



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.*

September 2004

## The Continuing Story of Love

One of the Jewish Festivals we learned about in our Summer Vacation Bible School this year was Rosh Hodesh, the Festival of the New Moon. This festival recognizes the cycle of the moon and says something like this: If the moon can start fresh every month, so can we.

We are approaching the startup of our fall schedule, with Sunday School, choir and our Open House beginning September 12. A fresh start offers each of us the opportunity to do something new, involve ourselves in ministry and mission for the Kingdom of God in a new way. This is a good time to do a personal assessment of our relationship to Christ and our faithfulness, so that we might move our faith commitment to a deeper level.

Toward that end, these words by Mother Teresa can serve as a guide for us.

### DO IT ANYWAY

*People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;  
Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
Be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
Build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
Do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;  
Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;  
It was never between you and them anyway.*

I would add another thought here: The church may not measure up to all you want it to be for you; support it anyway, for it is the Body of Christ, the avenue of God's action in the world and our constant reminder that God wants our worship and prayer, our praise and service, even when it doesn't feel good at the moment. This is what it means to be a part of the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom,  
Pastor Carol



Lead a life  
worthy of the calling ...  
making every effort  
to maintain the unity  
of the Spirit in  
the bond of peace.  
Ephesians 4:1-3



## **ANNUAL CHURCH OPEN HOUSE** **September 12, 2004**

Help your friends and neighbors start off the fall right--invite them to come to our church September 12 for our Open House--visitor friendly worship, special displays in the fellowship hall, refreshments for all. This will also be our first day of Sunday School in the fall schedule, and nursery care will be provided.

In the evening Leigh and Sharon Starr and their Praise Band will present a program outside in the church yard (weather permitting).

Remember the United Methodist Church is a place of Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

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## **ALL CHURCH RETREAT** **Coming September 24-26, 2004**



Leigh and Sharon Starr and Keith and Cheryl Dyson are planning a wonderful retreat for our church at Fleischmann's Lodge, just four miles from Orting. You may stay overnight there, or sleep at home and join us for the daytime activities. This will be a time to get to know each other better in a beautiful outdoor setting.

We will relax and enjoy each other's company, we will play and pray together, and we will sing and worship informally. We will return in time for church on Sunday morning. We hope you will join us.

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## **RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS**

"Strength for the Journey," a retreat for persons living with AIDS, will be held at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend September 13-17, 2004. Our Pacific Northwest Conference sponsors this. For more information call Pastor Carol or contact Rev. David Vergin (360-221-4233, email [dvergin@igc.org](mailto:dvergin@igc.org))



## **TRUSTEE'S REPORT** By Arnie Olson

The Trustees have designated all the Saturdays of September as days for scraping and painting the front of the church. We need as many people as possible to come and help scrape away peeling paint. Bring a scraper and do as little or as much as you can--it doesn't even have to be on Saturday. We will welcome scrapers at any time of the day or week. Talk to Arnie Olson or Roger Downing for more information.

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to provide a wonderful experience to about 50 local children. The children learned about Hebrew life in the year 29 AD. The children were able to learn what was eaten, what games were played, how they worshipped and how stories were told in each household and passed down to other generations. They experienced Hebrew dances, homemade butter, and baking bread.

This would not have been so successful with out the help of all those who worked hard in setting up the tents and Tabernacle and working in the market place. Although it rained a bit and sometimes very hard it was enjoyed by all, even the 4-H pets.

Thanks to: Stacey and Jeff Straughn, Nadine Christianson, Mardell and George Bauman, Arnie and Shirley Olson, Roger and Janet Downing, Carol and Sulmo Mariano, Muriel Doolittle, Sharon Starr, Vernon Lewis, our friends from Bonney Lake-- Lisa Nunn, Ilene Hebble, and Claudia Purcell--Rosalie Gronka, Emma Ford, Neta Stebbins, Billie Braddock, Billie Jean Backarich, Stephanie Bergen, our own Roman Soldier Frank Shride, Tax collector Dave Lillie, and Mike Perzel who portrayed Jesus.



A Special Thanks to...

