



# The Circuit Rider

Puyallup and Whitney Memorial  
United Methodist Churches

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## Youth Mission Trip

**August 7-13**

Many members of our Youth will be in Eugene, Oregon for a week working with needy children of a remote community.

They have worked hard to accumulate service hours helping at Puyallup UMC's many activities through the year to 'earn' their way.

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## Potluck with the Campers

**Saturday, August 20th**

**Alder Lake Park – Group Camp Area**

**Join us for a day  
Church Pot Luck**

**1 pm Games for all ages**

**4 pm Pot Luck**

**7 pm Campfires with S'Mores**

Parking is \$5 per vehicle for the day,  
collected at the gate.

Call Ginny Christensen at 682-9206 with questions.





# Transformed

**Broken,  
Shards,  
Discarded,  
Trash,  
My heart,  
Shattered,  
Lost self,  
Lost hope,  
Then came You.**

**Refuge,  
Love freely given,  
Grace.**

**Broken shards mended,  
A vessel,  
Stronger in repair.**

**My heart,  
By Faith healed,  
With your love filled.**

**Discarded broken pieces,  
Now a treasure,  
Transformed.**

**By Allie Johnson**

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**To: Puyallup United  
Methodist Church**

*Doug & Chris Babcock  
&  
Lane & Shirley DeLarme  
invite you to the Marriage of  
our children*

**Kayla Danielle Babcock  
to  
Brant Robert DeLarme**

*Saturday, the Third of September  
at Three O'Clock,  
Puyallup United Methodist Church  
Reception Immediately following*

**THANK YOU**

The Pepper & Poleskie families would like to express their deepest thanks in your continuing support of John, Amy and Madison as John has faced his melanoma diagnosis and surgeries. To know that so many have been praying for him has definitely made the load a little easier.

Our love to you all.  
*Randy Poleskie*



**Say a prayer for...**

Jill Quinn, Freddie Ivy's daughter in Portland, had a kidney transplant and is doing well.

Polo Cantu's father has pancreas and lung cancer.

Katie Cupp, Janis Cupp's daughter-in-law, who has just been diagnosed with cervical cancer.

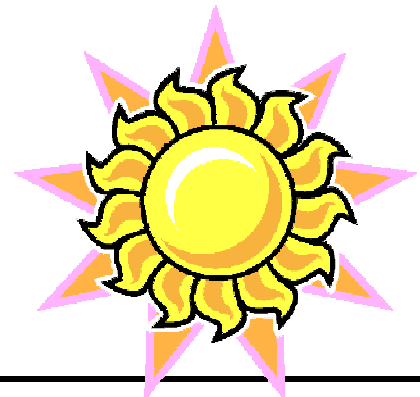
Sharon Alexander, Randy Alexander's mom, is recovering from surgery for a broken hip.

Judy Marshall, Bob Vincent's sister, who has recently been diagnosed with ALS.

John Pepper, Amy (Poleskie) Pepper's husband, as he continues with treatment for melanoma.

Ed Lee is in Hospice Care.

Kyle Guinn, Larry Guinn's nephew, broke his back in a motorcycle accident, making slow progress.



**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP**

Christmas Around the Year funds are appreciated by many people of Puyallup. The Vigil family sends their thanks:

When I count my blessings, I always think of you because I couldn't be more grateful for the thoughtful things you do! Thank you Very Much.

*Florio*

**2011 Financial Update**

	<b>Actual June</b>	<b>Budget June</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>
Income	28,873	39,992	239,486	239,952
Expenses	35,760	39,627	226,313	237,762
Net Income	(6,887)	365	13,173	2,190

Budget is straight line.



## BAG LADIES NEEDED!

To help out the Homeless Ministry, 60 simple food bags are needed which can be refilled weekly for homeless students. If you can help out in this ministry by making bags, please join us Saturday, August 6 from 9-4 or any part of that time frame. Bring a brown bag lunch. We will be using an assembly line method where some will be cutting and others will be sewing. Sturdy fabric donations would be appreciated as well. Questions can be directed to Sherri Burbank-Williams (253-862-1789) or Dorothy Rhodes (253-845-5125).

