

# The Circuit Rider

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# Annual Conference June 17-20 at University of Puget Sound

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# Puyallup United Methodist Church Choir Concert



4:00 pm Sunday, June 20

Come back to church Sunday afternoon for a delightful afternoon of special music from our own Chancel Choir.

### SIMPLE WAYS TO SERVE

In God's vision for the earth, no one should be struggling with hunger. Sometimes for us, it is hard to imagine that right here on our own doorstep there are hungry people. Helping to assure that everyone in our community has adequate food is not just a physical issue for those in need, but it is a spiritual issue for us. (Matt. 25)

This summer there are two special programs that you / your family can be a part of...

### SNACK PACKS

Each Wednesday a crew gathers in the Fellowship Hall to put together Snack-Packs to be offered to the people who share in the evening meal at the Armory. This meal is provided by area churches and community groups for those who are without homes, or struggling to make ends meet. There are usually about 40-50 attending. Our Snack-Packs are to provide supplemental nourishment until the next full meal. (The Freezing Nights Program provided this opportunity but is on hiatus until mid-fall.) After we pack the snacks we take time to pray for all who will receive them and then send them on their way. We could use your help in a variety of ways:

*Purchasing non-perishable items:* Volunteer to do a once shopping trip to Costco (Rosalyn Hartman is your expert on this).

*Purchase fresh foods:* Volunteer to pick up fruit and veggies (Pastor Janet Leonard is your expert on this).

*Be a packer:* Participate in a packing crew (a bunch of us from PUMC, along with some friends of Whitney Memorial UMC).

Delivering Snack-Packs: Deliver Snack-Packs to the Armory (downtown Puyallup) about 6:15 p.m. while the people are sharing in dinner. (Dinner director Hannah is a big help here).

Have questions? Talk to Sherri Burbank Williams, Pastor Ann or call the church office.



### SUMMER CHILDREN'S LUNCH PROGRAM

This is a project sponsored by the Ministerial Fellowship of Puyallup to provide sack lunches for children who no longer have the "free and reduced lunches" school provided for them. Each church is asked to take a week to pack sandwiches and other items for 150 children, to be delivered to two valley schools, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Once again, there will be a variety of tasks for people to assist in. Our week will likely be August 9-13 (date confirmation to come). Please phone the office if you might be able to help with this wonderful opportunity to reach out to the children of our neighborhood.

Grace to you! In Christ's Service,

Pastor Ann

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# All Church Charge Conference July 7

7:00 pm
Dessert Potluck
7:30 pm
PUMC Conference
in Wesley Hall

# **Statements by our Confirmands**

I believe in the one almighty God who will care for me and nurture me as he guides me to his light.

Trevor Charest

I will live my life reflecting the image of God.

Josh Field

God will always be there to lead me and take care of me, to protect me from things that aren't his will.

Serena Hedman-Burgmeier

I believe that to be a Christian and proclaim Jesus as your Savior, you need to live by His example and spread the Word of God to everyone, everywhere.

Ryan Karpenko

I believe you do not just show your love for God by coming to church, you also show your love by the way you live.

Kyle Reinke

# **Retirement Party!**

Looking forward to rest and relaxation in the future of

Rusty Lewis
All are invited to celebrate
1–4 pm, June 27th
in Wesley Hall.

# **Update on our Military**

Jared Kacoroski is now back at Ft. Benning, GA. He returned early from his deployment which was not anticipated until sometime this summer.

Drew Brittain will be leaving very soon from Afghanistan. His return to Ft Lewis is anticipated to be between mid-June and the 4th of July.

Continued prayers are needed for all our men and women in uniform.

# **Prayer Shawl Care**

Thank you for the shawl. It made me feel safe. *Terrie Benson* 

# Say a prayer for...

Sharon Alexander, Randy Alexander's mom, living in Yakima, has been put on hospice care

Marjorie Beer had a successful surgery

Dorothy Michealis is recovering from surgery

Ron, Carolyn Boling's son-in-law, in Boseman, MT, discovered he has Prostate Cancer

Jeff Isom, with diverticulitis complications

Keith Erwin is at Willows Rehab

Shannon Mathieson's family

daughter of Miki Craighead has health concerns

Loren Allen, health problems from diabetes

Jackie Bankus, is in ill health

Allie Johnson, her right arm is injured

Ed Lee, fighting cancer

Kay Smyth, fighting Leukemia

Ray Lanske diagnosed with cancer

Nash/Lowe family, has a death in the family

# **Picture Directory**

You have your appointment time set up for our new picture directory, you know what you're going to wear, please make sure it's on your calendar! There are many slots available if you don't have your appointment yet - just call Leon at 253-435-8675 and he would be happy to find a time you can make. Your participation gets you a directory and a portrait for free.

