



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 2008

Fall is in the air--the corn is golden sweet, pumpkins are dotting the fields with fiery circles, fisher people are pulling in the salmon, snow-birds are migrating south, road construction crews are tooling down, schools are tooling up, and it's time for the election. No, not that election! I mean the election of officers to run the church for the next year. It takes many hands, heads, and hearts to keep a church functioning, even a small one like ours. Before long you may receive a phone call asking if you will serve the church in a specific capacity next year. I hope you will pray about it and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. I hope you will consider how the church might benefit from your knowledge, skill, expertise, resources. If you don't know--well, I just might be able to help you figure it out. Give me a call. Come in and talk. What should we be doing as a church to



the hymn says. How do you see yourself responding to the needs around you in a way that will call forth your spiritual gifts and cause you to grow in faith and holiness? I commend you if you are already doing that, but if there is something more that God is calling you to, I challenge you to seek it out and rise to that challenge. Put yourself out into the full stream of the

Continuing Story of Love...

Shalom.

Pastor Carol



fulfill the mission God intends for us? Part of that depends on you, and your intention to "give of your best to the Master," as

National Clergy Appreciation Day

October 12 is National Appreciation Day and we will take some time in our worship service that day to say thank you to Pastor Carol. If you would like to contribute to a gift for her, make a check to the church and mark it Pastor Appreciation, or you may give cash in an envelope marked Pastor Appreciation.

Prayers:

- John Down's sister-in-law who died of cancer Sept. 20.
- Wayne Olson, Arnie's brother who has Lou Gehrig's Disease and terminal cancer.
- Shirley Olson is doing better. Thank you for your prayers.
- Family of Dave Schlum who passed away after a struggle with cancer.
- Family of Boyce Wadsworth who passed away after a struggle with cancer.

Congratulations:

- Howard Pitts celebrated his 90th birthday September 17.
- George Bauman is proud great grandfather of a boy, born to Robert and Jennifer Gould. Robert is Kathy's Malaha's son.
- Stacey Straughn has a new job with Rainbow Connection daycare center in Buckley.
- Mary Roden has a new job as manager of Linden Perk Deli on East Main in Puyallup.

We Say Good-Bye

Muriel Doolittle, a long-time member of our church, who has served as president of UMW, co-chair of worship, church historian, mission trip participant, choir member, and Communion steward, is moving into an assisted living facility in Morton, near where her daughter lives. We will miss you, Muriel.

Off to School

Jamie Roden has moved to Olympia where she is a student at Evergreen College. We will still see her occasionally when she can make the drive home.

Thank You:

- Cookie Guinn for preparing the meal for the Open House at the church Sept. 14
- Janet Bjork, Shirley Olson and Rosalie Gronka for set up and decorations, and serving, with additional help from Angie Tague.
- Dave Lillie for yard work at the church.
- George Bauman for the donation of cement circle steps behind the education building.
- Brian Kolar for installing the steps.
- Cookie Guinn and Larry Guinn for yardwork at the parsonage.
- Larry Guinn for a new sign for the pastor's office.
- Rosalie Gronka and Bob Gardella for supplemental church cleaning.
- Rosalie Gronka for the flower arrangements in the chancel.
- Newsletter mailing--Sue Fletcher and Cheryl Riehl, labels--Emma Ford, editor--Sharon Starr.

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Financial Update

Operating Expenses

Budget for year	\$79,962
Needed monthly (avg)	\$ 6,664
Received in August	\$ 8,137
Disbursements	\$ 6,284

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Missions – Neighbor Helping Neighbor Update

We had a very successful trip to Heather Loose's home on September 20. I understand it rained in Orting that day. We had dressed for rain, but we didn't see even one drop in Chehalis. Yeah! There were eight of us, one a two year old, all from Orting: Bob Carper, Mary Roden, Sue Fletcher, and Katy, Mike, Spencer and Andrew Ripley, and Pastor Carol. Sumner UMC provided us with a great lunch to take with us.

We worked hard staining wood, tearing out the interior walls of the house, removing old wiring and electrical connections, stacking firewood, weeding the garden, hauling away trash. When we left, the place looked much better than when we arrived.

The next step is the pouring of the second part of the foundation and doing interior framing. Heather has contractors coming to do these two things. Then will come plumbing and electrical. She is in conversation with a licensed electrician and a plumber to see if she can get an affordable deal.

After that she will need helpers from among us to put in the insulation and dry wall. I will let you know as soon as we get to that stage--it probably won't happen until November.

Looking out over the dry caked mud field, in the midst of young dandelion and thistle, you can see one tall sunflower in full bloom, richly colored in golden hues. Heather had some sunflower seeds on her porch before the flood and they seeded themselves in her back field after it was over--signs of hope and new life to come out of this disaster.

Baptism

We rejoice in the baptism of Robert Bernadino Carper, baptized in our church September 21, 2008.

Trustees Report

John Downs

The furnace in the church office has been repaired just in time for the set in of fall weather.

We are working with Dan Bunker on a date for installation of the new sound system.

The exterior of the parsonage will be painted thanks to a donation by Larry Guinn.

A lease has been signed for another year with the Orting Cooperative Nursery School (OCNS). Enrollment is high and they may add a second class.

Approved installation of a stained glass window in the fellowship hall to replace the crumbling pebble glass windows that are there. The new window will be made by church members.

New Members

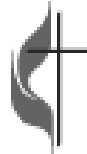
The following persons were received into membership September 21.

Robert (Bob) Carper and Mary Roden
13215 - 264th SE
Graham, WA 98338
253-846-2943

Jamie Roden
13215 - 264th SE
Graham, WA 98338

Dave and Charlene Lovelace
20305 - 110th Ave. Ct. E.
Graham, WA 09338
253-847-3506

Sue Ellis Fletcher
14919 - 150th St. E.
Orting, WA 98360
360-893-1717



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Windows of the Soul – A Study in Stained Glass

Would you like to help build a stained glass window while participating in a related Bible study? We are planning a workshop/study group to be called Windows of the Soul. The window design will be a picture of Jesus and the Children.

We will begin with a Saturday workshop October 4, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, to learn technique and begin to put the window together with the guidance of instructor the Rev. Michael Smith from Light of the Spirit Ministries. Then we will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and work on the window while Pastor Carol leads us in Bible study. If you are interested please sign up with Pastor Carol or Cheryl Dyson.

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