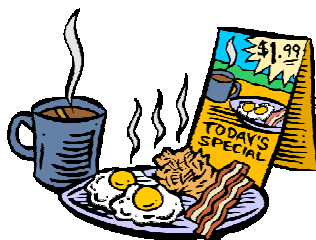
## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Weather-wise summer seems to have skipped the NW, yet we are already seeing back to school ads in the newspaper. Many deals are awaiting giving us an excellent opportunity to furnish children lacking necessary items. The August "Bring A Thing" is school supplies that will support our annual School Supply Drive for local schools. Recipients this year will be: Walker High School, Harvard Elementary and the Sumner Family Center. The yellow bus in the narthex is just waiting to be filled beginning August 1st until August 28th. So let's bring a little sunshine to families and take advantage of the sales.

## MONTHLY BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

The second Saturday of each month men and youth of the church gather at Charlie's Restaurant for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. This is a relaxed time to get better acquainted with others and enjoy stories and jokes.

All are invited, so please mark your calendars for these Saturdays. If you don't already receive email reminders and would like them, send your address to [dobirhodes@att.net](mailto:dobirhodes@att.net) so Bill Rhodes can add you to this extensive list which is used ONLY for the Puyallup United Methodist men's breakfast and other men's news!



## FAMILIES PICNIC & PLAY NOON AUGUST 21

Families with small children, come to the Playground behind the church to spend time with other families. We'll have a picnic lunch at noon at the firepit.

## ALL CHURCH WORK PARTY

Saturday August 27, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM join us in sprucing up the church grounds. We will have itemized jobs, spots that need special/specific attention, beyond the ongoing service of the Garden Spot adopters.

This is a great opportunity for those who desire a service opportunity, but can only give a few hours, occasionally, and/or like to work outside, when there's a group! Morning snacks and fluids provided.

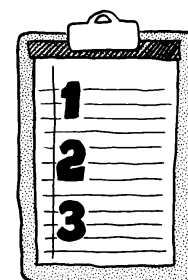


## EPCC POTLUCK AUGUST 30

Everyone is invited to the EPCC Clergy & Lay Gathering at Eatonville UMC, 185 Mashell Ave. N. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm.

## DISCIPLE SIGN-UP

Are you considering an in-depth Bible study this year? We will be starting a new Disciple class in September that will last through the school year. Sign ups will be available soon.



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### The summer schedule:

*Nursery* at 8:55 & 10:35 in Room A

*Preschool* at 8:55 & 10:35 in Room B

*Elementary School*, grades K-6 (just finished)

8:55 & 10:35 start in Worship, then Room 7 & 9

*Youth*, grades 7-12 (just finished), 8:55 Wesley Hall

*Adult Discussion Class* 8:55, Room 4

# August 2011

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:00 Connecting Ministries	9:30 Staff Meeting 11:00 Yoga  7:00 Worship Committee	9:00 Maintenance  6:00 Connections	11:00 Yoga  6:30 Theology at the Pub 6:30 Fun & Fellowship	7:00 Family Movie Night	9:00 Young Adult Bible Study @ Central Perk  9-4 Bag Ladies
7 Summer Choir 8:55 & 10:35 Worship Services 12:00 Mission Team Lunch 1:00 MT Departs 4-6 Hunger Walk Information	8	9 11:00 Yoga  7:00 Finance	10 6:00 Connections	11 11:00 Yoga	12 7-9 Walk to Emmaus Puyallup Ultreya	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast  Mission Team Returns
Youth Mission Trip to Eugene, OR August 7-13						
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21 Summer Choir 8:55 & 10:35 Worship Services 12:00 Families Picnic in Yard (No Youth Group) Church Campout	22 7:00 Ministry Development	23 11:00 Yoga 12:00 All Staff Meeting  7:00 Web Committee 7:00 Outreach	24 6:00 Connections 7:00 Adult Council	25 11:00 Yoga  6:30 Homelessness Meeting	26	27 8 am—2 pm WORK PARTY 10:30 –1:00 Tweeners BBQ 2-5 Chamberlain Anniversary Party
28 Summer Choir 8:55 & 10:35 Worship Services 3:00 Youth Group Olympic Sculpture Park	29 10:00 Connecting Ministries  7:00 Micah Class	30 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:00 Yoga  6:00 EPCC @ Eatonville UMC	31 5:45 Armory Dinner  6:00 Connections			

## **Tweeners Time** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship

- ◀ Serve God
- ◀ Serve others
- ◀ Fun with friends
- ◀ Pray with us
- ◀ Play games
- ◀ Bring a friend

### **Aug. 27 Tweeners BBQ at Church**

**10:30-1:00**

Goodbye old 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Welcome new 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Potluck Picnic.