# Vacation Bible School 2010 Galactic Blast is Out of This World

A cosmic adventure praising God will blast off the week of July 12 to 16 from 9 am to noon. To volunteer your help to make this a successful event for our community, call the church office at 845-0547.

Our cadets will voyage into outer space. Through daily missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have our cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

# **Lovingly Flocked**

Consider it an act of Christian love when a flock of flamingoes appears in your yard.

The Puyallup UMC Youth appreciate your donations towards their mission trip. We hope those receiving the beautiful, cheerful flamingos flocking your home have enjoyed the attention. Your further donation to have the flock removed will also bless these youth in their efforts to serve God in His mission work. Should you be unable to pay the removal fee, a gift of grace will be accepted in lieu of cash. Please join us in the fun.

Geeecko Flamingo Busters is retained by Geeecko Insurance Group for flamingo removal. Call our Removal Hotline and speak to Coordinator Martha McCormack 253-414-4604. If you are unable to pay the \$10 removal fee, a gift of grace will be accepted in lieu of cash payment. Geeecko Insurance Group Customer Service 253-845-0547, Pastor Shirley 253-826-2253.

### Summer Choir

Beginning Sunday, June 27 everyone has the opportunity to sing with other music lovers in the "People's Choir" providing music during the first service. Just arrive by 8:15 am on Sunday mornings to prepare an easy anthem or to sing a favorite hymn in parts.

# **Strawberry Feed**



Saturday, June 19, 4-7 pm Enjoy delicious strawberry shortcake with us in Wesley Hall. Our United Methodist Men are the chefs of the day. It will be a blessing to all who come and enjoy these refreshing snacks. All pro-

ceeds go to support Medical Teams International and the Puyallup Dental Van Project.

# Make New Friends in a Dinner Group

Sign up to be in a dinner group. About eight people will form a group to meet at least once a month. To sign up you can call Sallie Nash at 253-973-2225. Think about your preferences: potlucks at home, going out to eat, daytime or evening meals, which day of the week, with or without children? We'll match you with others who have similar preferences. Sign up before June 20 so groups may begin meeting in July.

# **Beginnings**

Small group spiritual journey starts Monday, June 14th in the Fireside Room and go through August 30. Each gathering begins with a salad supper then a video presentation of the basics of Christianity. The sessions explore some of life's deepest questions.



# **June 13—26, 2010**

June 13 Sunday	June 14 Monday	June 15 Tuesday	June 16 Wednesday	June 17 Thursday	June 18 Friday	June 19 Saturday
9 & 10:30 am Worship Svc. Sanctuary		9:30 am Staff Meeting Ann's Office	9:00 am  Maintenance Team  Fireside Room			9:00 am <b>Young Adults</b> @ Central Perk
10:30 am <b>Handbells</b> Room 5		11:00 am <b>Yoga</b> Fireside Room	Fireside Room	11:00 am <b>Yoga</b> Fireside Room		10:30 - Noon <b>Tweeners</b> Trip to Amber's
12:00 pm Sunday School Picnic Back church lawn			2:00 pm <b>Packing Party</b> Wesley Hall	at Un	nual Conferen iv. of Puget So ne 17 through	ound
12:00 pm Whitney Ad Council Cottage 4—8:00 pm	6:30 pm <b>Beginnings</b> Fireside Room	6:30 pm <b>Trustees</b> Room 10	6:00 pm <b>Music Team</b> Sanctuary			4-7:00 pm UMM Strawberry
Graduates Party Fireside Room Patio	7:00 pm VBS All Staff Meeting Wesley Hall		7:00 pm Church Council Fireside Room	7:30 pm <b>Chancel Choir</b> Sanctuary		Feed Wesley Hall
June 20 Sunday	June 21 Monday	June 22 Tuesday	June 23 Wednesday	June 24 Thursday	June 25 Friday	June 26 Saturday
9 & 10:30 am Worship Sanctuary 10:30 am Handbells	9:00 am Connecting Ministries Ann's Office	9:30 am Staff Meeting Ann's Office  11:00 am Yoga	9:15 am Lectionary Conference Rm	10:00 am Lay Leadership Conference Rm		9:30—3:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship Build BBQ
Room 5 4:00 pm Choir Concert Sanctuary	Sixty Plus Fireside Room	Fireside Room  1:00 pm  Social Justice Conference Rm	2:00 pm <b>Packing Party</b> Wesley Hall	11:00 am <b>Yoga</b> Fireside Room	Handbells go to New- burg, Oregon	Youth Mission Trip to Sierras Through July 4
6—8:00 pm Parent/Mission Team Meeting Wesley Hall	6:30 pm <b>Beginnings</b> Fireside Room	7:45 pm Web Committee Fireside Room	6:00 pm Music Team Sanctuary 7:30 pm J.O.Y. Trackside Pizza	7:00 pm <b>Book Club</b> Cottage	5-8 pm Mission Team Van Packing	

