



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 2006

## ***I CAN'T GET NO SATISFACTION!***

I just finished reading a book called "Radical Gratitude" by Mary Jo Leddy. Leddy says we live in a culture of dissatisfaction. We are taught to be dissatisfied with things because that fuels our market driven economy. It also cuts us off from each other and causes us to be independent and competitive. This results in people feeling lonely and unhappy. She believes that we in the western world are beginning a downward spiral toward disaster, and that both conservatism and liberalism, for very different reasons, are on a collision course with the future.

The way out of the downward spiral is cultivating a new spirit of gratitude. This means, among other things, living more simply, yet staying connected with a vision of like-spirited people who deeply treasure the good gifts of God. We must stay connected to our traditions from the past while networking with the global nature of the community around us and beyond us. Our Christian faith gives us the resources to do that--through the church and its holy sacraments.



It reminds me of the words of a hymn, "***All Who Hunger***" (vs. 3):

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.*

*Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.*

*Bless are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.*

*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

When we start each day with a prayer of thanksgiving, taking nothing for granted, but praising God, then we see things in new ways and we come alive to the Continuing Unfolding Story of Love.

Shalom,

***Pastor Carol***



Note: Pastor Carol and Sulmo will be on vacation September 4 through 24, visiting their daughter Sonia who is in medical school in Krakow, Poland. They will also travel in Croatia. Roger Downing will be leading worship while Pastor Carol is away.

# Thank You

- ◆ To all who helped with Vacation Bible School--see article on the first page.
- ◆ To all who contributed to the School Supply Drive of Orting Communities In Schools. The items were distributed August 30 to about 250 children.
- ◆ Dave Lillie and George Bauman for fixing the baptismal font.
- ◆ August Choir concert participants: Cheryl Dyson, Dana Robinson, Sarah Robinson, Nancy Lillie, Brian Wells, Sharon and Elizabeth Starr, Kyra Braedt, and Pastor Carol.
- ◆ George Bauman for taking care of the barbecuing at the VBS closing program and at the East Pierce County Circuit of UMC's picnic.
- ◆ Worship leaders in August: Denise Mabry, Nancy Lillie, Roger Downing, Keith Dyson.
- ◆ Arnie Olson for yard care.
- ◆ Rosalie Gronka for church cleaning.



- ◆ To Mike Bettis and to Jessica Rhamy who were baptized on August 27.
- ◆ Michael and Amanda Reed were married in our church on August 26.
- ◆ Arnie and Shirley Olson celebrated their 50th anniversary with a service of renewal of vows on August 12, followed by a wonderful reception and party. Then on Sunday they filled up the church with their family!

## Please pray for:

- ◆ Mike Bettis, chemotherapy for bile duct cancer.
- ◆ Jessica Rhamy, reconstructive colon surgery.
- ◆ Howard Pitt's brother Bill in Texas having heart problems.
- ◆ Muriel Doolittle is doing well. She is at home again after hospitalization for asthma and a minor heart attack.
- ◆ Mark Gleydura thanks you for your prayers. He is doing very well after his surgery for a brain tumor.
- ◆ Greta Gleydura and her sister Margaret are mourning the loss of their mother in England. They were in England for the service during the time of the terrorism scare and they had a very difficult time getting home.
- ◆ Our nation and its leaders.
- ◆ Our men and women in military service.
- ◆ Our shut-ins: Dorothy Bosshart, Mary Lou Geels and Rosemary Todd



## Financial Update

Budget for year	\$69,076
Needed monthly (average)	\$5,756
Income in July	\$5,333
Disbursements in July	\$5,762

## Dead Sea Scrolls in Seattle

The Dead Sea Scrolls will be displayed at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle opening September 23. Peter W. Flint, of Trinity Western University, will present on The Dead Sea Scrolls, Jesus and the DaVinci Code October 18 at Seattle's Town Hall. For tickets contact the Science Center at 206-443-2001 or online at [www.pacsci.org/](http://www.pacsci.org/)

# Mission Corner

## Mission for the Next Year – What shall it be?

We are beginning to research possibilities for our next mission project. Two that have been brought forward are

1. Go to Heifer Project International Western Headquarters in California and do a work project there. We might be working with animals or with gardening or construction and we could stay on site in Ceres, CA.
2. Go to Alaska Missionary Conference and do a work project fixing up a local church and doing a VBS program.

