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Bake Sale!!!!

April 20

Please help by buying delicious goods
Sunday between services.



All proceeds will be used by the
youth mission trip to New Orleans
this summer.

Contact Celia Peacock, 445-8659 with any questions.
Thanks in advance for helping me with my Confirmation project.

Audit Meeting

Sunday, April 20

at 1:30 pm

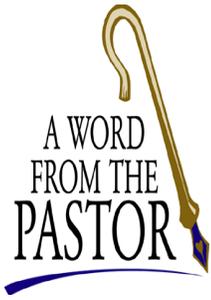
All congregation – please plan to attend

At this congregational meeting we will vote on accepting
the Complete Ministry Audit Report and Recom-
mendations that will guide us in moving forward.

(see article on page 3)



“Story Theology”



This article continues the thoughts of Marcus Borg in his book *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. Borg began his book by underlining the important and often quite unconscious connection between images of Jesus and images of the Christian life. The close relationship between the

two means that what is at stake in how we think of Jesus is, to a considerable extent, how we think of the Christian life.

The image of Jesus that Borg has sketched is quite different from the popular image of Jesus. Jesus’ self-understanding did not include thinking and speaking of himself as the Son of God whose historical intention or purpose was to die for the sins of the world, and his message was not about believing in him. Rather, he was a spirit person, subversive sage, social prophet, and movement founder who invited his followers and hearers into a transforming relationship with the same Spirit that he himself knew, and into a community whose social vision was shaped by the core value of compassion. Naturally this image of Jesus leads us to a quite different image of the Christian life than what many of us were taught as we grew up and, for the most part, continue to be taught.

Borg moves to broaden our framework for thinking about images of Jesus to include the Bible as a whole. Both Jesus and his followers were rooted in Judaism, and the sacred traditions of Israel that shaped their ways of seeing, thinking, and speaking.

In our effort to see the significance of scripture for them **and us**, we can be greatly aided by an emphasis on the centrality of story in Jewish and

Christian scriptures. This can be seen in three features of the Bible: the narrative framework of the Bible as a whole; the hundreds of individual stories; and a small number of “macro-stories.” These last stories are the primary stories that shaped the religious imagination and life of ancient Israel and the early Christian movement. **Thus story theology seeks to recapture the story character of our scriptures.**

As a particular form of religious discourse, stories function in a particular way. Religious laws speak of how to behave; theology and doctrine speak of how to understand and what to believe; but stories appeal to the imagination, to that place within us where our images of reality, life and ourselves reside. The great stories of the Bible create an image of what the religious life is about.

Borg’s central claim is that there are three “macro-stories” at the heart of Scripture that shape the Bible as a whole, and that each of these stories images the religious life in a particular way. Two of the stories are grounded in the history of ancient Israel: the story of the exodus from Egypt, and the story of the exile and return from Babylon. The third, the priestly story, is grounded not in the history of ancient Israel, but in an institution – namely the temple, priesthood, and sacrifice. As the three most central stories of the Hebrew Bible, they shaped the religious imagination and understanding of both ancient Israel and the early Christian movement.

(In our next article will examine these three “macro-stories” and their implications.)

Yours in the ministry of understanding in new ways and with new implications for our Christian life,

Pastor Jim Lewis

Providing Leadership for Our Many Ministries

The Lay Leadership Ministry has begun seeking persons who have a passion for one of our ministries and are willing to put their faith into action through the appropriate area. More detail will be sent in future Circuit Riders about specific needs. We value the difference you make in the life of our congregation and the larger community. The next meeting of the Lay Leadership Ministry team will be on Tuesday, April 22nd from 10:30-11:30. Let us support our ministries well to be prepared for the coming of Pastor Ann Berney.

Follow-Up Congregation Audit

Sunday, April 20 at 1:30 pm

Thank you for attending the first congregational meeting on Sunday, April 6! The Ministry Audit Steering Committee greatly appreciates your willingness to spend time in dialogue about the Complete Ministry Audit Summary Report and Recommendations.