# Youth News

### DV8 & Se Luz Youth Groups

Sun. June 13 No Youth Group

> Come to Asher-Brandon-Rob-&Kyle's graduation party at the church 4-7pm

Mission Trip & Service Hours

9 & 10:30 Worship--Mission Team Sun. June 13

Commissioning

Sun. June 20 6pm Parent Meeting Fri. June 25 Noon-ish Van pickup

5-8pm Van Packing—all luggage except

what you hold in your lap.

Sat. June 26 7am Mission Team departure for

Klamath

Sun. July 4 Noon-ish Mission Team return to

Puyallup

**Looking Ahead** 

Jun. 17-20 Pages for Annual Conference @ UPS

Jul. 12-16 8:30-12:30 Vacation Bible School

Staffing

Sunday Night Movies, 7-10 pm, beginning July 19 thru August 30

Some titles may be rated R. All titles chosen because of

the value surrounding a discussion of

its theme & message. **Other Youth Activities** 

will happen through the summer. Check later postings for more details.

# Tweeners Time

5" & 6" Graders

Third Saturday every month.

# Road Trip to Amber's! **Sat., June 19** 10:30am-noon

Crafts Games Fun Bible Food God-Talk

10:15am Meet at church

10:30am --Depart for Amber's House (3608 25<sup>th</sup> St. SE) 12:00noon depart for church 12:20pm arrive at the church Go home.



- ■Serve God ■Serve others
- ■Fun with friends ■Pray with

us ◀Play games ◀Bring a friend

# YOUNG ADULTS\*

(ages 18-33 ish)

June 26 Build Bell BBQ

9:30-3:30 Come for one part or all parts of the day. Adults only join us to serve at Habitat for Humanity. Later, bring the family for fellowship, a Rob Bell meditation, & Potluck BBQ.

> July 3 6pm Taizé Worship (meditative) @ Tacoma First UMC

**July 10** Hike—any great ideas where? (tent)

Café Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 9-10am June 19, July 3

Reading Resurrection Appearances Meet at Central Perk, across from Pioneer Park on Pioneer Ave. in Puyallup. Get yourself coffee or breakfast and a great start on the day.

> Theology at the Pub First Thursdays Thu. July 1 @ 6:30pm

Join us @ The Milton Tavern, the first Thursday each month, for no host eats & beverages, bring burning guestions or theological stumpers, or just come hear what others say. 7320 Pacific Hw E (Hwy 99).

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

# Family Movie Night

7pm Friday, July 9

Alvin & the Chipmunks—the

**Squeakuel** Alvin, Simon and Theodore must put aside music super stardom to return to school, but are then tasked with saving the school's music program by win-



ning the \$25,000 prize in a battle of the bands. Unexpectedly they meet their match in three singing chipmunks known as The Chipettes.

Admission free. Bring snacks to share; bring a friend & an adult. Enjoy prayer, prizes, food & fun.

# End of Sunday School Picnic Noon—2 pm, Sunday, June 13 Celebrate all we have learned this year

Hot dogs and drink mix will be provided, as well as table settings.

Families can bring a salad to share and your own drinks if juice isn't your cup of tea.

Cupcake Walk (cupcakes provided)
Jump House,
Boulder Volley Ball, Mega Bubbles!

All Sunday School participants, their families and our church family are invited to join us for the festivities!

Don't miss out!!!