Bring your Families.

We'll provide burgers & fixings. Challenge

parents to Big-Soft-Ball

Volley Ball, horse shoes,

Ladder golf, and more!



## Youth News

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|---------------|--|
| Sun. Aug. 7   | 1pm Mission Team departs   |
| Sun. Aug. 7   | 6-8 Game Night   |
| Sat. Aug. 13  | 6pm Mission Team Returns   |
| Sun. Aug. 14  | 4pm BBQ & Swim at Aldonza's  |
| Sun. Aug. 21  | All Church Camp Out—No Youth Group   |
| Sun. Aug. 28  | 3pm Olympic Sculpture Park, Spaghetti Factory, Compline Worship @ St. Mark's Episcopal |
| Sat. Sept. 3  | 3pm Wedding —Everyone is invited.  |
| Sun. Sept. 4  | NO YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY WEEKEND   |
| Sun. Sept. 11 | 6-8 Fall Programming Begins  |

### Looking Ahead

- |                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| September 17   | 9am Confirmation Classes begin      |
| October 7-8    | Sexuality & Faith Retreat           |
| October 30     | Fall Festival & Trunk or Treating   |
| November 4-6   | High School Ft. Flagler Retreat     |
| November 12    | Talent & Variety Show, Arts Gallery |
| February 11-12 | Jr. High Mid-Winter Retreat         |

## **Family Movie Night**

**7pm Friday, August 5**

***Mars Needs Moms***

Take out the trash, eat your broccoli - who needs moms, anyway? Nine-year-old Milo finds out just how much he needs his mom when she's nabbed by Martians who plan to steal her mom-ness for their own young. Milo embarks on a quest to save his mom - a wild adventure that involves stowing away on a spaceship.

**Admission free.**

**Bring snacks to share. Bring a friend & an adult. You can**

**wear jammies. Enjoy prayer, prizes, food & fun.**



## Families of Preschool & Nursery Children

Sunday, August 21

Sunday, September 11

Bring your children to the Playground behind the church to spend time with other families. Picnic lunch details and time yet to be announced. Contact the church office to verify you are on the mailing list. [office@puyallupumc.org](mailto:office@puyallupumc.org) 253-845-0547



## YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 18-33 ish) Friend PUMC Young Adults on facebook

**Theology @ the Pub, Thursday, August 4, @ 6:30pm**, Milton Tavern, Hwy 99, Milton. Meet friends from other churches and talk about faith in light of current events or burning questions.

**Café Bible Study, Saturday, August 6 & 20 @ 9-10am**, Central Perk, Pioneer Ave., downtown Puyallup, bring a Bible (optional), a friend (less optional), money for your own breakfast —Pastor Shirley buys breakfast for first timers.

**Theology & Pie, Thursday, August 18 @ 8:00** at "Aunt" Loni's House. Call the church for directions. Eat, talk, talk, and talk. And pray. Of course, bring a friend.

## ERT TEAMS NEEDED IN MINOT, ND

Help is needed!

Clean up can begin in homes where the water has receded. If you are interested in joining the PNW Conference volunteers contact Jim Truitt UM-VIM Disaster Response Coordinator at 253-797-1680 or [jftruitt@comcast.net](mailto:jftruitt@comcast.net).

Important reminders for volunteer teams:

1. Volunteers must be badged\*
2. Volunteers must wear a Conference Disaster Response T-shirt.
3. Volunteers must be self-contained. Housing is not available.
4. Tetanus shots are required for those going into affected areas.

\*In order to be badged you must:

Have background checks completed  
Complete the training by video or in person. For the video and a list of upcoming training dates for ERT teams contact Jim Truitt, PNW Conference Disaster Response Coordinator.  
Be affiliated with a recognized UM conference or organization.  
Have an UMCOR Badge, which signifies UMCOR training.

## COOPERATIVE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

August 12-15

Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA  
"All Things Made New"

Registration deadline is July 5. Mail information to Registrar Cindy Cole at PO Box 121, Oroville, WA 98844 or email [ccole@q.com](mailto:ccole@q.com).