The committee listened carefully to all of your observations, questions and comments. As a result, we made a number of changes to the original summary report to reflect your feedback.

What's next?

- As a member or constituent of PUMC, you have received a revised summary report and recommendations based on the input we heard on April 6.
- A revised Complete Ministry Audit background report is available in the Narthex
- The next congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 20 at 1:30 pm**. We will vote on accepting this report and recommendations that will guide us in moving forward. Please plan to attend.

We ask for your continued prayers during this process. We are poised at an exciting place in the history and ministry of this church! Thank you for being part of this exciting journey.

Linda Henry, Church Council Chair,
Ministry Audit Steering Committee Co-Facilitator

School Supplies & Equipment

Jane Harvey Circle will be collecting school supplies, outdoor equipment and snacks for Atlantic Street Center for their Summer Academy. Atlantic Street Center is a Methodist sponsored organization helping families and communities raise healthy, self-sufficient children.

There will be a container in the narthex through June 29th with a list of needed items. THANK YOU for your contributions.

Easter Cross

The Easter cross turned out to be a big success. Thanks to everyone who brought flowers to be put on the cross. A special thanks to Brian Engelking for helping me put up and dismantle the cross.

Thanks! *Kylie Engelking*

From the paw of Puyallup Animal Rescue

Thank you for your wonderful donation from your youth group during Souper Bowl Sunday. The Doggies and Kittys "thank you" too for helping to give them a second chance for life.



Donations go for their spaying and neutering, collars, I.D. tags, microchipping and vet care before adoption to their new homes.

Thank you again and God bless.

Viki Pearson

(2/3 of the Souper Bowl gifts went to the Salvation Army to be used for children's needs).

RED TUB IN NARTHEX

The Jane Harvey Circle keeps a RED TUB in the narthex for you to place items gently used or new. These items are given to the FAMILY RENEWAL SHELTER. The shelter is a home for domestic violence victims that can no longer be in their home. Most clients come away with only the clothes they are wearing. They are furnished with clothing, personal items, and furniture for their apartments when they can leave the safe home. Any items the shelter can not use or store are then sold at a rummage sale. The proceeds of the sale are used to provide necessities for the women and children and to keep the office open. This is a Non-Profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. Just ask Ruth Tervol (253)845-8947 for a donation slip.



Say a
prayer
for...

Pastor Ann Berney and her son Paolo
as they prepare for their move from
Des Moines to Puyallup

Barbara Morris—health concerns

Linda Morgan—cancer treatment

Tressie Lowe—health problems

Leonard Lake—fighting Emphysema

Joe McCord—deployed to Iraq

Kelley Kindig and Jason Brown serving in Iraq

New Member Classes Announced

An opportunity to learn about the UMC, our congregation, and yourself.

On two consecutive Saturdays, April 19th and 26th, we will hold classes from 9:00 to 11:00 AM about who we are as United Methodists and information about our local church.

The class on April 26th will look at other issues including a ministry interest survey discussion and answering any questions you might have. Whether you are a long time member or new to the congregation, you are invited to join us. Please contact Pastor Jim Lewis, Bill Rhodes, the church office, or sign the form on the entry hall table if you desire to participate.

Summer Camp

Online registration is open and working!! Or download the forms and send in hard copies. You can get hard copies from the Youth Booth in Wesley Hall on Sunday mornings.

The Summer Camp web page with links to registration is www.pnwumc.org/Camping/2008/. Applications for Puyallup Camperships are available at the Youth Booth.

Please take note of these key dates:
May 1st - early registration cut off
June 25th - Campership requests are due at the conference office. Campership requests from Puyallup UMC are due on the same date.

Online registrations will close 1 week prior to the start of each week of camp.

