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All Church Conference

June 17

Baked Potato Potluck at 6:30

All Church Meeting, 7:00 pm

Fireside Room

Annual Conference

The Tacoma District - Where the Missional Spirit is Alive

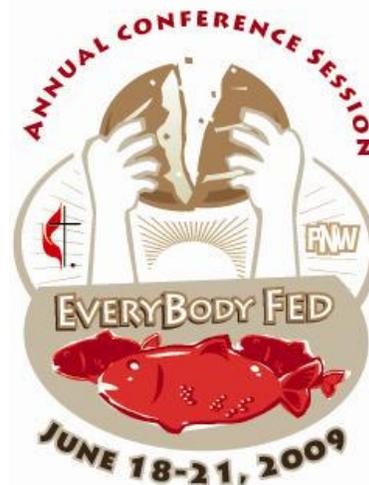
June 18—21

University of Puget Sound

Don't miss Friday morning when Tom Slate will be
recognized for 60 years of ministry,

Saturday morning Megan Ernst will address the Conference
about the Young Adults and the Ministry Fair is Friday evening.

(see article on top of page 8)



See details on
Men's Breakfast
and
Strawberry Feast
on the back cover

His grace is sufficient

I don't know if you've ever had days where everything seems to go wrong... That's how it was this morning—nothing major, just lots of little stuff. As I was thinking about it, I realized that at least half (well two-thirds) of it was due to my own foolishness. So I began berating myself quite handily. (I can be good at that kind of self-talk.) Suddenly though, my internal chastening was caught up short when passages from scripture (Paul's letter to the Corinthians) came to mind, silencing everything else. Something about 'being fools for Christ.' "I sure fit that category." I said to myself and started laughing out loud! The Bible is living word, and as I chuckled my day began to turn around. Of course I've done enough Disciple's Bible Study to realize this is not exactly what Paul meant. But it was a word of grace, just the same, and it made me reorient myself back to making the most of my day.

Paul was speaking of how the gentiles thought the early disciples were fools for all they went through to spread the Good News. They thought it foolishness to follow one who was crucified on the cross. The truth is I do try to follow that ONE. I know that he got to the cross from showing the way of courageous love, and that though he died physically on that tree, his life continues. I also know that that One, Jesus Christ, spent his ministry trying to say, 'Whoever you are (fool or not) you are beloved and needed for God's great mission. Don't give up, I have much strength and forgiveness to offer.

I hope you are having a better day than I was, but then I got a good laugh out of it, and now I am ready to try again, and get back to work for the Lord. Praise God that his Word is still bringing us life, and that "His grace is sufficient!"

Blessings and Peace to you,
Pastor Ann

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Thank You!

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls and e-mails following my knee surgery. They made me feel surrounded by love and care and were very much appreciated.

Marianne Davis

Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, letters and expressions of sympathy. The church family is a blessing in my life. Thank you so much.

Love, *Marion Lake & Family*

I want to thank my church family for all that you have done for us. There are so many wonderful times Don and I have been blessed; I wish I could name each one of you who helped. We are so very grateful.

Love, *Jan Anderson*

Say a prayer for...

the family of Bill Goelzer grieving his passing.

Merilyn Mills fighting cancer

Allie Johnson who has metabolic issues

Haley Nagle's (granddaughter of Les and Lorna Leen) friend's family has a 7-month old baby that has cancer behind the eye

Renee Hartloff's sister, Rhonda, and her son Mike. She has CFS, recently had surgery and Mike had an accident and tore the ligaments in his knee and now needs surgery himself

Fred Koughn's brother & sister have health issues

Jan Anderson having chemotherapy

Scott Holman, James Clark's nephew, has cancer

Diane Gisselberg's brother, Duane Bjorka, had brain surgery

Todd Bibler's Lymphoma improving, new treatmt.

Evelyn Fisher had hip replacement

Kay Smyth fighting Leukemia

Bob Leonard at Linden Grove

Allen, Jerrie Isom's brother, has heart trouble

Katherine Gronan Kaiser at Linden Grove

Cooperative School of Christian Mission

July 24-27

Central Washington University, Ellensburg

This school is not for sissies. It is for men, women, youth, laity and clergy. It includes intensive participatory study fellowship, fun and great food. The cost is \$280, which includes a comfortable dorm bed and 8 meals. Pay an addition \$45 and you've got a private room for three nights.

