



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 2005

The Continuing Story of Love

The Old Testament lectionary has turned now to the unfolding story of Moses. Moses being saved from the river by the princess. Moses standing on holy ground and hearing God calling him to save his people from slavery. Moses confronting the Pharaoh. Moses leading the people to freedom. It is a dramatic and moving narrative. Think, for example, of the account of Moses seeing the burning bush that was not consumed and hearing God speak to him from that bush. When was the last time you saw such a thing?

Yet the poet, Elizabeth Barrett Browning writes:

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God:
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round it, and pluck blackberries...

In this last month here at Orting UMC we have seen many bushes aflame with God. At the yard sale as people entered into the work needing to be done with grace and generosity. At Vacation Bible School, so many of you fulfilling the tasks required to successfully minister to these children and youth. Around the church, acting as good stewards of our property by seeing that it is well maintained and taken care of. Ministering to each other in times of grief and loss. Praying for each other during Joys and Concerns in worship. Sharing gifts of music at the choir concert or receiving those gifts as a part of the congregation.

What draws us closer to these flaming bushes? There is no way for God to reach us unless we ourselves recognize that the ground upon which we stand is holy ground. Others might like what they see happening and try to join in, but they quickly fall away when the blackberry crop ends. God's holiness can infuse all we do if we open ourselves to it and place ourselves in God's hands. We who feel the call of God in our lives can't help but respond with a fervent burning desire to know God more deeply, to be connected to the One who was, and is and is to come in the CONTINUING STORY OF LOVE.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

With fear and trembling
We come to your presence
Holy, Eternal One
Life giving, Fire breathing,
Stirring up the pot, challenging One.
A bush, a fire, a voice
Bare feet on holy ground
A life shaken to its core
A people enslaved
Set free.
A path, a cross, a death
And nothing
would ever be the same again.
A world enslaved
Set free.
Grant us such courage
To seek out your power
To gaze into the eternal
To be transformed by your hand.
<i>Connie Schroeder</i>
<i>(Used by permission)</i>

Thank You

- ◆ To all who helped with Vacation Bible School (see back of Calendar). Thanks to your hard work, it was again a great success!
- ◆ Church cleaners in August: George and Mardell Bauman, Phil Fabel, Mike Perzel, Ruth Shride, Rosalie Gronka.
- ◆ Yard work: Arnie Olson, Mardell Bauman, Rosalie Gronka, Mike Perzel.
- ◆ Worship Leaders in August: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Frank Shride.
- ◆ Special Music: Denise Mabry, Roger Downing, Cheryl Dyson, Pastor Carol.
- ◆ Choir Concert Participants: Cheryl and Keith Dyson, Leigh and Sharon Starr, Sharon and Al Meeds, Dana and Sarah Robinson, Judy White, Denise Mabry, Nancy Lillie, Pastor Carol.
- ◆ To Monique Barteaux, Rosalie Gronka's granddaughter visiting from Alaska, who gave a presentation on her nationwide work and recognition with Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Please pray for:

- ◆ Shirley Olson, broken foot.
- ◆ Brian Kolar, cracked ribs and loss of job.
- ◆ Howard Pitt's three-year-old grandson with spinal meningitis.
- ◆ Billie Braddock's court case.
- ◆ Mardell Bauman, tremors.
- ◆ Our nation and its leaders, our men and women in military service.
- ◆ Our children as they head back to school.
- ◆ Our shut-ins: Louise Hause, Dorothy Bosshart, Lynn Johnson, LeRoy Bush, Rosemary Todd.

IN MEMORIAM

Thelma Hansen

Please keep Kristine and Karen and all the Hansen family in your prayers as they grieve this loss.

Sunday, September 11

We want to invite all the kids back for the first day of Sunday school after summer break.

We have a fun day planned to get us started.



We are also looking for new ideas and leadership for our Christian education.

We hope to see everyone on September 11.

We have asked for bids on re-roofing the parsonage. The roof has been there for many years and is beginning to show the wear and tear. There appears to be damaged to roof sheeting, and there is a need for new venting.



It will be a while before any decision will be made. We will have some serious decisions to make
We haven't won the Lotto yet!

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JULY 31, 2005

Budget for the year	\$68,165
Need monthly (1/12 of budget)	\$5680
July receipts	\$5800
July disbursements	\$4926



YARD SALE TOTAL

Total receipts for the yard sale were \$2580.

