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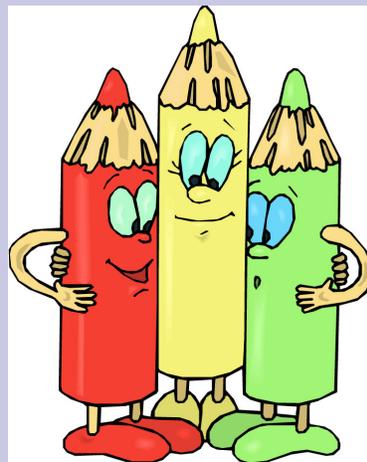
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Let's Get Together—You, God & Me
Worship ☩ Learn ☩ Grow

Sunday School begins
Sunday, September 13

9 and 10:30 am classes
Nursery through Adult groups

9 am Youth Class
6-8 pm Youth Group



Come Home!

I was thinking about the parable of the Lost Sheep this morning as I desperately wandered the neighborhood looking for my lost “puppy” (10 year old Silky). I had left her for a few moments in the yard (too much free-will?) to do her doggie thing. She took full advantage of the situation and zipped off. I was wondering if the anxious hope I was feeling was how God feels when we go wandering.

Suddenly, who should appear (like the Lone Ranger or was he an angel?!) but Mr. Lee Boulet, riding up on his bicycle (my bike was at the church). Having heard my calls, he asked what was up. I sent him off searching one direction while I walked the other. Soon he had spied and shoed Silky home. Ah, the relief in the heart, the celebration of the lost being found! Of course when Jesus told his parable he knew we were not sheep (or dogs), but he wanted to be able to relay to us, in a way we could understand not just in our heads but also in our hearts, how God delights in being re-united with us, making us feel welcomed back home. We matter so much!

Lost and found... I know that when I was a child playing “hide and seek” I liked finding a really good hiding place, but I also longed to finally be found (to know I wasn’t forgotten). As fall begins, as we gather in from our summer-time adventures... I’m hoping you’ll take a look around our worship and other activities and note who’s missing. Who could you invite back home to Christ’s community saying, “You matter so much.” Who new could you invite to PUMC this month... who might be trying to find a place of belonging-- of hope and care (wanting to be found)?

Silky came back full of enthusiasm to run back into the house. Wandering had been fun, but she seemed glad to be home! And Wow!, was I glad to have her safely back in the fold.

Glad to be home, grace to you,
Pastor Ann

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Pastor Shirley

Shirley's surgery went well. Thanks for your prayers and support. Shirley was up walking the day of the surgery and had eaten her dinner and was managing pretty well. Thank you all for your prayers and concern. Mayo Clinic has been really wonderful to us. Shirley's sisters have been a great support.

Lane DeLarme

Methodists Arrested in Fiji

Nine Methodist leaders in Fiji, including the church's president, the Rev. Ame Tugaue, and its top executive, the Rev. Tuikilakila Waqairatu, pleaded not guilty Aug. 12 to charges of breaching public emergency regulations. They had been arrested July 22 and held for two days on allegations of planning to use the denomination's annual conference for political purposes. The government ordered cancellation of the annual conference, perhaps for as many as five years. The event is among the largest yearly festivals in Fiji, attracting thousands of people.

"We are disturbed by the implications of the arrests and the conference cancellation for issues of human rights and freedom of religion," said the Rev. Edward W. Paup, top executive of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). Paup reiterated a call to prayer for the people of Fiji issued by the Methodist Church of Britain and expressed confidence in the Methodist leaders of Fiji. Fiji is controlled by a military government headed by Col. Frank Bainimarama who seized power in 2006, overthrowing a constitutional government. The military regime began a crackdown on critics in April. Tensions with the Methodist Church have been on the rise since.

One-third of Fiji's population of some 837,000 is Methodist. Christine Elliott, who is in charge of external affairs for the Methodist Church in Britain, said the church's leadership is standing up to the government. "Colonel Bainimarama is making a strong statement about who is in power," Elliott said in a statement. "The Methodist Church is the largest faith group in Fiji, holds a significant amount of power among the people and has considerable influence over voters."

Jill Poleskie

Thank You

Many, many thanks to my wonderful church family for my prayer shawl and the prayers, cards and visits following my hip surgery on June 1st. I feel very blessed. In Christian Love,

Evelyn Fisher

Say a prayer for...

Shirley DeLarme, home and doing well

Vicky Ackerman and her family since her brother-in-law, Merle, who passed away

Marilyn Johnson who is fighting breast cancer

Dave Borden, had a stroke

Don Anderson, who has health issues

Jan Anderson, cancer treatment

Rod Stipek, had colon surgery

Laura Sequeira fighting the Swine Flu

Nita King as she recovers from knee surgery

Kay Smyth holding steady against Leukemia

Marlene, Larry Hull's sister, who had surgery for leg blockage

Tom Quann, fighting esophageal cancer

Wayne Bays, friend of Don Fankhouser in his recovery

Edward W. Paup, our former Bishop, has resigned as general secretary of Global Ministries to attend to the treatment of a brain tumor

Address Updates

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Jessica Proffitt is finishing up her 12-month deployment to Iraq, she will be returning to Ft Lewis this week.

