



# The Circuit Rider

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## *Treasures of Darkness*

FINDING GOD WHEN HOPE IS HIDDEN

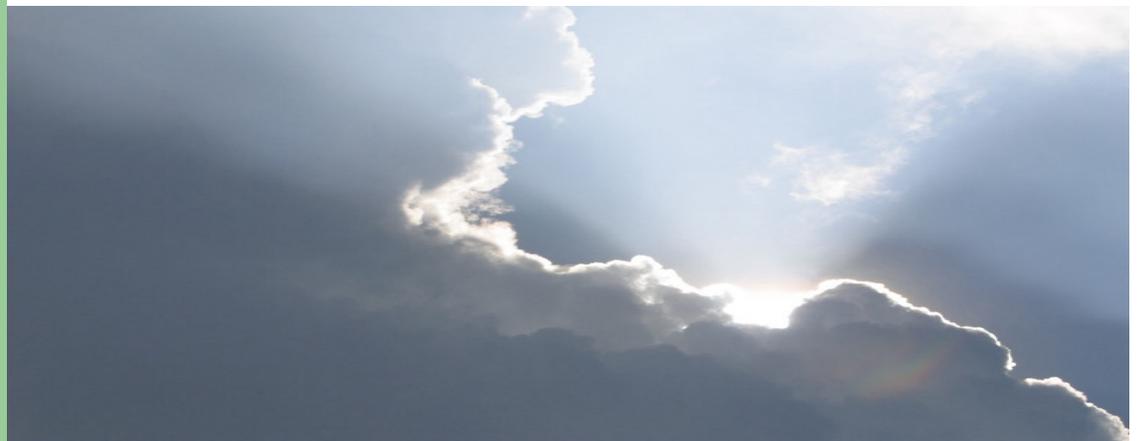
### New Small Group Study for Lent beginning March 9

To participate, sign up Sunday morning  
February 20, or call the church office.

Days & times to choose from on page 6.

Small groups will meet each week during Lent to journey through Lent toward Easter. Together we will form new friendships, renew existing friendships, pray, encourage, and discover our own *Treasures of Darkness*, as we read the book by Tara Soughers.

People generally consider dark times in life as times that are filled with pain, fear, anxiety, depression, loss, or sadness. Tara Soughers recognizes such moments in her own life. When hope seemed hidden, however, she encountered God. She tells us that she does not always recognize her times of darkness as grace-filled. "There are times when God seems absent in the darkness. There are times when I feel lost and even abandoned. But my journeys through the darkness have revealed God to me in ways that I could never have imagined." She shares personal stories about dark times in her life and how she encountered God through the experiences. She invites us to embrace the darkness as an opportunity to experience the treasure of God's love, presence, and power.



## COMMUNITY SHARING

*“Community is the context in which abundance can replace scarcity.”*

(Parker Palmer)

I was thinking about this comment in relationship to the church. We like to see ourselves as a community, but what does that mean? And can we claim we experience that what we are sharing together really is abundance over our individual scarcity? (I ask God that it be so.)

Palmer goes on to say:

“In the faceless crowd we experience scarcity—a scarcity of contact, of concern, of affirmation, or love. But as the crowd is replaced by community, an invisible sense of abundance arises—long before the community produces any visible goods or service. True abundance resides in the simple experience of people being present to one another and for one another.”

Whether we know it or not, many of us walk into a church seeking the abundance of community (including with our Lord). For a while, when we first start attending, some of us may need the anonymity of the crowd. Maybe we need to rest without expectations. Maybe we want to observe, to see if the place seems safe. But even for these, after a time, most of us want something more—sensing a hunger for a deeper connection...hoping for a richer life, as we travel the months together. This ability to move into fuller community comes with joining—small groups, classes, teams, (choirs, bells, VBS team, maintenance guys, rummage sale helpers...) where we begin to become known and to know others. That is why it is so important to share joys and concerns, laughter and tears, needs and questions in our gatherings.

I think about the strengthening of hearing the church is praying for us. I watch the relief when one church member offers to help another with—say a meal, or child care, or a move. I see a face light up when visitors come into a hospital room. And I know the words are true about the possibilities of scarcity giving way to abundance.”

When you invite someone to church (especially for our Invite a Friend Sunday, March 20th), think about telling that person how this community of Puyallup United Methodist has helped you move from scarcity to abundance in some special way in your life. Tell them how you have become closer to a wonderful variety of friends, and to an amazing Lord who proclaimed, “I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly.”

In God’s Abundant Grace,

*Pastor Ann*

I would like to give author Parker Palmer credit and thanks for the idea of using a mobia strip in last Sunday’s sermon.