This year's all-school study will be *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan* and will be led by GBGM missionary and photojournalist Paul Jeffrey. If you've read Paul's articles or seen his photos in Response magazine and the Christian Century you know that this will be a fantastic opportunity for all who attend.

Attendees will also choose one additional study, either *Food & Faith* or *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival*. The leaders for these classes are top-notch.

Registration deadline is June 15th, pamphlets are in the church office on the little reception table.

Please pray for our family:

It is with great sadness that I share the following: Our niece and nephew Brad & Janelle Emery who had such joy the past several days as they welcomed their adopted baby girl Eden into their hearts and home were asked to return the baby to the birth mother today. One cannot imagine their grief and we ask that you continue to pray for them during the days ahead that God will give them comfort.

Thank you

Jill and Randy Poleskie

Velma & Grady Williams
2604 31st Ave. SW
Puyallup, WA 98373-4016

(not a move—now
within city limits)

Mary Stusinski (Natalie
Marburger's mother)
Danielle's Adult Foster Care
12250 SW 134th Ave.
Tigard, OR 98223



Phoenix Housing

Our next dates to host are July 18-25. Phoenix helps families move from homelessness to independence. Please put this on your calendar and plan what you want to bring for a dinner, to entertain the children, or continental breakfast for several families. Helpers who can stay overnight are also greatly appreciated. In July you will be able to sign up during fellowship hours.

Anyone with questions or anyone who wants to sign up early for a specific date should call Betty Chamberlain at 445-5485.

Women's Book Club

On June 26 the book of choice will be *Three Cups of Tea*. Meet us for fellowship and discussion at 7:00 pm in the Cottage.



Unique Boutique

The Unique Boutique is coming again. Please start making plans for your hand-made items for this wondrous sale.

Anything you make, whether you build, draw, mold, knit, crochet, sew or bake it—we would like to have some to sell at our boutique. At this unique sale, at the approach of the Christmas season, you can find great gifts for any occasion—even something for yourself—AND all of the proceeds go to support our PUMC general fund.

The next Unique Boutique will be held at PUMC on November 15, 2009. If you have any questions you may call Ruth Tervol at 253-845-8947 or email to rmtervol@msn.com.

**Coming this fall to a field near you...
Potato Harvest 2009!!**

Warning!
Warning!
Warning!



*** Please note: Geecko Insurance cannot 100% guarantee protection against flocks deliberately sent to your home. However, we would be glad to provide you contact information for ways to respond in kind, or for Geecko Exterminators who specialize in flamingo removal.*

Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

The Jane Harvey Circle sponsored rummage sale for the Family Renewal Shelter will be held August 1st. You may bring your treasures to the church beginning July 26th. If you need to get things out of your home before that we have a storage unit available. Please call Ruth Tervol at 253-845-8947 to make arrangements to take things to the storage unit or to have them picked up.

Church Campout

August 28 to 30

Alder Lake Resort

Saturday afternoon
picnic for everyone on August 29th
Register with
Ginny at 253-589-0222



Vacation Bible School

Join us at Camp E.D.G.E. July 13-17
9:00 am to noon

Decorations are already turning Wesley Hall into a campground. You can still get involved in this year's VBS program by calling Samantha Karpenko at 253-841-2183. The program promises to be a mountain of fun for everyone involved.

This is the big event of the summer and a fun and rewarding experience for all the children involved. Registration is open to any little ones entering pre-K to 6th grade, forms are available at fellowship hour on Sundays.

Gospel Mass Talent

Everyone enjoyed the special music in the Gospel Mass on Sunday June 7th. The soloists were Nancy Hebert and Megan Fox and on bass guitar was Joshua Luciani (Miki's grandson).

Flocking Insurance Available

Don't let your anxieties about a flock of flamingos in your yard rob you of your sleep or your relaxation at home. Let Geecko Insurance** provide you with the coverage you need. New policies are available to the public.