Leif Gisselberg is finishing up his 4-month deployment to Iraq; will be returning to his home station in England this week.

Adult Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am we will continue Adult Bible Study in the Conference Room/Library. Open to all ages 18 to 110 (we have three in class in their 90's!) Please contact Janet Byrd (253) 228-1441 for more information.

Disciple Classes

Sunday, September 20 at 8 am starts the first class in Disciple II for our new session. Monday at 7 pm another Disciple II class will meet and Disciple I begins. Anyone can sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in this in-depth Bible study.

Women's Book Club

The next Book Club will be September 24. We will now be meeting on Thursday instead of Friday in the last week of each month.

Lorna Leen will be leading the discussion on the book, *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova.

On October 29 the book will be *Sarah: a Novel* by Marek Halter, about Sarah of the Bible.

Book Club is great fellowship!



Jane Harvey Circle (6:30 pm)

Jane Harvey Circle will meet October 7th at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. Our meetings are every other month on first Wednesdays. We will be filling bags for the homeless. A list of items we need to for the bags is in the Narthex.

Karrie Zylstra-Myton will also share with us about her trip to China.

Come Join Us!!

Spirited Pens

We have a unique group at our church who love to write called 'Spirited Pens'. They meet monthly to share their passion with one another and would like you to join them. The next meeting will be at 2 pm, at the church, Sunday, September 27th.

Karrie Zylstra-Myton

Wandering Women

Mama Mia!

Wandering Women Come! Sing your hearts out!

Saturday, October 10, 7 pm,

Fireside Room

Bring finger food to share.

Bring a friend.



Let's Talk

The Let's Talk group will meet Wednesdays beginning October 14th, 9:30-11:00 am, in Room 3. We will be watching videos from the "Faith and Reason" series.

Please Join Us!

Questions? Call Nancy Everstine at (253) 847-0113.

Fruitful Congregations

By Bishop Robert Schnase

Radical Hospitality

Passionate Worship

Intentional Faith Development

Risk-taking Mission and Service

Extravagant Generosity

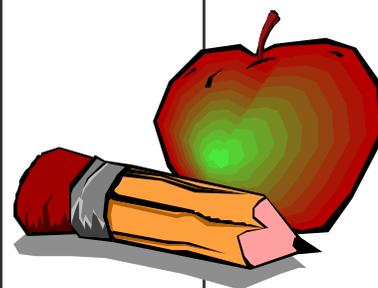


are the practices that Bishop Robert Schnase explores in *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, a book widely applied nationally and internationally. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Their presence and strength demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Come hear Bishop Schnase speak about these practices and their transformative power on October 17, 2009 in Auburn or on October 18, 2009 in Spokane. Books will be available for sale. For additional information and event registration, please click here or go to www.pnwumc.org > click on "Training Events" > then click on "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations". Registration is subsidized by your apportionment dollars.

September 6—19, 2009

Sept. 6 Sunday	Sept. 7 Monday	Sept. 8 Tuesday	Sept. 9 Wednesday	Sept. 10 Thursday	Sept. 11 Friday	Sept. 12 Saturday
9 & 10:30 am Worship Services 5:30 pm Youth Band Sanctuary No Youth Group	<i>Office Closed for Labor Day</i>	9:00 am Hospitality Ministry Ann's Office 10:30 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room 7:00 pm Finance Committee Conference Rm	9:15 am Lectionary Conference Rm 6:00 pm Music Team Sanctuary 7:00 pm SPR Conference Rm	11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary		
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Youth News

Next Events Calendar

- Sun. Sep. 6 No Youth Group -- Labor Day Weekend
- Sun. Sep. 13 6-8pm Youth Group—We now return to your regularly scheduled program. New start time. Bring a friend.

Looking Ahead

- Sep 26 Christian Artist Concert @ Fair
Advance tickets required.
- Oct 3 3:3 Basket Ball Tourney & U2charist Worship
- Oct 10 Confirmation Class Kickoff @ Parkland UMC
- Oct 16-18 Human Sexuality & Our Faith Retreat
- Oct 25 Fall Festival for the Children
- Nov 6-8 Ft. Flagler
- Dec. 20 Christmas Party at Pastor Shirley's house

YOUNG ADULTS*

(ages 18-33 ish)

Thursday, September 3

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.
Milton Tavern, 7320 Pacific Hw E (Hwy 99).

