



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 2009

It has been one year since we started our Windows of the Soul experience of building a stained glass window for the fellowship hall. We had the initial training workshop in August of 2008. Every Sunday morning we gathered to do the work, little by little, piece by piece, sometimes redoing to correct mistakes or repair brokenness, to create this beautiful window depicting Jesus and the Children. As we worked we were led in scripture reflection by Cheryl Dyson. The major working crew included our leader and head technician Frank Shride, George Bauman, Bob Carper, Greta Gleydura, Lyla Lee, Cheryl Dyson, Jane Miller, and myself, Pastor Carol. Frank Shride often came in during the week to spend extra time on the project.

A few weeks ago, as the window was nearing completion, I went into the work room to look at how things were going and there was a sign taped to the window. It said: This window has been cut--pieced--leaded--brushed--soldered--cleaned--puttied--cleaned--washed--all repeated on the backside--prayed over--loved--and now is ready to turn over, be framed and installed.

The window has now been installed, thanks to Dave Lovelace and George Bauman and we are ready to celebrate and dedicate the window to the glory of God, which we will do in a special service on September 20, at 1:00 pm.

But doesn't this seem like a parable of Jesus? All that goes into the preparation

of the gifts of life that we offer to God--the vision, the measuring, the choices, the risk taking, the hard work, the shaping, the daily grind, repair of brokenness, the fitting together and firming into place, the filling the gaps with flexible binding, the cleaning, the polishing--inside and out--all done with prayer and love. The soul is created into something of beauty to offer in praise and thanksgiving to God. Finally we bring it into place in worship and praise, at home in the church, the body of Christ. I celebrate the windows into your soul that I see as I live with you through life's ups and downs. Come celebrate with me the Continuing Story of Love.

Shalom, Pastor Carol

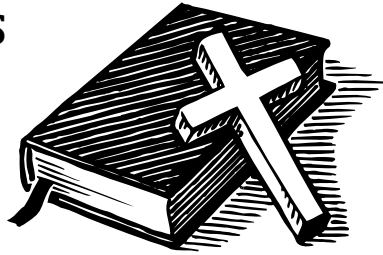
*Shalom,*

*Pastor Carol*

## OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY

Invite your friends and neighbors to church on September 20 for Open House Sunday. We will have a mission dinner following church and then, at 1:00 pm, we will have a dedication ceremony for our new window, with dessert. People who attend church elsewhere may want to come at 1:00 to see the window and have dessert after we do the dedication.

## PRAYERS



- Wayne Olson, Arnie's brother in San Diego who is on life support due to ALS, and to Arnie and Shirley as they make the trip down and back so they can be with him.
- Shaun Malaha, George Bauman's grandson, who had a serious head injury in a bicycle accident (no helmet). He is on the road to recovery, but please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Al Bauman, George's brother with a brain tumor.
- Keith Dyson's father, with pancreatic cancer.
- Our previous bishop, Edward Paup, who left us to take an assignment as head of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in New York, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and has resigned his position. Please pray for him and his family.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JULY

### General Expenses

Budget for the year	\$84,634
Needed monthly (average)	\$ 6,886
Receipts in July	\$ 4,480
Disbursements in July	\$ 6,065
Shortfall	\$ 1,485

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Beverly Gonzalez has a full time job working in a nursing care center for mentally disabled men.

## THANK YOU

- Dave Lillie for lawn care and weeding.
- Larry Guinn for brightening our worship space with beautiful bouquets of flowers that were given out as a door prize after the service.
- Cheryl Dyson and Denise Mabry for substituting for organist Judy White during the summer.
- Worship leaders in August--Nancy Lillie, Mike Bettis, Keith Dyson.
- Rosalie Gronka, supplemental church cleaning.
- Dave Lovelace and George Bauman for installation of our new stained glass window.
- Cheryl Dyson for leadership of the Windows of the Soul Bible study.

## NOTE FROM CHERYL RIEHL

Dear Pastor Carol and friends,

Just wanted to let you know we are all fine. Made the move with no problems. I am still unpacking and trying to find places for everything. I miss seeing you at church, and around. Our new address is Cheryl Riehl, PO Box 1057, Deer Park, WA 99006. Please send the monthly newsletter, so we can keep up to date with the church and our friends. Much love, Greg, Cheryl and Georgia.

## TRUSTEES REPORT



We have donated our church van to the Summer Hispanic Ministry run by Gerardo Guzman. They will take care of needed repairs and hopefully get good use out of it for several more years.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The collection box for the Tacoma Community House is collecting socks and children's pajamas during the month of September.

### MISSIONS

We received a letter from the Bishop's task force for Hope for the Children of Africa thanking us for our support of Benitta Tshala, our orphan in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Benitta is not in the first year at Hodari Secondary School. You can see a picture of her on the bulletin board. We pay \$400 a year for her support, with half of that coming from the United Methodist Women's group and the other half out of our church mission funds.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP-UP

We had another successful VBS this year with Market Place 29 AD, sub theme--The Great Commandment. The children learned ten new verses of "Do Lord" written by Pastor Carol to help them remember the Bible stories. They did a great job of learning "Mayim," a Hebrew dance. They made tool boxes, soap, lip balm, copper coins, bread and butter, grape juice, almond candy, beads, clay tablets of the Ten Commandments, woven baskets and more.