ORIGAMI DOVES (CRANES)

HELP FOLD, ASSEMBLE, HANG

Pentecost is coming on May 11, and we'll hang the doves again in the sanctuary, plus fold more to add. If you would like to help fold, join us on April 29 at 10 a.m. Then on May 6 at 10 a.m. we'll join again to assemble the doves and prepare them for hanging. On Saturday, May 10, we'll take the butterflies down and hang the doves. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to take part on any of these dates. Contact Miki Craighead for more information. mikidonc@mac.com.

Recap of Dove activity:

Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m. - learn to fold doves
Tuesday, May 6 at 10 a.m. - assemble and prepare doves for hanging
Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. - hang doves



The Playful Marriage

April 26 - 27, starting at 9:30 am Saturday through 12:30 pm Sunday, couples will explore the need to play. PUMC is presenting this retreat with Rev. Dr. Keith Hackett to happen at Sahale Center in Belfair. Visit www.playfulrelationships.com. Call 845-0547 or email umcpuy@qwest.net to register.

Marilyn's Birthday Bash

Everyone's invited to a special Birthday Open House for Marilyn Fankhauser from 2 - 4 pm on Sunday, April 27. Join us in the Highlands Community Center at 502 - 43rd Ave. SE, Puyallup. Cards are appreciated, but no gifts please.

Cancer: Questions and Answers

This free seminar on cancer is open to the public at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 29th. Childcare is provided.

Local consultant in healthcare, Rebecca Sullivan, M.D., M.S., will discuss and answer questions about types of cancer, most common cancers in men and women and their causes. She will also talk about cancer symptoms and how they are graded and staged, risk factors, symptoms, treatments and survival rates.

VBS Volunteers

Many opportunities are available to help make VBS happen for the little ones in our community. Make a lasting impression with our Beach Party theme. We need people to decorate, hostess, do activities with the kids, clerical work, teach, and more. Sign up during fellowship time in Wesley Hall or contact Samantha Karpenko at 841-2183.

Annual Joint-Training Session

May 17 Puyallup UMC and the EPCC will host Clergy and Laity leader training. The sessions are being developed to include up-to-date, timely and inspirational information for all attending: clergy, lay leaders, plus chairs of all local committees and their members. The event is scheduled to convene at 9:30 am and adjourn at 4 pm. More information will be distributed when details are finalized.

Contact Don Shipley or Carolyn Peterson at Olympia First, 360-943-2661 with any questions.

April 20—May 3, 2008

April 20 Sunday	April 21 Monday	April 22 Tuesday	April 23 Wednesday	April 24 Thursday	April 25 Friday	April 26 Saturday
<p>9 & 10:30 am Worship Services</p> <p>1:30 pm Vote on Ministry Audit Recommendations</p> <p>6-8 pm Mixed Youth Group Wesley Hall Scaling Mt. Zion Training</p>	<p>6:45 pm Holy Communion Sanctuary</p> <p>6:45 pm Childcare Room 3</p> <p>7:00 pm Disciple I Room 10</p> <p>Disciple II Conference Rm</p> <p>Disciple V Room 7</p>	<p>10:30 am Lay Leadership Conference Rm</p> <p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 pm Children's Council Conference Rm</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study Room 3</p>	<p>9:00 am Lectionary Conference Rm</p> <p>9:30 am Let's Talk Room 3</p> <p>12:30 pm Epworth Circle Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 pm Music Team Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30-8:30 pm Beginnings Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 pm Youth Council Conference Rm</p>	<p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells Room 5</p> <p>7:00 Social Justice Conference Rm</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary</p>	<p>7:00 pm Book Club Cottage</p>	<p>9—11 am Honored Guest Class Conference Rm</p> <p>9:30 am through Sunday Playful Marriage Retreat in Belfair, WA</p>
April 27 Sunday	April 28 Monday	April 29 Tuesday	April 30 Wednesday	May 1 Thursday	May 2 Friday	May 3 Saturday
<p>9 & 10:30 am Worship Services</p> <p>EPCC Choir Festival 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Concert</p> <p>6:30 pm Mixed Youth Group Wesley Hall</p>	<p>1:00 pm Communion Training Conference Rm</p> <p>6:45 pm Holy Communion Sanctuary</p> <p>6:45 pm Childcare Room 3</p> <p>7:00 pm Disciple I Room 10</p> <p>Disciple II Conference Rm</p> <p>Disciple V Room 7</p>	<p>10:00 am Origami Doves Conference Rm</p> <p>10:00 am Quilters Room 7</p> <p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 pm Ministry Audit Conference Rm</p> <p>7:00 pm Health Committee Fireside Rm</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study Room 3</p>	<p>9:00 am Lectionary Conference Rm</p> <p>9:30 am Let's Talk Room 3</p> <p>5:45 pm Armory Dinner</p> <p>6:00 pm Music Team Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30-8:30 pm Beginnings Fireside Room</p>	<p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>1:00 pm Cancer Support Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells Room 5</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">4:50 pm Friday Through Saturday Confirmation Retreat Snohomish UMC</p> </div> <p>7:00 pm Family Movie Night Wesley Hall</p>	