Saturday, August 29 & September 5

9:00am, Café Bible Study

Wake up with a cup, a friend, and God's story at work in our lives.
Bring your Bible, if you have one, and a friend.
Meet at Central Perk, across from Pioneer Park on Pioneer Ave. in Puyallup.

Saturday, October 3

6pm U2Charist Worship

Benefits *Nothing But Nets*

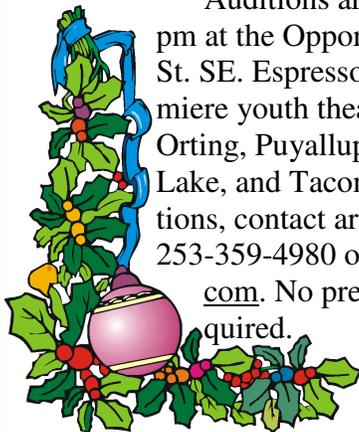
For evolving calendar and updates through facebook (PUMC young adults), become a friend of Monte Windsor: monte@montewindsor.com

Auditions

Espresso Drama Youth Theatre Ensemble is holding auditions for its original production:

A CHRISTMAS CAROL?!

Auditions are Friday, September 18th, 5-6:30 pm at the Opportunity Center of Orting, 109 Train St. SE. Espresso Drama is Pierce County's premiere youth theatre ensemble with members from Orting, Puyallup, Graham, Parkland, Bonney Lake, and Tacoma. For more information on auditions, contact artistic director L. William King at 253-359-4980 or email espressodrama@hotmail.com. No previous experience is needed or required.



Job Opening

Love INC needs a person with bookkeeping experience, who knows Quickbooks for about 6-12 hours every other week. The person will help with inputting receipts, donations, sending out donation receipts, filing the financial papers, and doing monthly financial reports for me. They may do some inventories in our bookstore as well. They will also be taught to do the quarterly 941, State unemployment and L& I reports and our annual 990 EZ filing. If you know of someone with this experience who is willing to work the part time hours, please have them send me a resume to shephisey@aol.com. This will always be a part time position.

Hunger Walk

Walk to generate funds for the food banks of the Tacoma-Pierce County area. Contact Robin Mason at robinm@associatedministries.org or 253-383-3056, ext. 145 for registration info & pledge sheets. Collect pledges for yourself or a team and bring them to the Hunger Walk on October 10th in Tacoma.



UMW Conference in Mt. Vernon

October 9-10 at Mount Vernon UMC, United Methodist Women will experience *What's on Your Plate! Share it at the Table*. We will focus on the "Table" where we gather for many reasons. Register by October 3 with Joan Ricketts, 360-386-8226, jaricketts@comcast.net.

Employment Opportunity

EXODUS HOUSING is taking applications for a Program Assistant (updated 8/09)
Location of Position: Sumner, WA;
Compensation: Full Time M-F, \$9-\$13 per hour (depending on education/experience) Employer Paid Medical/Dental.

The Program Assistant is the agency's primary receptionist and is responsible for overseeing the client application and selection process, donor acknowledgment program, volunteer operations, and general administrative support to the entire staff.

Please send both a cover letter and resume to: Exodus Housing, P.O. Box 1006, Sumner, WA 98390, by fax at 253-826-2169, or you can apply via email to info@exodushousing.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES' PROJECT INTERDEPENDENCE is seeking Mentor Teams for Lakewood and Puyallup families. Mentor teams offer friendship, encouragement and practical hands-on support to help a family achieve their goals. For further information about this volunteer position, please contact Valorie Crout, at (253) 383-3056 ext. 108, or valoriec@associatedministries.org.

Need Volunteers and Books

Love INC is looking for ways to raise money to support the ministry of helping churches help

people, and is forming a pre-owned Christian book store. We are accepting donations of Christian books

and are also in need of a volunteer with experience to help us sell these books online. (E-commerce and database experience.) I have people who will do the database of the inventory, I just need someone who can help create our new website to sell online. If you have these skills or would like to donate some books, please contact Sherry Phinisey at shephinisey@aol.com or call her at 253-468-6236.

Blessed to be a blessing,

Sherry Phinisey

Executive Director

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



Lectionary

September 6

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 13

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38



Eat and Help Your Church September 19 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm

Get the special flyer from church, call a friend or two, and have a nice meal.

The Flying Tomato Italian Grill, 10224 198th St. E, Graham, on Meridian, has agreed to honor flyers made just for us to distribute to our members and friends. Each party will present the flyer to your server and the restaurant will tally up all our meal tickets (before tax) at the end of the day. The restaurant will then mail the church a check for 20% of the total PUMC tickets!

This is *fun* fundraising and everyone can help. So put this date on your calendar and take your family or a neighbor to enjoy a good meal. Just remember: you need the special golden flyer available at the church to make this work. So pick up one at church -- or call the office so we can mail one to you (they will not be available at the door). Proceeds benefit the church's operating budget.

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