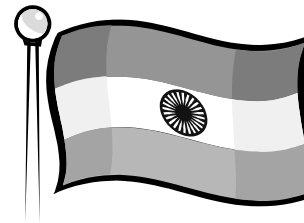
- 4 Arnold Olson
- 9 Doug Scott
- 10 Liz Larkins
- 13 Meaghan Oakes
- 20 Cheryl Dyson
- 30 Jeffrey Straughn



Pastor Carol and Sulmo will be on vacation in India



October 9 – November 3.



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