



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 2009

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## **New every morning is your love, great God of light!**

Isn't it wonderful to wake up to a new day each morning, just waiting to see what the day will hold for you! Through the grace of God we are being made new each day. And day by day our church is also being made new. It makes me think of the Carbon River as I walk by it several times a week. It is the same river and yet it is not the same. New water is flowing through it and the river bed is shifting and changing due to the water flow. The temperature affects how clear or murky the water is and rainfall determines its depth and speed.

There are many things that affect our church life too week by week there are changes, some so small that you really have to be paying attention to notice them, others so big they almost knock us off our feet. It's not a question of trying to stop the flow by damming up the river. Rather it is paying attention to what the river seems to be saying to us about its direction, its strength, its flow, and how we can work with its changes to bring about the best results for all.

"What If We Rethink Church?" is a denominational emphasis in the United Methodist Church nationwide that tries to help churches notice what is going on in the world around us and respond to needs and changes in meaningful ways. This is a quote from their material.

"What if we rethink church? Not in terms of what it is, but what it could be. What would it look like? What would it feel like? What if all of our churches were vibrant, active places where people wanted to be, not just on Sundays but all week long? What if church

were not just a place we go, but something we do? What if we were to go beyond the doors of the church to serve those in the world who are in need? What if we were able to engage the world through our faith? And what if we could offer the world a dramatically new vision of church, a vision that inspires hope, faith and action?... Rethinking church is about taking action. It is a wake up call reminding us of the many needs of human beings, both in our own backyards and around the world... In the first century, Jesus' ministry made his world rethink faith beyond the walls and doors of the Temple and synagogues. In the 18th century John Wesley called people to rethink church and make the whole world our parish. Today, we are challenging United Methodist to do the same to rethink the way our church makes contact with the world."

Now, in some ways this is no change at all. We are still the same river. We still carry the same faith and engage in mission together. But there may be ways this could and should change to be more responsive to needs of today's world. Maybe, maybe not. At least it is worth thinking about as we struggle to live out the Continuing Story of Love.

*Shalom,*

*Pastor Carol*

## PRAYERS

- Wayne Olson, Arnie's brother on life support in San Diego.
- Shirley Olson, four blood clots on her legs and groin.
- Bette Scott, leg injury resulting from a fall.
- Janet Bjork, medical testing for leg swelling.
- Rosalie Gronka, safe travel to visit her daughter Joyce and Keith Mickelsen in Idaho.
- Shut ins Betty Degeberg, Margaret Eilers, Harrison Ford, Howard and Jean (Webster) Pitts, Rosemary Todd.



## PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain to be contacted by email or by telephone when members of our congregation are in need of prayer, please call Mark Gleydura, (360) 893 0099.

## THANK YOU

- Cheryl Dyson for writing a beautiful song for our window dedication ceremony (see words printed elsewhere in this newsletter).
- Denise Mabry, Keith Dyson, Mike Bettis for serving as worship leaders in September.
- Sulmo Mariano, Bob Carper and John Downs for painting the fascia boards on our Christian Education building.
- Emma Ford for being substitute treasurer while Arnie is away.
- Dave Lillie for yard care.
- Rosalie Gronka and Lyla Lee for newsletter mailing, Emma Ford for label preparation, and Sharon Starr for editing the newsletter.
- Rosalie Gronka for supplemental church cleaning.
- Youth Coffee House and drama program volunteers in September George Bauman, Mark Gleydura, John Downs, Nancy Lillie and Pastor Carol.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budget for the year	\$84,634
Needed monthly (average)	\$6886
Received in August	\$6915
Disbursed in August	\$7064
Shortfall in August	\$149

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## WINDOWS OF THE SOUL

By Cheryl Dyson

Windows of the soul looking out, seeing all the colors around,

Windows of the soul looking in, feeling all the love that abounds.

Many hands at work for the Lord, creating art so beautifully,

Many hours of laboring hard, made a treasure for all to see.

Windows of the soul, keep our focus clear,

Windows of the soul show us Jesus here.

Windows of the soul, make our darkness bright.

Windows of the soul shine on us God's light.



**THERE WILL BE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS OCTOBER 25 IN WORSHIP.** If you are interested in joining the church, talk to Pastor Carol.

**IN WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 11 WE WILL HAVE A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING.**

## Lectionary

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday**

Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10  
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25  
Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12  
Mark 10: 2-16

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22: 1-15  
Hebrews 4: 12-16  
Mark 10: 17-31

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38: 1-7  
Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35  
Hebrews 5: 1-10  
Mark 10: 35-45

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34: 1-8  
Hebrews 7: 23-28  
Mark 10: 46-52



## Volunteer Opportunities

Where will your God-given talents, gifts,  
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.



## October Birthdays

Oct 4 Arnold Olson

Oct 9 Doug Scott

Oct 10 Liz Larkins

Oct 11 Catherine Sorensen

Oct 20 Cheryl Dyson

Oct 30 Stephanie Bettis

Oct 30 Jeffrey Straughn



## CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH BEGINS OCTOBER 10

Monthly confirmation classes will begin with an all day retreat at Puyallup UMC on Saturday, October 10, in cooperation with the nine other United Methodist churches in East Pierce County. We have three enrolled in the program Allan Straughn, Hunter Lillie and Christopher Dyson. Others who might be interested should contact Pastor Carol.

**INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT:** MATTHEW is the title of the eight week pastor's Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. It uses a video and workbook format, following the pattern of the Disciple series. Come join us on Oct. 18 in the bride's room in the church.

## MISSIONS

By Greta Gleydura

We are now in the mission dinner months, We will be getting lots of tasty food for you to try, We started in September and go through till May Every third Sunday in each month except December. We have a list of volunteers who will be cooking but there's always a need for more people, If you wish to help or fix a meal please talk to Greta Gleydura.

September 20	Greta Gleydura & Rosalie Gronka
October 18	Eloise Schinnell
November 15	Cheryl Dyson & Nancy Lillie
January 17	Still open
February 21	Still open
March 21	John Downs
April 18	Stacey Straughn
May 16	Cookie Guinn

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Frank and Ruth Shride were both honored at the Orting Seniors banquet in September for their volunteer work in the community.

## FINANCE CAMPAIGN COMING UP

You should be receiving in the mail soon a letter from the Finance Committee asking for your pledge of support to Orting United Methodist Church for 2010. We hope you will pledge generously to continue the good work that is being done by our church. May God bless the giver and the gift!



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