June 14—27, 2009

| June 14 Sunday | June 15 Monday | June 16 Tuesday | June 17 Wednesday | June 18 Thursday | June 19 Friday | June 20 Saturday |
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| Food Bank 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 9 & 10:30 am Worship Services Mission Team Report Disciple, Quilts Education Staff 10:30 am Handbells Room 5 12:00 pm Whitney Ad. Cottage 3:00 pm Youth Band Sanctuary | 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Sixty Plus Fireside Room 6:30 pm Children's Council Room 10 | 11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room 11:00 am Safe Sanctuaries Conference Rm 6:30 pm Trustees Room 7 7:00 pm Finance Comm. Room 10 7:00 pm Men's Bible Dinner out | 9:00 am Maintenance Team Fireside Room 10:30 am Clergy Cluster Conference Rm 6:00 pm Music Team Sanctuary 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE Fireside Room | 11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> ANNUAL CONFERENCE Puget Sound University, Tacoma June 18-21 </div> | | 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 4 - 7 pm Strawberry Feed |
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Youth News

Next Events Calendar

- June 14 No Youth Group
2-6pm Brant invites you all to his graduation party
- June 17-21 Youth at Annual Conference: thank you Kari, Brandon R & Brandon H for representing us.
No Youth Group
- June 28 Doorbelling for Spanaway/Parkland VBS, followed by ice cream.
- July 5 Holiday—No Youth Group
- July 12 Vacation Bible School setup! All hands are needed!
- July 13-17 VBS 2009, 8:30-12:30, staff devotions through
daily cleanup.
- July 19 Destination Unknown—for real this time.
- July 26 Movie Night
- July 29 Armory Dinner—Middle School servers

Looking Ahead

- Sep 26 Christian Artist Concert at the Fair
Advance tickets required
- Oct 3 U2charist Worship
- Oct 10 Confirmation Class Kickoff @ Parkland UMC
- Oct 16-18 Human Sexuality & Our Faith Retreat
- Nov 6-8 Ft. Flagler

♪ Youth Band Rehearsals ♪

Standard Times Confirm schedule by
Sun. 4-6 pm calling Brandon @
Thu. 5:30-7 pm 896-1362/206-498-4039

YOUNG ADULTS*

(ages 18-33 ish)

Thursday, July 2

6:30pm Theology at the Pub

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

Saturday, July 11

9 am – 9 pm, Build, Bell, BBQ

Habitat for Humanity & Jamie's House

Come for all or part of the day. Bring a friend.

If you're coming to Build for Habitat for Humanity's Building on Faith home--please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed-toed shoes. No flip-flops or tank tops! We'll meet at the church to carpool as parking is limited. It doesn't matter if you've never swung a hammer before; there are jobs for every skill level!

If you're coming to see a Rob Bell video and BBQ--bring something for the grill and a dish to share. We'll provide condiments, beverages, and dishes. We also have room for croquet or lawn bowling....

Contact Megan Ernst (678-6924) or Jamie Smith 230-4828) for details on time and address.



Saturday, October 3

6pm U2Charist Worship

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



Children's Ministry (Preschool - Sixth Grade)

This summer live on the E.D.G.E.: Experience and Discover God Everywhere.

July 13-17 learn about extreme sports, like:

- whitewater kayaking
- caving
- rock climbing and rappelling
- zipping on zip lines, from mountain to mountain
- mountaineering—mountain climbing with skiing.

We will also learn about God, Jesus, the Bible, and ourselves.

And we will feed hungry people by bringing things for the food bank! Yeah!

Appreciating Our Church Community, Part 3

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people to gather woods, divide the work, and give orders – teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.” - Antoine de Saint Exupery

This is the third in a series of articles sharing information from the May 2nd workshop on Appreciative Living entitled: *Finding the Positive Core When We Disagree*. Appreciative Living is based on the philosophy of Appreciative Inquiry, developed by David Cooperrider at Case Western Reserve in 1980:

- + A positive, strength-based approach to change;
- + Finding the best in people and the world around them;
- + Co-creating inspiring future images;
- + Focusing on what we want more of and
- + Finding and unleashing the positive core.