### **Our Pastoral Team**

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## YOU'RE A BLESSING

I would like to thank all who prayed, called or visited after my recent eye surgeries for a detached retina, especially Pastors Shirley and Ann. I had to sit or lie facedown for 8 days after the 2nd surgery, so calls and visits were much appreciated to pass the time! I am improving daily with much less pain & clearer vision and will return to the Doctor on Feb. 16th to determine the success....am feeling optimistic and incredibly blessed. Thank you!

*Susan Piper*



## THANK YOU FOR CARING

We want to thank you for the time and caring you put into our residents at Christmas time. The gifts sure do enrich their lives. They are so nicely wrapped, and the gift cards bring good times for them. We take them shopping and they have a little extra to spend. Today two of the folks went to Walmart.

We know you will be blessed for putting your caring into action. God bless you all.

*Linda Stone*

and the staff and residents of Regency.

## HEADING OVERSEAS

Jean Kindig's grandson Kelly just left for Iraq. He is with a small group from his chemical battalion and will be deployed for 12 months. He will get mail through PO Box 784, Sumner, WA 98390 while he is deployed.

**Say a prayer for...**

- Kay Smyth, went to be with her Lord 2/13/11
- Merle Davenport dealing with congestive heart failure
- Darryl Zylstra is starting chemo
- Diana Hull's Mom has a broken wrist
- Janet Smith is at Regency
- Dorothy Michaelis has health issues
- Pastor Jim Simpson, formerly of Parkland UMC, was diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Sandy Koughn fighting cancer
- Nelly Thomason has a mass of some kind seen by CT scan near her thyroid gland. She is not having any symptoms.
- Peter, Nelly Thomason's son, has been unemployed for many months now
- Ed Lee on Hospice Care
- Sharon Alexander on Hospice
- Allie Johnson in St. Claire Hospital

| <b>Our 2011 Finances</b> |                          |                          |                        |                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                          | <b>Actual<br/>Jan-11</b> | <b>Budget<br/>Jan-11</b> | <b>Actual<br/>YTD*</b> | <b>Budget<br/>YTD*</b> |
| Income                   | 45,911                   | 39,992                   | 45,911                 | 39,992                 |
| Expenses                 | 36,395                   | 39,604                   | 36,395                 | 39,604                 |
| <b>Net Income</b>        | <b>9,516</b>             | <b>388</b>               | <b>9,516</b>           | <b>388</b>             |

Budget is straight line.  
Actual income includes large donations.  
\*YTD—Year To Date

## PLEDGING UPDATE—SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

As you know, our proposed 2011 budget projected a shortfall of over \$25,000. We are excited to report that we have received pledges sufficient to achieve a fully balanced budget. Your response was awesome and we are deeply thankful for your generosity.

*Linda Henry, Church Council Chair*

### CHURCH REGISTRY

**DEATHS**

Kay Smyth

## FOOD BANK NEEDS EGGS!

**Sunday, March 1st**  
Bring fresh eggs for  
Food Bank Egg Sunday.  
1st and 2nd Services.  
This is for March 1st only.



## RUMMAGE SALE IS MARCH 12

Our March 12th Rummage Sale benefiting the Youth is fast approaching. We'll be accepting your surplus stuff at the church starting Sunday, March 6th. There will be volunteers ready to take donations all that week, March 6-11.

## EPWORTH CIRCLE PRESENTS

Our February 23rd program will be "Valentine Remembrances". Anyone can join in our friendship and companionship.

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

I hope you will be able to join us and bring a friend who likes to read and share a couple hours of girl time/talk. We'll meet next at 7 pm on February 24 in the Cottage. We'll be talking about *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevelier to start the conversation.



## DINNER THEATER

The Pioneer Players bring you "I Wed Three Wives" on Saturday, April 9 at 6 pm. Reserve the date now and watch for ticket sales to begin in March. A \$25 donation includes dinner and play (\$20 is tax deductible). Childcare is available. All net proceeds go to the PUMC annual budget for operations and its many ministries.

Many volunteers will be needed for a successful, unstressful event. If you would like to be behind the scenes, call Bill Rhodes at 253-845-5125 to help.

## SHARING IN THE NURSERY

Be a Volunteer Nursery Assistant.

Schedules are arranged with Shannon Matthiesen, our Nursery Attendant, and you are usually only needed one time a month. **Times of serving may be Sundays 8:45-10:15, or 10:15-11:45, or various afternoons or evenings** when other meetings or special events create opportunities for parents of children ages infant - four years to participate.

Thank you for serving.



## JOIN OUR CHOIR

You are always welcome to join our church choir. The Faith Singers welcome any new singers interested in being a part of Sunday morning worship. Join in at practice on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church and help fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music.



