



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 2007

I don't know Albert Lee, but I appreciate these words of his which I read in the newsletter from Spanaway United Methodist Church:

It can be disturbing to realize that our children often mirror the way we speak and act. I remember being concerned about the way my son angrily lashed out at his sister when she was annoying him. My wife gently pointed out to me that his behavior was a reflection of mine.

A few weeks later, I caught myself lashing out at my son when I was frustrated. Through my wife's encouragement, I apologized to him for my behavior and told him I would learn to treat him with more respect. In the months that followed, I noticed that my son's attitude toward his sister also improved.

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.
2 Timothy 4: 2

Children do not learn to love and obey God only by what we say. They also learn by watching what we do. We can't be perfect parents, but our children must see our desire to please

the Lord. And when we fall short, they need to see our repentance. We teach them by both what we say and what we do.

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness
Titus 2: 7

We are blessed to have children among us on Sunday mornings. It is good for us to remember that they are learning how to be Christians by watching us, one and all--by seeing our faithfulness in attendance, in giving, in praying, and in serving those in need. By living in ways that show our dedication to God, we are instilling these values in our children. We are creating the future now in this

Continuing Story of Love...

Shalom.

Pastor Carol

Pastor Carol and Sulmo will be on vacation in Morocco and Spain the last three weeks of October. For emergency pastoral care, please call Stacey Straughn and she will connect you with Rev. Larry Warren from Summit United Methodist Church.

PRAYERS

- Randy Larson had two stints put in his heart on Sept. 28.
- Harrison Ford has had a return of throat cancer.
- Harlan and Ethel Ford adjusting to their new living situation. Their address is 15509 - 62nd St. Ct. East, #319, Sumner, WA 98390. Their telephone number is 253-863-1170.
- Bob and Jean Wolford have moved into senior housing in Tacoma.
- Marie Britten has moved into assisted living in Puyallup.
- Cheryl Dyson is still struggling the ill effects of a back injury that happened in June.
- Our nation and its leaders.
- Our men and women in military service, including Jason Chase now serving in Iraq.
- Our shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Rosemary Todd, Mary Lou Geels, Anne Spangler, Margaret Eilers, Harland and Ethel Ford, Harrison and Vonnie Ford.
- Alicia Chase reports that Jason is doing okay in Iraq (helicopter duty). You may write to him at CWZ Jason Chase
B Troop, 4-6 CAV
FOB Sykes
APO AE 09351

PAINTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

We have raised close to \$14,000 as of this newsletter printing. A total of \$18,000 is needed. Your donations will be gladly accepted--we pay as soon as the job is completed. Thank you to those who have so generously contributed!

THANK YOU

- Janet Bjork and Shirley Olson for organizing, coordinating and decorating the Bite of Methodism open house dinner--it was outstanding!
- Cheryl Dyson for the program for the Bite of Methodism. We especially appreciated her singing of "Thank God I'm a Methodist!"
- Worship leaders in September: Keith Dyson, Mike Bettis and Shirley Olson.
- Praise music leaders Nancy Lillie, Hunter Lillie and Pastor Carol.
- Yard care, Arnie Olson.
- Supplemental church cleaning and arranging altar flowers, Rosalie Gronka.
- Cleaning pastor's office, Karen Moroney.
- Coffee House volunteers, George Bauman, John Downs and Pastor Carol.
- Communion stewards, Eloise Schinnell, Jane Miller and Catherine Sorensen.
- Newsletter mailing, Liz Larkins and Cheryl Riehl. Keeping up the mailing label address list, Emma Ford. Newsletter editor, Sharon Starr.
- Muriel Doolittle for creating the lovely church graph to show donations to the painting job.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Jeff Straughn passed a qualifying exam for advancement at work.
- Nancy Lillie has a new job working in Special Education in the Orting School District.

Lectionary

October 7th

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 137

Lamentations 1: 1-6

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

October 14th

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 66: 1-12

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Luke 17: 11-19

October 21st

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119: 97-104 or 19

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

Luke 18: 1-8

October 28th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 65

Joel 2: 23-32

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14



October Birthdays



- 4 Arnold Olson
- 9 Doug Scott
- 10 Liz Larkins
- 11 Catherine Sorensen
- 13 Alicia Chase
- 13 Meaghan Oakes
- 20 Cheryl Dyson
- 30 Jeffrey Straughn
- 30 Stephanie Bettis



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.



FOOD FIGHT RESULTS

In the "Food Fight" of the East Pierce County Circuit of United Methodist Churches, Orting UMC was the top giver in number of items per capita (based on average yearly attendance). We gave 12.65 items per capita. The seven participating churches contributed a total of 5,653 items and collected \$1,051.45 in cash for their local food banks. Thank you to all who contributed!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

We have the opportunity to join an adult mission team to Kina (Hawaii) April 7-19, 2008, to work on



Methodist church camp Mekokiko. The cost is \$350 plus airfare. Let Pastor Carol know right away if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School is off to a good start with the Cokesbury One Room School curriculum. Stacey Straughn and Nancy Lillie are teaching. The children's offering this year will go to the church general fund. Anyone interested in helping teach, please contact Nancy Lillie.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for 2007	74,958
Needed monthly (av)	6,247
Income in August	6,160
Disbursements in August	7,594

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF TACOMA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Bishop Edward W. Paup has announced the appointment of Sharon Moe as the new Tacoma District Superintendent, effective September 1. This appointment follows the actions of the Annual Conference in June to support the bishop's intention to divide the Tacoma and Seattle Districts, which were combined in 2005.

Sharon had been serving as pastor of Tibbetts UMC in West Seattle since 2004. Previously she served under appointment at Orofino-Peck in the Inland District, Centralia, and University Temple in Seattle. During a sabbatical year in 2002-2004, Sharon traveled in Africa, visiting a Maasai Environmental Resource Coalition, and tracking Mountain Gorillas. She also spent time in Israel and Palestine, studying at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies. Her experiences in Israel/Palestine led her to initiate the "Kids for Hope" project to engage Palestinian Christian youth from the West Bank in a cross cultural camping experience in the U.S. She visited Unitarian Christians in Hungary and Romania, taught Feminist Theology in the Philippines and traveled twice to Iraq.

Sharon chaired the Board of Ordained Ministry (1992-1995) and currently serves on the Board of Congregational Development. She has been a Presiding Elder and clergy cluster leader. As a local church pastor Sharon always bring a strong emphasis on peace with justice ministries, and on pastoral care. Sharon says, "I'm really looking forward to being a part of the life of the Tacoma District and the ongoing life of the cabinet and the conference."

--Article adapted from Puyallup UMC newsletter

PUYALLUP UMC TO OFFER SEMINAR ON HEART DISEASE

A free seminar on heart disease and stroke will be held at Puyallup United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

Dr. Rebecca Sullivan will speak on "Have a Heart" and "Your Risk of Heart Disease and Stroke." You will learn how to reduce your risk factors, how to identify the warning signs of heart disease and stroke, how to respond quickly and properly if warning signs occur.

Call 253-845-0547 for more information.

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