## The Social Justice Ministries Team

The Social Justice Ministries Team of PUMC is endorsing Initiative #1098. We have examined it and urge you to do the same. It has also been endorsed by the Washington Association of Churches (WAC), which was founded upon Gospel values that include protecting the most vulnerable in society and changing systems that are unjust. Washington State's tax system does not meet the test of these Gospel values. A tax system that increasingly shifts payment for state services onto low and middle income families is inconsistent with our religious commitment to serve the common good. I-1098 would provide dedicated funding for education aNd health care by creating an income tax for couples who earn over \$400,000 a year (\$200,000 for individuals) - those with incomes in the top 3% of our state. It would reduce owner occupied property tax by 20% and repeal the B & O tax for small business. Washington's tax system is the most regressive in the United States. This initiative would make it a litle more progressive. You can find, for your personal review and consideration, an overview of Initiative 1098 (formerly I-1077) at www. YesOn1098.com and on the bulletin board outside the church office, across from the Conference Room. Petitions to place this initiative on the fall ballot are available at the Puyallup Farmers Market and other public events. (signed petitions must be submitted by June 25).

# Come Get Away...with our Church Family Alder Lake Park

Camp: Friday, August 27 to Sunday, August 29

Pot-luck and games: Saturday, August 28

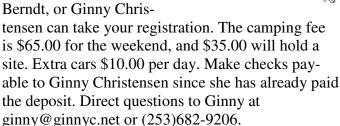
Let's all go play at Alder Lake Park! Saturday we will gather in the picnic area near the water and you can come just for the day. Parking is \$5 at the gate. There will be games at 1:00 pm and a pot-luck dinner at 4 pm. Campfires and S'mores will complete the day.

You can stay and camp. We have RV and tent sites reserved so we will be near each other. Friday night we arrive on our own. We will have a scavenger hunt and the group camp shelter is reserved for us Friday. Sunday morning worship will be at the group camp shelter at 10 am and we will leave by noon.

Since we have part of the group camp area and part of the main camp, we will be "out in the world" as disciples of Christ. On Sunday other campers

will be welcome to join us in worship just like here in Puyallup.

Sign up today! Signup forms are on the Youth table in fellowship hall. Marianne Davis, Bob Berndt, or Ginny Chris-



# **Looking for Summer Babysitter**

Need fun babysitter/driver for active older children. We are looking for an incoming high school senior or older to watch (and drive them to activities) our children (14, 12, 7 years old) for 6 to 7 weeks during the summer. Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays 7:00 am—5:30 pm for a total of about 35 hours each week for \$10/hour. Start date is June 22nd.

Must enjoy being active, have valid driver's license with clean driving record, access to own vehicle is a plus (will pay mileage). Lake Tapps/Sumner.

Call Kristal Robert 253-863-1814.

### **Jubilate!** 2010

An Ecumenical Festival and Retreat of Worship and the Arts 31st Summer Festival



July 26-31 Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane Register through Kirstin Malm,

kmalm@roadrunner.com

or 104 N. Grant, Moscow, ID 83843 Scholarships available: lenhembd@wavecable.com.

# Love's Treasury

Love INC's new Christian Bookstore is at 10213 139th St. Ct. E, Suite B1 off Meridian in Puyallup, across the street from Firgrove Elementary School. Most books can be viewed on the website at <a href="https://www.lovestreasury.com">www.lovestreasury.com</a>.

The have thousands of books, jewelry and career clothing of all sizes and are open Wednesday—Saturday from 10 am—6 pm.

The store needs volunteer help in many capacities and donations of books, musical instruments and sports equipment, prom dresses and career clothing are welcome.

# PHOENIX HOUSING NETWORK—Part II

In the last edition of the Circuit Rider we gave some information about what Phoenix Housing Network is and how they are working to help move homeless families to self-sufficiency and stability. In this article we will focus on our congregation's involvement with Phoenix Housing.

A unique feature of the PHN program is that their facilities do not provide overnight housing for the families involved. Instead, many churches and other volunteer groups provide their facilities and volunteers for overnight stays, usually for one week at a time. The families arrive for the night by bus or car sometime between 5:30 and 6:00 pm.

Volunteers who are housing them provide a hot, home-cooked meal. There usually is a volunteer to help watch/play with the children to give the parents a break. Each family is provided with a place to stay overnight. Our church is large enough that we can provide a separate room for each family. There are other churches that have to use dividers in a larger room for all the families. Phoenix Housing provides cots and bedding which is delivered on the Saturday the families arrive and is picked up the following Saturday. We provide overnight volunteers for security, emergency and friendship. In the morning there is fresh coffee and a "grab and go" breakfast. The day starts early as the families need to be on their way about 7:30 am.