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

### Marmaduke

March 4  
7:00 pm  
Fireside Room



A suburban family moves to a new neighborhood with their large yet lovable Great Dane, who has a tendency to wreak havoc in his own oblivious way.

**Admission free. Bring snacks to share. Bring a friend & an adult. You can wear jammies. Enjoy prayer, prizes, food & fun.**

## FREE HELP WITH YOUR TAXES

TAX-AIDE, sponsored by AARP, through the IRS, offers to help you with your 2010 taxes.

FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL  
RUTH TERVOL 253-845-8947

We can answer questions, do your taxes, and electronically file them. Whatever help you need. Help will be offered at PUMC on Thursdays February 17th, 24th, & March 3rd from Noon to 5:00 pm.

Tax preparation will be provided by Certified Counselors: Sylvia Wilson and Ruth Tervol.

| February 20<br>Sunday  | February 21<br>Monday   | February 22<br>Tuesday  | February 23<br>Wednesday  | February 24<br>Thursday  | February 25<br>Friday                                 | February 26<br>Saturday  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| 8:00 am<br><b>Disciple III</b><br>Conference Rm<br>8:55 am<br><b>Adult Discuss.</b><br>Room 4<br>8:55 & 10:35 am<br><b>Worship Services</b><br>10:35 am<br><b>Living the ?s</b><br>Room 4<br>10:35 am<br><b>Adult Bible</b><br>Conference Rm<br>6:00 pm<br><b>Youth Group</b><br>Wesley Hall   | 9-11 am<br><b>Gift of Years</b><br>Fireside Room<br>6:00 pm<br><b>Beginnings</b><br>Fireside Room<br>6:15 pm<br><b>Disciple I</b><br>Room 7<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Disciple III</b><br>Cottage<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Play Rehearsal</b><br>Wesley Hall<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Men's Bible</b><br>Room 3  | 9:30 am<br><b>Staff Meeting</b><br>Ann's Office<br>11:00 am<br><b>Yoga</b><br>Fireside Room<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Web Committee</b><br>Fireside Room<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Outreach</b><br>Conference Rm<br>7:30 pm<br><b>Youth Council</b><br>Room 7     | 11:00 am<br><b>Clergy Study</b><br>Conference Rm<br>12:30 pm<br><b>Epworth Circle</b><br>Fireside Room<br>6:00 pm<br><b>Connections</b><br>Sanctuary<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Adult Council</b><br>Conference Rm<br>7:30 pm<br><b>J.O.Y.</b><br>Trackside Pizza | 11:00 am<br><b>Yoga</b><br>Fireside Room<br>12—5 pm<br><b>Tax Help</b><br>by reservation<br>Conference Rm<br>6:00 pm<br><b>Rejoice! Ringers</b><br>Room 5<br>6:00 pm<br><b>Play Rehearsal</b><br>Wesley Hall<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Book Club</b><br>Cottage<br>7:30 pm<br><b>Faith Singers</b><br>Sanctuary                 |   | 12—6 pm<br><b>Lions Spaghetti Feed</b><br>Wesley Hall<br> |
| February 27<br>Sunday  | February 28<br>Monday   | March 1<br>Tuesday  | March 2<br>Wednesday  | March 3<br>Thursday  | March 4<br>Friday                                     | March 5<br>Saturday  |
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## DISTRICT TRAINING OFFERS

Saturday, March 12

### Renton United Methodist Church

The Annual Seattle and Tacoma District Training will once again take place on two separate Saturdays: March 12 and April 9 (April 9 details will come later).

Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Brad Kalajainen, Senior Minister at Cornerstone UMC in Caledonia, MI

**Develop Disciple-Making Systems through Small Group Ministry**, is for everyone who cares about the vitality and development of God's mission through their church.

Bishop Hagiya will open the event by setting the context and offering inspiration to clergy and laity, continuing our conference focus of developing disciples and engaging the mission field.

You will learn the two simple goals of small group ministry for your church. This practical workshop lets you know why small groups are so crucial to the health of your church. The participants will also walk away with very practical tools for how to implement this vital ministry. Churches are especially encouraged to send Clergy-Lay Teams to this event, in order to share and implement learning most effectively.

The deadline for the March 12 event is March 4. There is a new process of registering for the workshops on March 12 and April 9. This year, registration is online only: go to [www.pnwumc.org/seatac1](http://www.pnwumc.org/seatac1) and follow the online form. All the details are online, fees, deadlines, locations, how to get directions, classes, etc. Payment can be done by credit card or mailing a check.

### ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP BY REV. DR. BRAD KALAJAINEN

**Preaching/Worship for Change** This workshop will help the pastor and/or worship leaders examine the worship experience. The seminar will show you a way to plan a year in advance, work with a creative team, and call for response. You will leave with dozens of creative new ideas. NOTE: Pre-registration is not required to attend this additional workshop and there is no fee!

**Tacoma District: Sunday afternoon, March 13**, from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm, at Tacoma First UMC, 621 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA.

## Treasures of Darkness

### Schedule

Finding God when hope is hidden. New Small Group Study for Lent begins the week of March 9th. To participate, sign up Sunday mornings or call the church office at 845-0547.

Choose one class:

|            |          |                   |
|------------|----------|-------------------|
| Sunday     | 10:35 am | Conference Room   |
|            | 12:00 pm | Forza Coffee      |
|            | 6:00 pm  | Christensen home  |
|            | 6:30 pm  | Fireside Room     |
| Tuesday,   | 7:00 pm  | Fireside Room     |
| Wednesday, | 2:00 pm  | Conference Room   |
| Thursday,  | 10:30 am | The Cottage       |
| Saturday,  | 9:00 am  | Central Perk Café |
|            | 11:00 am | The Cottage       |

## YOUNG

## ADULTS

(ages 18-33 ish)

**Something to Chew On**  
**Thursday, February 17 @ 8:00pm**  
The Cottage by the church

**Theology @ the Pub**  
**Thursday, March 3, 6:30 pm**  
Milton Tavern, Hwy 99, Milton

**Café Bible Study**  
**Saturday, March 5 @ 9-10am**  
Central Perk, Pioneer Ave., downtown Puyallup

**Looking Ahead**  
**YAR—Young Adult Retreat**  
April 8-10, 2011  
PNW Conference-sponsored

For evolving calendar and updates through facebook (PUMC Young Adults), become a friend of Monte Windsor: [monte@montewindsor.com](mailto:monte@montewindsor.com)



## 2012 EPISCOPAL AREA PLAN FOR THE WESTERN JURISDICTION

### *Introduction*

Some of you are aware of the fact that each of the five U.S. jurisdictions (of the United Methodist Church) will be served by one less Bishop starting in 2012. Our Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops has determined that the best way to handle this reduction is to align the three annual conferences in the far north: Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and the Pacific Northwest into one Episcopal Area. Our PNW leadership has been talking and preparing for this realignment for some time now, and we will continue to plan to make this transition a smooth one. A Transitions Team comprised of representatives from the three annual conferences will be meeting to work on a smooth transition.

Personally, I see this as a time of great creative opportunity, as we can strategically look at what works best for our mission of "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." How that works best for Alaska will be the subject of our coming meetings and reflections.

Continue to pray for us as we move into a new way of doing church, and a new way of being!  
Be the Hope,

*Bishop Grant*

*January 23, 2011*

The bishops' realignment plan calls for a new, single Episcopal Area that will serve Oregon-Idaho, Pacific Northwest and the Alaska Missionary Conferences. Currently, Oregon-Idaho has its own bishop, while the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Missionary Conferences are served and supported by the Seattle Area Episcopal office. Under the new plan, each annual or mission conference will continue to remain independent. The plan does not call for any boundary changes or merger of conferences. All other Episcopal Areas will remain as they are.

A transition team is being formed to consider details of the realignment. Each annual conference has pledged to contribute funds needed for the transitional process. Consultant Gil Rendle will assist the transition team in the creation of a detailed plan for the realignment.

The development of the plan was based largely on the missional needs and opportunities as well as the cultural affinities of the annual conferences in the jurisdiction. Although the reduced availability of an Episcopal leader will be a challenge, the college and leaders in the jurisdiction believe that this will be an opportunity to move toward the realization of "permeable boundaries." By viewing the boundaries of Episcopal Areas and annual conferences as permeable, it is hoped that knowledge, skills, gifts and graces of leaders can be strategically shared.

## FAITHFUL ACTION FOR THE COMMON GOOD! INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 AT THE CAPITOL IN OLYMPIA

Come to Olympia with members of other faith communities to learn about and speak for the needs in our communities. Be part of faith at work for justice. Participate in an interfaith gathering, learn about advocacy and current legislation, and have an opportunity to advocate in Olympia! All faith communities are encouraged to participate. Remember to wear green!

Register online at <http://thewac.org/ifad2011/> before March 10th for the Early Bird ticket price.

Limited scholarships may be available.

Go green! Bring a few friends and carpool. For more information, email [wac@thewac.org](mailto:wac@thewac.org) or call 206.625.9790.

### **Lectionary**

#### **February 20**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

#### **February 27**

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalms 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