We had 20 children and 19 adults involved. Thank you to all who helped make this possible.

Family leaders--**Jamie Roden, Cheryl Dyson, Ilene Hebble** (Foothills UMC)  
Drama leader--**Nancy Lillie and La Roy King.**

Crafts--**Sherri Barrett, Charlene Lovelace, George Bauman, Beverly Gonzalez, Claudia Purcell** (Foothills UMC), **Neta Stebbins** (Pastor Carol's mother), and **Pastor Carol.**

Story Teller--**Neta Stebbins**

Song and Dance leader--**Pastor Carol**  
Food--**Cookie Guinn** (who donated all the food) and **Rosalie Gronka.**

Games--Youth helpers and **Pastor Carol**  
Tax Collector--**Dave Lillie**

Roman Soldier--**Jeffrey Straughn**

Animal Tender--**Paula Witt (Wayne Harman** brought over a baby lamb on Friday.)

Jesus--Pastor **Darrell Reeck** (Foothills UMC)

Blind Beggar healed by Jesus--**Beverly Gonzalez**

Youth Helpers--**Jeffrey Straughn, Allan Straughn, Hunter Lillie, Christopher Underwood, Addy Nunn** (Foothills UMC), and **Wesley Sperry**

Set-up and Tear-down--**George Bauman, Dave and Charlene Lovelace, Dave and Nancy Lillie, Hunter Lillie, Neil Schweitzer, Pastor Carol**

Barbecue--**Cookie Guinn, George Bauman, Dave and Charlene Lovelace.**

Thank you to Kiwanis for sponsorship donation of \$100 and the loan of an awning.

Thank you to PTA for loan of an awning.

Thank you to Orting Cooperative Nursery School (OCNS) for loan of an awning.

Thank you to **Dave and Charlene Lovelace** for loan of an awning.

Thank you to **Tim and Lisa Nunn** for loan of double long awning.

Thank you to **Jamie Roden** for loan of a tent.

Thank you to **Pastor Carol** for loan of a tent.

### WORSHIP ARTS WORKSHOP

September 13-15 at Tacoma First United Methodist Church, Marcia McFee, dynamic, nationally known author and workshop leader, will be the keynote speaker Sunday night. Then on Monday and Tuesday there will be workshops on preaching, scripture presentation, music, dance and the visual environment.

Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall.

## Lectionary

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125 or 124

James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7: 24-37

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalm 19

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

Proverbs 31: 10-31

Psalm 1

James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8

Mark 9: 30-37

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10: 9: 20-22

Psalm 124

James 5: 13-20

Mark 9: 38-50



## Volunteer Opportunities

Where will your talents 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?

## September Birthdays

3	Sharon Starr
10	Emma Ford
12	Theresa Downs
15	Markus Dennis
16	Vino Dewan
17	Howard Pitts
28	Keith Dyson
30	Leigh Starr



## **LENTEN STUDY STILL HAVING IMPACT**

Last Lenten season we studied a book by Rueben P. Job entitled "Three Simple Rules, a Wesleyan Way of Living." The first rule, "Do No Harm" affected me spiritually, and also became a source of great fun. Using the theme, "Do No Harm" with my friends got me a lot of teasing and the church a lot of attention. Whenever I came close to doing some harm (verbally, of course) I was reminded of "The Rule".

All of us could become more aware of how we are living our lives - and how we are treating others - by using the three rules, "Do No Harm", "Do Good", and "Stay In Love with God."

Jane Miller

## **FIVE PRACTICES WORKSHOP**

You may remember that at our church planning session earlier this year we learned what Robert Schnase says in his provocative book about how to be a fruitful congregation. You have the opportunity to go hear Schnase speak at a three hour workshop on Saturday, Oct. 17, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, at Auburn United Methodist Church. It would be great if several people from our church would attend. Let Pastor Carol know if you are interested.

## ESPRESSO DRAMA TO HOLD AUDITIONS

Espresso Drama youth theatre ensemble is holding auditions for its original production: "A Christmas Carol?!"



Auditions are Friday, September 18th, 5:00-6:30 pm, at the Opportunity Center of Orting, 109 Trains St. SE in Orting.

Espresso Drama is Pierce County's premiere youth theatre ensemble with members from Orting, Puyallup, Graham, Parkland, Bonney Lake, and Tacoma. For more information on auditions contact artistic director L. William King at 253-359-4980 or email

[espressodrama@hotmail.com](mailto:espressodrama@hotmail.com). No previous experience is needed or required.

## FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

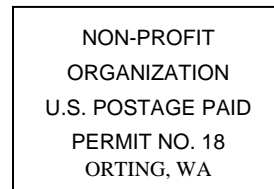
Our 11:00 am time for worship will resume on September 13, the Sunday following Labor Day. We will also begin Sunday School that day. Youth group will start the next Sunday, Sept. 20 at 5:00 pm.

## CONFIRMATION STARTS IN OCTOBER

Monthly confirmation classes for youth begin with an all day retreat at Puyallup UMC on Saturday, October 10. We have three enrolled in the program--Allan Straughn, Hunter Lillie and Christopher Dyson. Others who might be interested should contact Pastor Carol.

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