



*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 2006

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

It's that time of year again when we as a church take stock of where we are and look toward the year ahead.

That means we soon will be having our annual All Church Conference. We don't have a date yet, but we should be hearing from the District Superintendent any day now.

That also means we need to adopt a budget for next year and have a pledge campaign and elect new officers.

I know, this is not what you want to hear, but it is what makes it possible for us to do the work of the church and to fulfill God's mission for us. It is what makes us possible to carry out our role as stewards of all God has entrusted into our hands.

We all know that God loves a cheerful giver. I hope you will pray for the future of our church, asking God's guidance about how you will be a part of that future through your prayers, presence, gifts and service.

## **On a personal note:**

Sulmo and I had a wonderful vacation visiting our daughter in Krakow, Poland, and touring with a group through Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Slovenia.

We hope to be prepared to do a slide presentation on Sunday evening, October 22 at 6:00 pm for those interested in hearing more about our trip.



Shalom,

*Pastor Carol*

# Thank You

- ◆ To all who helped with the pews:  
Nancy and Dave Lillie made arrangements for pick-up of pews, rented the U-Haul and did heavy



moving. Phil Fabel, Brian Kolar, Arnie Olson, George Bauman, Carol and Vanya Ernst and other members of the Orting fire department moved the old pews out and the new pews in. Shirley Olson, Oralyn Fleming, Billie Braddock and Billy Jean Stevens cleaned and polished the pews. George Bauman and Dave Lillie did some carpentry work to make the pews fit better. Shirley Olson got the carpet cleaned before the new pews were moved in. George Bauman provided lunch for the workers.

- ◆ To Roger Downing for preaching while Pastor Carol was on vacation.



To Cheryl and Keith Dyson for music leadership. To Emma Ford, John Downs and Stacey Straughn

for office duties.

- ◆ To newsletter mailing crew Annie Spangler, Margaret Eilers and Liz Larkins. To newsletter editor Sharon Starr.



- ◆ For church cleaning in September: Rosalie Gronka and Muriel Doolittle.



## Please pray for:

- ◆ Mike Bettis, chemotherapy for bile duct cancer.
- ◆ Jessica Rhamy, recovering from colon surgery.
- ◆ Our nation and its leaders.
- ◆ Our men and women in military service.
- ◆ Out shut-ins Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels and Rosemary Todd.

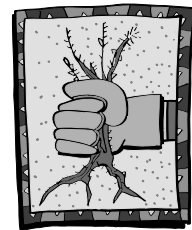


## Financial Update

Budget for year	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$ 5,756
Income in August	\$ 6,413
Yard Sale Proceeds	\$ 2,611
Disbursements in August	\$ 6,127

## Volunteers Needed to do Weeding

The weeds are getting the best of us on the west side of the church. We sure could use the help of a couple of people to give an hour or so of weeding -- no appointment needed -- just come and do it. We trust that you know what weeds are.



## It's Showtime!



Mark your calendars for Friday, November 17th, and Saturday, November 18th, for the fall productions of Espresso Drama. This is one of Pierce County's oldest youth theatres and is based in Orting in our church. The productions in November are two mysteries by John Murray: The final Curtain and Dead of Night. Times are 7:00 pm on Friday and 2:00 pm on Saturday on the Ptarmigan Ridge Intermediate School stage, 805 Old Pioneer Way NE in Orting. Cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for youth 7-14 yrs, \$5.00 per family, 6 and under free. Concessions will be available during the intermission.

## New Pews

It happened very quickly. We had been talking for a long time about what to do with our pews.



Harlan Ford told us the story of the old pews. They had been donated to us from Auburn UMC when they moved to their new building in 1958. Harlan and his brother Harrison took their trucks to pick them up. It took two trips. Some of the other men went along to help. The pews were not in very good shape when we got them, says Harlan. Al Carr fixed them up and several people helped put white paint over the old brown varnish. They had to be painted several times. We sold the old straight backed ones to Crocker Grange for \$20 for the bunch of them. When Crocker Grange closed, the pews went to McMillan Grange where they are now.

We loved the way the curved pews looked in our sanctuary with their creamy white color, but we had had them for fifty years and they were cast offs when we got them.

Now the paint was badly chipped and the wood was cracking to the point that we were afraid they were unsafe. Then we read that Tacoma First UMC was going to sell their pews. Maybe we could help preserve a little of the history of that famous old church that is being torn down. It wasn't long before we had made arrangements to purchase several of the pews.

It was a big job to move out the old pews and bring in the "new" ones. Nancy and Dave Lillie made the arrangements and many people helped (see listing under thank yous). On September 3 the change was made. We like the solid oak pews we now have, although some still wish they could be white.

Our old white pews all went to good homes. Thank you to those who purchased them. We received about \$250 on the old pews and spent \$1500 on the new ones.

## Painting the Church



Every summer for the last three years we have made plans to paint at least the front of our church where the paint is peeling badly. We have not been able to bring together the people power to accomplish that task. Now the Trustees have decided that we will

have to pay to have the church painted. It is beyond our abilities to paint the towers. We are in the process of getting bids. It may cost us as much as \$5000. Your contributions toward painting the church would be greatly appreciated. Just make a check to the church and mark it "Church Painting."

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