Youth News

Events Calendar*

- April 19 9-3 Scaling Mt Zion Training Event—Team Building Activities at Wildwood Park
- April 20 6-8 pm Scaling Mt Zion Training Event—*Hurricane on the Bayou*. Combined Youth Groups will watch the movie.
- April 27 Combined Youth Group
- April 30 5:45 pm Armory Dinner
- May 2-3 4:50 pm Carpool at PUMC, pack for overnight
5:15 pm Confirmation Retreat starting in Sumner UMC, then to Snohomish UMC
- May 4 Combined Youth Group
- May 11 Mother's Day—No Youth Group
- May 18 Confirmation Sunday: reception as new members in 9 & 10:30 morning worship services; Confirmation as Christians at 7:30pm Confirmation Worship service.
- May 24-26 CONVO
- May 25 Holiday Weekend--No Youth Group
- May 31 Set up for Graduation Breakfast
- June 1 Graduation Breakfast; 4-6 pm Mt. Zion Mission Team VBS Planning Session
- June 8 Combined Youth
- June 15 4-6 pm Mt Zion Mission Team VBS Planning Session
- June 16-20 Annual Conference Pages
- June 22 4-6 pm Mt. Zion Mission Team Last Things
- June 25 6:30 pm Packing the Vans
- June 26 4 am Departure: Mt. Zion, New Orleans, LA!
- * nearly all activities require copy of permission slip on file. Forms available at Youth Booth.

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 18-33ish)

- ▣ **Theology at the Pub** next meets **May 1, 6:30 pm**, at the Milton Tavern, no host eats and beverages, bring burning questions or theological stumpers, or just come to hear what others might have to say.*
- ▣ **Saturday, May 10** (times TBA) YA Gathering Round 3 at Fairwood UMC —newcomers welcome. This will be part planning meeting for the August event (see next item) and a picnic with volleyball or something & fellowship. Patrick can tell you more**.
- ▣ **Climb a Mountain, Build an Orphanage: Hiking-Camping-Mission-Extravaganza! August 15-17** Mt. Adams multi-ability hiking, eating, worship, friend-making, and more! Patrick can tell you more**.
- ▣ **Rafting the Deschutes River August 29-September 1**, hosted by the Snohomish UMC. Watch for more info or contact snohomishumc@earthlink.net

* To get on the e-mailing list for Young Adult notices, contact Monte Windsor at monte@montewindsor.com

**Patric Scriven, Conference Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, has more information on Conference Events. Contact him at 206-304-9284 or pscriven@pnwumc.org



Can You Hear Me Now?