CHOIR CONCERT BENEFITS MUSIC PROGRAM

We had two choir concerts this summer.
The July concert netted \$90.00 and the August one, \$80.00.

HURRICANE RELIEF

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already channeling funds into relief efforts in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. If you would like to contribute to this effort make checks payable to Orting UMC and mark them for Hurricane Katrina Relief or Advance #982523.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Sharon Starr
- 7 Mary Lou Geels
- 10 Emma Ford
- 12 Theresa Downs
- 16 Vino Dewan
- 17 Howard Pitts
- 28 Keith Dyson
- 30 Leigh Starr



OPEN HOUSE

COMING SEPTEMBER 18

Invite your friends and neighbors to our annual fall open house in worship

on Sunday, September 18.

Sunday morning worship will be designed to welcome newcomers and we hope to have a full house, with Sunday School in session, the choir back with us, and food following the service.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW begins their fall schedule with their September meeting at 10:00 am on Wednesday, Sept. 7. All women of the church are invited. The meeting is followed by a bring your own brown bag lunch at 12:00 noon.



The UMW would like to take this opportunity to thank the family of Thelma Hansen for the generous donation made in her memory. Thelma was a valued member of our group for many years and we will miss her greatly.

CONGRATULATION

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MACKENZIE NICOLE STARR was baptized on August 14 by her Grandfather Rev. Ed Starr assisted by Pastor Carol.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Stacey Straughn

We had another successful year of VBS, thanks to all your hard work and to a wonderful group of children and youth. We had 44 children and youth participating. Of that number, 13 were youth helpers. The youth drama presentations were outstanding and the youth also helped with crafts very effectively. The barbecue and program on Friday were a fitting celebration to end a wonderful week.

Stacey Straughn: Preschool and Kindergarten Supervisor, Craft Leader, Preparation of Meal for Set Up Crew

Janet Downing: Preschool and Kindergarten Teacher

Neta Stebbins: Preschool and Kindergarten Storyteller, Craft Leader

Cheryl Dyson: Family Leader, Song Leader: **Nancy Lillie:** Family Leader, Games Helper

Jenny Peelman (Bonney Lake): Family Leader, Food Preparation

Ally Gaub and Alisha Emmett: Family Co-leaders

Lisa Nunn (Bonney Lake): Youth Drama Leader, Set up and Tear Down

Shirley Olson: Registrar, Costumes, Craft Helper: **Danette Delo** (Bonney Lake): Games Instructor

Rev. Carol Mariano: VBS Director, Rabbi, Song Leader, Dance Leader, Craft Leader

Rev. Michael Smith (Bonney Lake): Storyteller

Kristy Kirkpatrick (Bonney Lake): Craft Leader, Registration

Doug Kirkpatrick (Bonney Lake): Craft Designer (drums and horns)

George Bauman: Craft Leader, Set Up and Tear Down Supervision

Mardell Bauman: Craft Leader, Food Helper, Set Up and Tear Down Supervision

Janet Bjork: Food Supervisor: **Rosalie Gronka:** Food Helper: **Betty Degeberg:** Food Helper

Kim Kalina: Barbecue, Craft designer: **Dave Lillie:** Tax Collector

Christopher Campbell: Roman Soldier: **Phil Fabel:** Blind Beggar

Keith Dyson: Jesus: **Paula Witte and friends:** Animal Tenders

Roger Downing: Craft Designer (stool kits, heart puzzles), Set Up and Tear Down

Sulmo Mariano: Craft Designer (tool box kits)

Muriel Doolittle: Craft Designer (spice bags), Children's Costumes

Jeff Straughn: Craft Designer (coins): **Arnie Olson:** Set up and Tear Down

Jean Cummins: Trees: **Patty Chouery:** Set Up: **Judy White:** Set Up: **Brian Kolar**

Tear Down: **Harlan and Ethel Ford:** Monetary Donation: **Margaret Eilers:** Monetary Donations



Hebrew



Arabic

September Lectionary

Sept 4

- Psalm 149 or Psalm 148
- Exodus 12: 1-14
- Romans 13: 8-14
- Matthew 18: 15-20

Sept 11

- Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21
- Exodus 14: 19-31
- Romans 14: 1-12
- Matthew 18: 21-35

Sept 18

- Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78
- Exodus 16: 2-15
- Philippians 1: 21-30
- Matthew 20: 1-16

Sept 25

- Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
- Exodus 17: 1-7
- Philippians 2: 1-13
- Matthew 21: 23-32