- ◆ Arnie Olson for yard work and for scraping and painting on the west wall of the parsonage.
- ◆ George and Mardell Bauman and Phil Fabel for church cleaning in August.
- ◆ Emma Ford and Shirley Olson for newsletter mailing.
- ◆ Stacey Straughn for office help.
- ◆ Denise Mabry, Keith Dyson, Cheryl Dyson, Roger Downing and Joe Langowski for being worship leaders in August.
- ◆ Roger Downing for preaching August 1 while Pastor Carol was on vacation.
- ◆ Cheryl Dyson, Shirley Olson and Pastor Carol for special music in August.
- ◆ Cheryl and Keith Dyson, Leigh and Sharon Starr, Judy White, Howard Pitts, Dana Robinson and Pastor Carol for a delightful summer choir concert of "Music to Make You Laugh."

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Please Pray for...

- ◆ Harlan Ford, recuperating from a heart attack.
- ◆ Arnie and Shirley Olson's nephew Scotty with meningitis and leukemia.
- ◆ Mary Lou Lewis, knee pain probably requiring surgery.
- ◆ Bob Wolford, who has severe back pain.
- ◆ Mary Jo Walker, who has lung cancer.
- ◆ Le Roy Bush, who has Parkinson's.
- ◆ Jo Perzel, who has lung cancer.
- ◆ Our orphan in the Congo, Benita Tshala.
- ◆ Pray for shut-ins: Louise Hause, Hazelle Wood, Dorothy Bosshart and Marilyn Johnson.

Congratulations!!!

- ◆ The Annual Conference Session honored Rev. Howard Pitts for 60 years in the Methodist ministry.
- ◆ Harlan and Ethel Ford celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in June.

In Memoriam...

- ◆ Lyla Lee in the loss of her stepfather.

**Lectionary for September**

*September 5* Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
 Jeremiah 18:1-11  
 Philemon 1-21  
 Luke 14:25-33

*September 12* Psalm 14  
 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
 Luke 15:1-10

*September 19* Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4  
 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
 Luke 16:1-13

*September 26* Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
 Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 Luke 16:19-31

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Budget for year	\$ 70,784.00
Needed monthly (average)	\$ 5,899.00
Receipts in July	\$ 4,875.00
Disbursements in July	\$ 4,837.00
Transfer from Savings	\$ 1,500.00
Yard Sale Receipts	\$ 3,500.00
Saving Deficit for the year	\$ 3,000.00



*Celebrating Birthdays in September*

7 Mary Lou Geels  
10 Emma Ford  
12 Theresa Downs  
16 Vino Dewan  
17 Howard Pitts  
28 Keith Dyson



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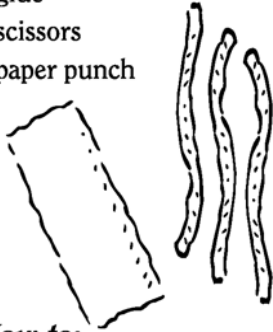
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# Make a bookmark to mark your favorite Bible verse

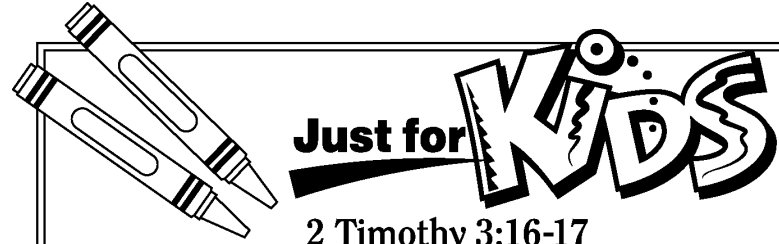
## You will need:

- a 2" x 5" strip of construction paper
- 3 pieces of ribbon or rug yarn, each 8" long
- glue
- scissors
- paper punch



## How to:

1. Punch 3 rows of 6 holes each as shown.
2. Weave a piece of yarn/ribbon through each. Let the ribbon hang over each end.
3. Put a bit of glue at each end to hold.
4. Trim ends evenly.



## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Printed and bound sheets of paper	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>							
They form the alphabet	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>				
One who is learning	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>				
A small test	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>							
A group of relatives	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>					
To offer something	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>							
Glad	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>						
Group who works together	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>							

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24 5 27    11 38 10 26 35 7 14 10 6    21 11    29 2 15  
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34 17 15    7 10 24 21 17 21 17 29    26 17  
39 30 29 33 8 9 3 14 11 17 32 12 11”

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”