Youth CONVO 2008

May 24-26

Univ. of Puget Sound

Speaker: Mike Ratliff

Early Bird Registration due April 23

\$135

Applications & scholarships available at Youth booth



Annual Conference Youth Pages

University of Idaho, Moscow ID

- June 17-20 (may have to arrive June 16). Carpooling available
- Help voting members by producing & delivering information & doing errands
- Lots of work, play, fellowship, learning
- Expenses are paid
- Must be in grades 8-13
- Must apply; applications at the youth booth or on-line at <http://www.pnwumc.org/html/youth.html>

Family Movie Night: May 2nd at 7 pm. *Enchanted* Beautiful princess Giselle is banished by an evil queen from her magical, musical animated land--and finds herself in the gritty reality of the streets of modern-day Manhattan. Shocked, Giselle is now adrift in a chaotic world badly in need of enchantment. But when Giselle begins to fall in love with a charmingly flawed divorce lawyer who has come to her aid--even though she is already promised to a perfect fairy tale prince back home--she has to wonder: can a storybook view of romance survive in the real world?

Free Admission Bring an adult to stay with you. If you want, bring snacks/drinks

Graduates to Celebrate!

Believe it or not, graduation season is just around the corner. June 1st will be a day of celebration for us at Puyallup UMC as we recognize our High School graduates, and as we celebrate with other graduates in our midst.

To our knowledge, the following High School students related to our church will be graduating this year:

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| Marissa Fletcher | Curtis Stevenson |
| Meagan Lotz | Ryann Tervol |
| James Peacock | Elizabeth Torrey |
| Philip Sequeira | Ansley Tworek |
| Loren Shadko | Ben Watson |

If you know of other students who should be on this list or who would like to be invited to the graduation breakfast, please notify the church office.

College graduates will also be celebrated in worship and Circuit Rider through our prayers of joy. If you, or someone we know, are graduating, please inform the church office of your graduation, your program, school, and degree. We would like to celebrate your accomplishments with you.

Hats off to those who have worked so hard and succeeded!

Church Camp Out

August 1 through 4 enjoy the weekend with friends at beautiful Alder Lake Park. The fee is \$55 per campsite for up to 8 people. Bring your RV or tents to stay in and pets are okay. Plan to relax. Pack a bathing suit, fishing gear, hiking boots and volley ball. There are restrooms with coin-operated hot showers.

Make your reservation (state if you need wheelchair or walker accessibility) with Randy or Susan Alexander at 253-848-9067 or email susanale@msn.com.

EDGE Helper Opening

The EDGE Ministry needs a volunteer to keep the Starter Kits current and make sure we have a supply of cookie gift bags ready each Sunday. This is an important support position for our welcoming ministry. Call Bill Rhodes (845-5125).



Book Club Friends

Our April 25th selection is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. We will meet at the Cottage, 1819 West Main, at 7 pm. Come even if you haven't read the book.

Also of interest to our group is the news story of the raid of the Fundamentalist LDS polygamist sect in Texas that has been raided following claims of a 16-year-old of her own abuse and that girls as young as 14 and 15 were being forced into marriage. This is a sect started by Warren Jeffs who was the leader of the group we read about in *Under the Banner of Heaven*. The newspaper stated that over 400 children have been taken into state custody. Clearly this will prove to be a big case for the FLDS. ~Diane Windsor

Donate Used Stamps

It's amazing how your trash can be another man's treasure. Marilyn Bernd has done it again, bringing our church \$30 from sales of old postage stamps. Just tear the used stamps off your mail and bring in a handful to the church office and Marilyn will take care of the rest. Amazing.

EPCC Adopts Flood Area Family

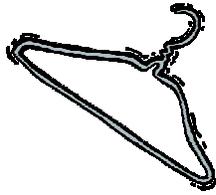
The East Pierce County Circuit is adopting a family in Boistfort Valley. We will send teams of volunteers to a home that was flooded with 10 feet of water. The walls and floors, even ceilings will be torn out and replaced. The first need we have is for a licensed contractor to begin a new foundation. Contact Pastor Carol Mariano of Orting UMC at 360-893-2840 to volunteer.