*This may sound outrageous, and well it should.  
Would you consider spending the next nine months  
falling in love with God?*

The *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life* is a nine month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, with retreat communities meeting in Seattle and Tacoma, beginning in September and running through May. It is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and reflection that can be done by busy people of varied backgrounds and Christian traditions in the midst of their daily lives. Retreatants commit themselves to praying one hour a day, meeting twice monthly with a Spiritual Director, and to attending monthly Saturday retreat days.  
**Learn more at our website [www.seelpugetsound.org](http://www.seelpugetsound.org) or call 206-721-3518.**

## Jubilaté! - An Ecumenical Summer Conference on Worship and the Arts "Worship: Rethink . . . Reshape . . . Renew" August 15-20

Camp Casey Conference Center, Whidbey Island.  
Contact registrars: Erin Walker, [jubilatedeo@hotmail.com](mailto:jubilatedeo@hotmail.com); Dean or Kirstin Malm, [kmalm@roadrunner.com](mailto:kmalm@roadrunner.com).

## Jubilaté Worship Arts Institute announces another upcoming workshop:

September 16-17 at Haller Lake UMC in Seattle.  
To register for this workshop, email Carol Mariano at [revmariano@aol.com](mailto:revmariano@aol.com).

## MISSION TEAMS NEEDED

### Rebuild town of White Swan, WA

DEVASTATED BY WILD FIRE IN SPRING 2011  
Construction and Maintenance experience needed. Housing by camping or hotel some distance away. Rugged, but drivable road in and out of reservation. Blitz-build planned for one particular home in September.

Contact Jim Truitt, PNW Annual Conference UM Volunteers in Mission Disaster Response Coordinator, for more details and to schedule your team.  
[jftruitt@comcast.net](mailto:jftruitt@comcast.net) 253-630-1268 or 253-797-1680.



## MANY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

We have again completed a successful week hosting families from the Phoenix Housing Network. We had five wonderful families with a total of 15 people, all eating and sleeping at our church for a week. During that time, one family was able to move into their own apartment and another two families were eagerly looking forward to their own place in the next two or three weeks. As they move on, more families are able to move into the program and off the streets. This is a program that really works to move families from homelessness to stable independence.

On our part, we had 35 wonderful volunteers bringing hot meals, helping care for the children, staying overnight, as well as setting up and cleaning up. Many thanks to Jill Poleskie and Rosalyn Hartman who took turns hosting each night to see that the families felt welcome and the volunteers knew what to do. Our team of volunteers were caring, competent, friendly and flexible. Great job!

You are invited to be a part of this rewarding ministry. Mark your calendar for November 5-11 and be ready to sign up in mid-October.

*Betty Chamberlain*  
PUMC Site Coordinator  
Outreach Committee

## RELAY FOR LIFE OF PUYALLUP

We thank you! Four teams with members of our congregation participated in Relay for Life. We are so grateful to you for supporting these teams -- with your prayers, your money, walking with us, helping us set up, and just plain "cheering us on". For some of us, it was a first-time experience. It was very meaningful. Our teams were: Angels for Life (Debra Reinke), Nerd Fighters (Kyle Reinke), Quann Quest (Mary Kohli) and Team Sandy (Sandy Koughn) raised over \$8,000 for the American Cancer Society. The event has now raised over \$112,000 and the books will close on August 31. You can watch the progress at [www.relayforlifeofpuyallup.org](http://www.relayforlifeofpuyallup.org). Congratulations to Debra Reinke for the fine job of chairing the entire event. Special thanks to her family for all the support they gave, too.

## STRAWBERRIES FOR DENTAL HEALTH

This year's strawberry feed was well attended. Thanks so much to Randy Poleskie and all the other men who did such a good (and good-tasting) job to make this fundraiser another success.

A check for \$606 from the United Methodist Men's account is being sent to Medical Teams International which coordinates over 1000 dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants who volunteer their time and skills to bring free dental care to over 17,000 patients annually who cannot afford the cost. Their mobile dental vans serve Western Washington and Oregon.

Thanks to all those who helped in this year's Strawberry Feed. The berries were very tasty and everyone there had a great time.