Does either of these sound interesting to you? Or do you have another suggestion? Please call the office and let us know.

## Vacation Bible School

We had another successful Vacation Bible School this year thanks to all of you who helped in so many ways, especially Stacey Staughn and Pastor Carol who oversaw the whole operation from beginning to end. There were 30 children and youth participating and we had a grand celebration barbecue with about 60 family members in attendance on Friday evening.

Thank you to those who helped set up for VBS: **George Bauman, Jeff and Stacey Straughn, Arnie Olson, Mike and Stephanie Bettis, Karen Thurston, Brian Wells, Sulmo and Carol Mariano, and Phil Fabel, William Knowles, Jeffrey & Allan Straughn.** To the registrar **Shirley Olson.** To the family leaders: **Cheryl Dyson, Nancy Lillie, Ally Gaub, Ilene Hebble (Bonney Lake), Stacey Straughn and Sharon Starr.** To drama leader **LaRoy King (Espresso Drama coach).** To **Neta Stebbins (Pastor Carol's mother),** the storyteller. To craft leaders: **George Bauman, Shirley Olson, Neta Stebbins, Muriel Doolittle, Monique Mickelsen, Morgan Hall, William Knowles, Bruni, Suzra and Sandina Antoine (Bonney Lake), Emily Gaub, Caroline Purcell (Bonney Lake), Beth Meshke (Bonney Lake), Pastor Carol.** To **Beth Meshke** for leading the games, and **Pastor Carol** for teaching Hebrew dancing and leading the singing. To **Janet Bjork** for food preparation. To **William Knowles** for being the Roman centurian. To **Brian Wells** for being the Rabbi. To **Phil Fabel** for being the blind beggar. To **LaRoy King** for being the tax collector and Jesus. To **Wayne Harman** for bringing a real live sheep to visit us. To **Janet Bjork and Stacey Straughn** for being in charge of the barbecue. To those who helped tear down: **Jeff and Stacey Straughn, Jeffrey & Allan Straughn, Dave and Nancy Lillie, George Bauman, William Knowles, Brian Wells, Pastor Carol.** To those who helped with preparation of crafts ahead of time: **Jeff and Stacey Straughn, Shirley and Arnie Olson, Nancy Lillie, Roger Downing, Sulmo and Carol Mariano, Ilene Hebble, Mike Bettis.** For costumes: **Shirley Olson and Muriel Doolittle.** For the donation of plants from the **Orting wholesale nursery.** To **Valerie and Catherine Kloepfel** who came representing Kiwanis to help with crafts one day. To the **Orting Kiwanis Club** for a monetary donation. And to anybody else who donated items or time to help make this VBS successful--thank you, thank you, thank you. It was a marvelous week!

## Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

You can make a difference for a young person in our community by dedicating one hour a week to being a mentor, a lunch buddy or a tutor through the WINGS MENTORING PROGRAM, sponsored by Communities In Schools of Orting. To volunteer or to learn more contact Sarah Butzine or Heather Hogan, 360-893-6500 x237.

## Mission Team Seeks People to go to Kenya

A team is being formed to go to Kenya by the Edmonds United Methodist Church in May and June 2007. The team will be doing some painting on the campus at St. Paul's School of Theology and spending time at KICOSHEP a self-help group for people with AIDS, which includes a school for pre-school through junior high children. The team will help with their one meal a day, visit homes in the Kiberia slums, and work at the Youth Center. If you are interested in going, contact Rev. Marta Schellberg, [martas@edmondsumc.org](mailto:martas@edmondsumc.org).

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