We host the PHN families twice a year, one week each time, once in November and once in July. Three or four Sundays before it is our turn we begin signing up volunteers. We need people (a family,

friends, groups like "Quilters") to provide a hot meal (brought from home) arriving about 5:30. Meal providers are encouraged to stay and eat with the families but it is not necessary. Another person(s) is needed to help watch/play with the children between 7:00 and 8:00. Then we need two people to stay overnight from 8:00 pm until 7:30 a.m. unless you have to be at work earlier. People usually sign up for one night only. The families are responsible to do the dishes, clean up after themselves and keep their rooms and the bathrooms neat so our volunteers do not have KP duty.

Betty Chamberlain is the Host Site Coordinator which means she coordinates with PHN, gets the volunteers, provides instruction, answers questions and sees that everything goes smoothly throughout the week. The Fireside Room serves as our kitchen, dining room and living room for the week. There is a phone there so Betty is always just a phone call away and she can call in with any last minute instructions. Also, PHN has someone on-call at all times. There is also a Host on site every night from about 5:30 until the overnight people get there. This person helps guide the volunteers as they arrive, answers any questions and generally sees that everything runs smoothly.

Our next turn housing the families in the Phoenix Housing program is July 3-10. Sign-ups will begin Sunday, June 6, between services in Wesley Hall. Stop by with your calendar and sign up or feel free to ask questions. We are always more than happy to have first timers helping out! It is a great and rewarding ministry to get involved in.

Betty Chamberlain

# Taking Care of Myself When I Leave the Hospital

When you leave the hospital, there are many things you need to do. Ask your doctor and the nurse who gives you discharge instructions for answers to these questions:

- If I have questions after I leave, whom should I call? And phone number?
- If I have a serious health problem, whom should I call? And phone number?
- What is my medical problem or problems?
- What are my medication allergies?
- Where is my pharmacy?
- What exercises are good for me?
- What should I eat?
- What activities or foods should I avoid
- What medicines do I need to take?
  - What is the brand and generic name for each medicine?
  - O What is each medication for?
  - o How much do I take?
  - O How do I take this medicine?
- When are my next appointments?
  - What are the names and phone numbers of each doctor? What is the reason for the appointment?
- Be sure to share this information with your family members who will be involved in your care

Health Ministries

# June 13 I Kings 21:1-21a Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3 June 20 I Kings 19:1-15a Psalm 42 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

# **New Testament for Everyone**

The latest addition to the church library collection is a 16-volume set of the "New Testament for Everyone by Tom (N. T.) Wright. The set is a series of commentaries on most of the books of the New Testament. Wright is an orthodox New Testament scholar and the Bishop of Durham, England. For those not familiar with theological terms, Wright takes his scholarly thinking on the Gospels and Paul and translates it into an easy-to-understand format for all readers. In each of the commentaries, the reader gets the Wright translation of each biblical chapter (divided up into sections), followed by a quick story or anecdote with background information, and then Wright's interpretation of how the words can be relevant to our lives today.

The set is not yet complete. Wright is working on commentaries for the remaining books of the New Testament. The additional commentaries will be added to the church library as they are published.

Each volume of the current 16-volume set is available for check out from your church library. You can find them on the top shelf of the church library collection in the Conference Room or look for them on the library display cart during Fellowship Hour the third Sunday of the month.

## **Annual Conference**

June 17-20 at University of Puget Sound

This year's Conference will bring an opportunity to hear presentations from Adam Hamilton, Pastor of Church of the Resurrection in Kansas, and

author of a number of best-selling books. These lectures are open to anyone to observe in the Field House at UPS. You are also invited to closing worship of Conference on Sunday, June 20 at 10:30 am. This is always a very well attended service and it gives you a feel for the connected nature



of our church in the Northwest. Another highlight of the weekend that the public is invited to is the Ministry Fair on Friday evening where there is a sharing of ministry ideas and settings at booths set up for that purpose.

# **Youth Mission Trip**

June 26—July 4

Our youth will be out in the mission field working with a Sierra Service Project to the Yurok Tribe of Indians. Early June 26th their van departs for Klamath, California. The youth have been diligent about their community

service projects all school year anticipating this exciting week.

The Yurok Tribe is currently the largest Tribe in California, with more than 5,000 enrolled members. Culturally, the people are known as great fishermen, eelers, basket weavers, canoe makers, storytellers, singers, dancers, healers and strong medicine people. Today, only a small number of villages with traditional family homes and sweathouses remain intact.

The Sierra Service Project is a non-profit organization providing life-changing experiences through acts of service repairing homes in Native American and urban communities and building homes in Honduras. They invite high school age youth and young adults to experience the profound power of servicing people who have a culture and life experience different from their own. SSP was originally founded by United Methodist Church ministers and maintains a close affiliation with the UM Church.



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