Appreciative Living revolves around three principles: **Appreciating the Present, Imagining the Ideal** and **Acting in Alignment**. In the first two articles we focused on Appreciating *the Present*, summarizing PUMC’s strengths, assets, achievements, opportunities, wisdom and our unexplored potential as identified by participants. *[What did you list under each?]*

Imaging the Ideal

With this principle, people are invited to choose the one image which is symbolic of the ideal future they wish for within our Church Community and then to make the commitment to making it happen. Reflecting upon that image, each person responds to: “What do I see as one of the most significant changes *I* could make that would have the greatest impact in helping me to achieve that ideal image?” And then, “What small step (change) could *I* make now that would align with the high impact change?” *[How would you respond?]* Finally, make a commitment to *acting on* that small change! *[What can you do?]*

Please keep watching for future articles. The next article will discuss the third principle: Acting in Alignment.

Peace and all good things,

Linda Henry

Conference Quilts

Quilts that will be taken to Annual Conference for distribution to children at risk this year represent the loving work of Merle Davenport, Sandy Erikson, Iva DuBey, Margaret Granquist, Heather Gregory, Ethel Rathbone, Dorothy Rhodes, Margaret Russel, and Diane Windsor. Other than buying batting and thread, the rest has come from generous donations from you, the congregation. We think this Methodist recycling program benefits many—those who empty their closets, those who thrive on fellowship while completing a task, and those who will be able to share their love by wrapping their child in a quilt. All of us in this chain of love bless the little ones who will sleep under these covers. Having completed our tasks for this annual conference, we will be on vacation until the fall. Keep an eye on the Circuit Rider for the time and dates of our gatherings. Anyone is welcome.

The Conference Quilters



Annual Conference offers many opportunities for all of us— mission, worship, sports, shopping and much more

Annual Conference is an event that some of you might want to be a part of this year, since it will be right in Tacoma, at the University of Puget Sound campus. The dates for Conference this year are June 18-21, and there are several events you might enjoy being part of.

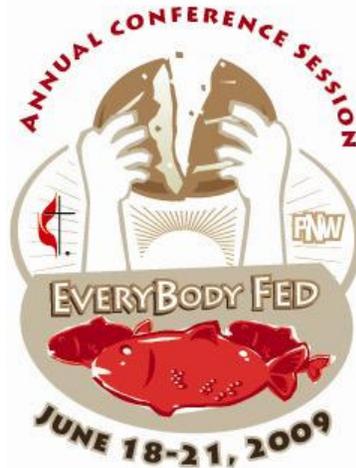
Mission Fair will be held on Friday evening at the Field House. This event is a showcase for many church agencies and related organizations to have information booths and for visitors to learn about such things as some of our United Methodist seminaries, mission agencies like Tacoma Community House, and opportunities for service on Volunteer in Mission trips. There will be information on our church camps, and the retirement centers in Des Moines and Seattle usually have good information booths, often with free popcorn or other goodies to snack on while you look around. There will be special music groups during the event and it is always a good time.

The Service of Ordination will be on Saturday. This is a time to witness the ordination of new Deacons and Elders for our Conference, it is a beautiful service which usually does not happen in a local church setting. On Sunday morning there will be a closing worship service which is a return

to tradition in this Conference. Local church members are invited to stand during the service as the appointment of their Pastor is read for the coming year. All the clergy in the Conference are robed and process as part of this service. If you have never been to a Conference session, this will give you a feel for the connection we hold so dear as United Methodists. As an added bonus for fun, come Saturday afternoon to a basketball game between the Bishop and Superintendents vs. the Conference youth and young adults. The game is a fund raiser for Nothing But Nets.

You would also be welcome to attend any of the sessions of the Conference in which we deal with various pieces of legislation. This is perhaps not the most exciting part of Conference, but this year we will be dealing with a large number of constitutional amendments coming from the last General Conference. There are several places on the Internet which give an overview of those important issues; the best is United Methodist News Service if you are interested in the specifics of these items. There is plenty of seating for visitors in the tennis pavillion, where you will have a good view of the entire Conference session. There is also a good selection of books on display from Cokesbury through the Conference.