Spiritual Retreat for Women

Rest, Rejuvenate, Rejoice during the weekend of May 16—18 at Red Lion in Yakima. Enjoy exciting, uplifting, spiritual music, and Bible study. Also available are scrapbooking, Prayer Shawl, walking path, exercise room, swimming, movie night and more. You can register at the door Friday night from 5 - 7 pm. Call Madelyn Bafus with questions at (509) 922-2027.

Add To Women's Boutique

Phoenix Housing needs to stock their Women's Boutique at the Day Center. Good condition women's professional wear and other clothing can be left in the bin marked for this ministry in the hall outside the church office.



Exploring General Conference

This five-session on-line course is being offered by United Methodist Communications. The goal of the course is to give participants a basic working knowledge of the church's legislative process through General Conference (GC). Course materials include:

- The history, role and purpose of GC
- How delegates are elected, their role and responsibilities
- How petitions, the general budget and other important matters are decided through GC
- Social issues facing the UMC & its stance
- The highlights of the 2004 GC & what's ahead

Tutor Training

Each one, Teach one gets results. Several times a year training is offered to prepare tutors to meet the needs of adult non-readers. To sign up as a tutor, student, or donor, contact Tacoma Area Literacy Council 253-272-2471.

General Conference Days

Prayers, Petitions

April 23—May 2

Forth Worth Convention Center

Opening with delegates, alternates, bishops, staff and guests from United Methodist congregations around the world will engage in celebratory and inspirational worship. The days of the convention will be filled with:

- considering close to 1600 petitions
- Hearing challenges to move into "A Future with Hope"
- Celebrating denomination anniversaries
- Acting on a proposed 2009-12 budget
- Electing new members to serve.

Mt Zion 2008

Please pray for us as we prepare & go.

Adult & Youth Mission Teams

New Orleans June 26-July 4, 2008

Why we go:

Mission: Continue in partnership with sister church, Mt. Zion UMC

Mission: Be part of God's renewing work in the city of New Orleans

Mission: Grow in our own discipleship to Christ and closer to God

Mission: Learn more about myself and others of God's people

Next Events:

April 19, 9 am – 3 pm Team Building. Bring a sack lunch and dress in athletic clothes appropriate for the weather and to be outside at Wildwood Park. Meet us at the park at 9, or carpool from the church at 8:40 am.

April 20 Hurricane on the Bayou (the movie) 6–8 pm during Youth Group.

A powerfully moving large format film unlike any other, *Hurricane on the Bayou* carries audiences behind today's news headlines on a journey deep into the soul-stirring heart of Louisiana – before, during and after the unprecedented devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Unfolding against the poignant backdrop of the most costly natural disaster in America's history, MacGillivray Freeman's IMAX® cameras follow a group of four musicians, both legendary and rising, as they explore the electrifying culture of New Orleans: speed



through the beautiful, alligator-filled bayous on air-boats; recount their heart-wrenching, personal stories of Katrina; and most of all, bring the focus to the rapidly disappearing wetlands that are New Orleans' first line of defense against deadly storms. Vanishing at an astonishing rate of one acre every 38 minutes according to the U.S. Geological Survey, the wealth, cultural vitality and very future of New Orleans depend on the preservation of these wetlands. Produced in partnership with The Weather Channel. Copies of the film are available in bookstores and at Amazon, but those who see it in IMAX theaters really have the best experience.

Mission Team Members: Susan & Randy Alexander, Michele & Trevor Charest, Asher, Brant, Lane & Shirley DeLarme, Kylie, Tyler & Sandy Engelking, Marissa Fletcher, Brian Garrett, Hollee Gossett, Marcie Hedman, Serena Hedman-Burgmeier, Brandon Henrie, Kylee Marcoe, Paul & Ruth Marston, Allison McCormack, Laurie McGhee, Aldonza Osuna-Martinez, Celia & Rob Peacock, Kyle & Debra Rinke, Steve Roberts, Brandon & Britt Rogness, Loni Stevenson, and Monte Windsor.