Fred Koughn	Joe Tucci
Les Leen	Geno Sims
Bob Berndt	Bill Rhodes
Gene Robbins	Lane DeLarme
Keith Jenkins	Joe Broussard

Sincerely, *Randy Poleskie*

## GLEANNING PROJECT

The Pierce County Gleaning Project helps fight hunger and build community by recruiting volunteers to harvest local produce, that would otherwise be wasted, for county food banks and hot meal sites. You've probably seen a neighborhood fruit tree ripen beautifully, only to have all the fruit fall and rot on the ground. At the same time, many of our neighbors don't have enough to eat, and diet related diseases in low income populations are now on the rise due to reduced access to fresh produce. To address the twin problems of hunger and waste in our local area, please sign up at [www.piercecounty-gleaningproject.org](http://www.piercecounty-gleaningproject.org) and attend a training.

## SUMMER CAMP

See a catalog and registrations that are available at the **Youth Booth** on Sundays by Allelulia Lattes. Ask about Camperships from Puyallup UMC to help with costs. You can go online to see what camps are available and when at [pnwumc.org](http://pnwumc.org).



## IN YOUR LIBRARY

The Church Library Committee is on hiatus for the summer, but books continue to be added to the church library collection. Here are some of the newest purchases and donations.

*“Awakening the Spirit”* edited by Brother Wayne Teasdale. The author has compiled true and inspiring stories from people of a variety of faiths and backgrounds who tell of their personal struggles as they search for spiritual identity.

*“Love Wins”* by Rob Bell. A new, controversial and bestselling book about “heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived” offers alternative answers to our questions about heaven and hell.

*“Questions God Asks Us”* by Trevor Hudson. Is the Bible a book of questions from God to us? In a conversational style, the author presents five questions from the Old Testament and five from the New Testament along with answers that will deepen our relationship with God

*“The Story Bible”* by Edward A. Engelbrecht. Just published in 2011, this beautiful book has “130 stories of God’s love” for children presented with realistic illustrations and “readable wording that young children can understand” and parents will appreciate.

*“Towers of Hope”* by Joy Carol. When our own situations seem hopeless, we can get much inspiration from these stories of people who have endured imprisonment, war, terrorism, physical abuse and life-threatening illnesses but found healing and wholeness.

*“Treasures of Darkness”* by Tara Soughers. Drawing on her own experiences in “dark times,” the author explores biblical stories which illustrate the treasures we can find from God in the darkness.

## START YOUR PLEDGES

Attend the Associated Ministries informational meeting at PUMC on August 7, 4:30-6 pm in the Fireside Room. Get some great ideas to make pledge gathering fun.

The 2011 Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 2, 2011  
at Fort Steilacoom Park  
8714 87th Ave. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498

12 p.m.: Registration  
1:30 p.m.: Run starts  
2:00 p.m.: Walk starts

### Registration fees:

Adults: \$20;

Youth under 18: \$10

Teams: \$10 per team member

Children under 5: FREE!

Pledge forms will be available for download at [www.associatedministries.org](http://www.associatedministries.org). You may register as an individual or team member online. Team captains can register for their entire team and pay the team’s total registration fee, or team members can go online individually and “join their team” and pay separately. Fund-raising online is easy and fun!

By registering online, you can also set up a team donor page, individual donor pages, track your donations, and send your donor page link to friends and family asking for their support. Just follow the instructions. It’s fun, easy and just takes a minute.





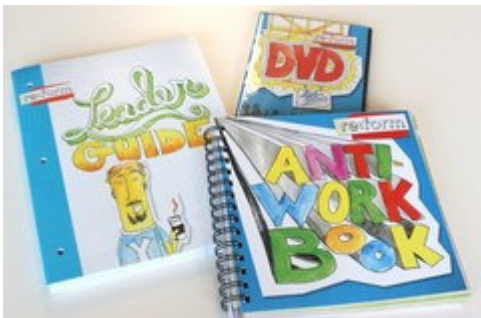
## Confirmation Classes Planned

Confirmation is an active examination of what has gone before, and preparing for what comes next in our Christian journey and faithful living.

It is claiming for ourselves what was said on our behalf when we were baptized. If you are

not yet baptized it is the profession of faith you make for yourself as you are baptized. We'll talk more about this.

All students in grades 7-12 who have not yet taken Confirmation, and any who have who would like to repeat the experience and go deeper.




Saturday, September 17, 9:00 am, at the Puyallup United Methodist Church

	Article Due Dates	Mailing Dates
<b>Circuit Rider</b>	3rd Tuesday August 16	4th Wednesday August 24
<b>Email Letter Begins in August</b>	2nd Tuesday August 9	2nd Wednesday August 10

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