Recopied from the Summit View of Summit UMC.
Written by Rev. Larry Warren.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



We are in need of people to join in creating prayer shawls for this important ministry of our church. If you knit or crochet, or want to learn, we invite you to join us (no regular meetings). The pattern is simple and we can provide the yarn. These shawls bring comfort to those with serious medical issues or when grieving. Call Cindy Roggow @ 253-848-2466 for more information.

Need Household Goods

In an effort to help prevent homelessness for singles and small families, Love INC is developing a relationship with Northwest Christian Network, who has rented 4 homes, to put a roof over their heads. They will case manage clients, helping them become self-sufficient.

NWCN is in need of 14 dressers and many twin sized beds. They could also use a large sectional sofa in very good condition. They could use heavy duty pots and pans, utensils and a set of dishes.

If you can help please email Sherry at shephinisey@aol.com or call her at 253-468-6236.

Sherry Phinisey

Executive Director

Love INC, Love in the Name of Christ of Pierce County



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| July 27-Aug. 1, | grade entering in the fall: |
| July 20-25, | Jr. High, 6th-9th grades |
| August 10-16, | Sr. High, 9th-13th grades |
| August 23-27, | Sr. High Adventure, 9th-13th |
| | Adult Kayak Trip, over 18 yrs |

For more camps and further information check the web page www.pnwumc.org/camping. Check the Youth Booth on Sundays for registration and Campership forms.

UMW Assembly 2010

April 30—May 2, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

Stay tuned to UMWmission.org for more details.

Interfaith Youth Camp

August 23-38 Associated Ministries will have their fourth Puget Sound Interfaith Youth Camp at Camp Seymour. Visit the website at www.soundinterfaithcamp.org. Campers contact Kathy Erlandson at 360-357-7224 or interfaithworks@comcast.net. Camp Counselors contact Sallie Shawl at 253-383-3056, ext. 105 or sallies@associatedministries.org.

Lectionary

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 21

1 Sam. 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

News from Your Church Library

The following new books have been added to the church library collection and are now available for check out from the library:

God's Secretaries by Adam Nicolson. Meet a group of obscure scholars in early 1600 England who created the greatest work of English prose ever written – the King James Bible.

Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon. The first book in the author's new series called "Father Tim". If you enjoyed the author's Mitford books, you will want to read this book and learn more about Father Tim's early life growing up in Mississippi.

Keeping Faith by Jodi Piccoult. One of the earlier novels from a popular fiction author explores the emotions of a mother whose daughter claims to be talking to angels.

The Last Week by Marcus J. Borg. A day-by-day account of the final days of Jesus' life on earth as written in the Gospel According to Mark.

Bully Bill by Joy Birky. Picture book illustrates the Golden Rule and how it is used by a boy to change the behavior of his friends.

International Children's Bible Field Guide by Lawrence Richards. Simple words, short sentences and many photos and illustrations help answer your kids' questions about the Bible.

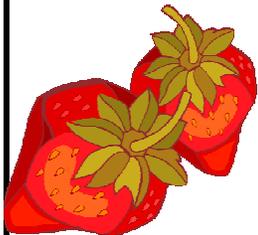
Women at the Time of the Bible by Miriam Vamosh. Young readers learn about the lives of women and their culture during the time of the Bible.

Look for all of these books in your church library, the display in the narthex or the "Check Us Out" table during Fellowship Hour on June 21st.



Jubilate

July 20-25 is the 2009 Summer Festival at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. Get workshop details, schedule and registration form online at www.gb-gm-umc.org/jubilate!/.



Strawberry Feed

June 20
4-7 pm

Enjoy strawberry shortcake with us
in Wesley Hall.

Our United Methodist Men
are the chefs of the day.

Proceeds will go to support
Medical Teams International and the
Puyallup Dental Van Project



Men's Devotional Breakfast

Saturday, June 20
8:00 am

Come be a part of this
special men's breakfast
being held in Wesley Hall at the church.

Join us as we
listen to a guest speaker,
sing praise songs,
share fellowship,
and of course ...
have a great breakfast.



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