Food Stamp Challenge

The challenge is to imagine you only have \$21.00 to spend on groceries for an entire week (the average food stamp benefit). That is \$1.00 per meal if you eat 3 meals a day. What would you purchase? A brief analysis:

Milk - \$2.79 for a half gallon, Eggs - \$3.00 per dozen, Chicken or beef - \$6.50 for a whole chicken and one pound of ground beef, Fresh Vegetables - \$3.00 for broccoli, cauliflower, Bread - \$1.00 one loaf of whole wheat, Potatoes, Pasta - \$2.00, Fruit - \$2.50 bananas, **Total: \$20.79!**

Oh my gosh.... what about coffee, salad, peanut butter, butter, cheese, tomatoes or what if I have a sweet tooth?

Please take this challenge to understand the difficulties *thousands* of Pierce County residents face each month. Hopefully, this experience will raise awareness of the effects of hunger in our community and spark a community-wide conversation about an effective long-term response to reduce hunger in Pierce County. Please let Beth Elliott, Executive Director of the FISH Food Banks of Pierce County know about your experience and any recipes that you might share to stretch food dollars. Call FISH at 383-3164 or send an e-mail to fish-foodbanks@harboret.com.

PUMC Social Justice Committee

Spring Celebration & Auction



As many of you know, Jim Lewis is the new Board Chairperson for Associated Ministries of Tacoma and Pierce County. They will be holding their Spring Celebration and auction “Northern Exposure” on Saturday, April 26th. Jim would appreciate it if you can be supportive of their annual fund-raising event. Please contact him about time, cost, and location.

Congratulations Kylie!

Thanks to all who supported Kylie Engelking during her Camp Fire USA candy sale. Kylie is the Orca Council 2008 High Seller this year selling 900 boxes of candy. She reached her goal of 600 boxes and kept going! Way to go, Kylie!

Living the Sacred

Cooperative School of Christian Mission will be in session the weekend of July 11 – 14 at Central Washington University, Ellensburg. Their *I Believe in Jesus* study will be led by Rev. Dr. Ron Hines. Other studies will be *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival*, and *Israel/Palestine*. Register by June 20. You can receive a copy of the registration form in the church office. Call 360-733-7440 with questions.

What is the Building Maintenance Endowment?

This endowment provides some of the funds for the Trustees to use for emergency repairs, replacing major items, and ongoing maintenance of our facilities. It originated in 1993 from three bequests and received a major addition in 1996. This by no means meets all the requirements the Trustees address but is a major source of funds. Furnace repairs, computers, copiers, and two new hot water heaters are examples of how the funds are used.



OUR CHURCH AT WORK

About half of this fund’s liquid assets are invested in a socially responsible mutual fund. Another of this endowment’s assets is the Puyallup church’s one-half investment of \$84,830 in the Cottage—the other one-half is the Whitney Memorial UMC’s share.

The value of this endowment at year-end was \$165,500, and \$5,200 was transferred to the Capital Improvement account as the 2007 withdrawal for Trustees to use for projects.

Project Interdependence

Bringing people of faith together to help families in need, Project Interdependence matches volunteers from the faith community with families who are in transition from welfare to work. Form a team to be mentors for a family. Contact Valorie Crout, Program Director, at 253-383-3056, ext. 108 or email valoriec@associatedministries.org.

Lectionary Verses

April 20

Acts 7:55-60
Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

April 27

Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

EPCC Has Spring Concert

Please place on your calendar the EPCC Spring Concert

Sunday, April 27th

Potluck Dinner is open to all at 6:00 pm

The concert begins at 7:00 pm

It will be held at our Puyallup United Methodist Church

Choirs from five East Pierce County Circuit churches will participate in this entertaining evening.




Puyallup United Methodist Church
Vision Statement

**A Christian faith community
that experiences and shares
God's love.**

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