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Back to School Blessing

Whether you're a kindergartener, or a graduate student, a parent, a teacher, an administrator or a crossing guard, if you are part of educating children, youth or adults, let us offer you a blessing at the beginning of this school year.

Join us in worship on
September 7
to be part of the blessing

Back to Sunday School

9:00 am

Classes for Nursery (infant-2 yrs)

Preschool

K-6

Youth

Adult

10:30 am

Classes for Nursery (infant-5 yrs)

K-6

Adult



Rev Ann's Reveries

I love to camp and hike, to swim in lakes and see the stars in their full glory-- away from city lights. Vacations are great to bring us closer to our Creator and the wondrous works of God. Vacations can also help us wonder about things in ways we've been too busy to think about. I spent some quiet time thinking about all of you—and the amazing people you are (I know that much already!), and how we might work and play, and grow together in the Spirit.

One thing especially fun about vacations that involve visiting such places as National Parks is a chance to play the "License Plate Game." Maybe you've played it before—where you try to find a plate for each state (and maybe some provinces too). During our time in Colorado we found all but four states. (Not a stunning success, but we did sight cars from Alaska and Hawaii!). I enjoyed thinking about the people in these cars—how they liked seeing the great sights we were enjoying—what made them come so far... where else were they going? Then I'd think back to you and start wondering the same—Where did you come from and how did you end up in Washington, at our church...?

I've been thinking, as a way for me and others to get to know each other better (and just for fun) that I would put maps (of U.S. and World) in the hall with push pins so that we might mark our birth-place. Who knows, maybe you have a pew mate who came from the same county in the Midwest and you don't even know it???

As this new school year begins, I hope that you have had (or soon will have) some special time to vacate into God's wonders. And if not a trip, that you will at least take time to wonder and reflect about this amazing world.

Blessings and Shalom,
Pastor Ann

Disciple Bible Study

DISCIPLE

Classes Now Forming.
Space is Limited.

Classes start the week of September 14, 2008.

Disciple I – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
Sunday mornings, 8-10:15 am

Open to all who would like to attend and learn more about the Bible, this class is a 34-week journey through the biblical story from Genesis to Revelation. The class meets once a week and is supported with daily Bible readings.

Disciple I – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
Monday evenings, 7-9:15 pm

Open to all who would like to attend and learn more about the Bible, this class is a 34-week journey through the biblical story from Genesis to Revelation. The class meets once a week and is supported with daily Bible readings.

A second class may be opened to accommodate all who are interested.

Disciple III – Remember Who You Are
Monday evenings, 7-9:15 pm

Disciple I is a prerequisite for this class. This 32-session Bible study draws the connection between memory and identity as a people of God. The word *You* in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory. The study concentrates on the prophets and the New Testament writings of Paul.

See the signup sheets in the Narthex or contact Pastor Shirley DeLarme (845-0547) or Monte Windsor (841-4092) for more information. Childcare is available.

Thank You!

Church Lawn

A huge thank you for Craig Isom for offering to mow the church lawn.

Work Party Success

Thank you to everyone who responded to our plea for help at our August Work Party. Your contribution in beautifying the church are greatly appreciated. If we missed anyone in the following list, we especially appreciate you: Fred Koughn, Rosalyn Hartman, Larry Hull, Sandy Koughn, Sherry Broussard, Brenda Morrow, Shirley DeLarme, Char Davenport, Bryan Hamer, Nita King, Ruth Tervol, Art Sutton, Bob Berndt, Aaron Berndt, Bill & Dorothy Rhodes, Holly Emerson, Randy Poleskie, Carrie Boulet, Lee Boulet, Lane DeLarme, Craig Isom, Asher DeLarme, Brant DeLarme, Ethan DeLarme.

Dear church family,

My family and I would like to thank the church family for the school supplies. It's hard to get everything for school and go to the fair and get stuff for Christmas. For my family this is the toughest part of the year. With all the holidays and birthdays coming through the month of January. So, we would really like to thank you for all the school supplies. It helps us out a lot, thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

One of your family



Congratulations on the marriages of

Sue Ann Jacobs and Adam Shelton

August 23

AND

Darcy Allen and Bryan Roberts

September 6

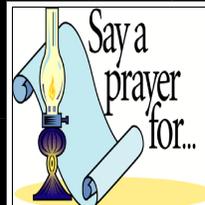
Pray for these new unions to enjoy peace and harmony.

Dear Outreach Committee,

Yesterday my co-worker Maiken and I went to deliver the supplies to the Howard family (Habitat for Humanity House). What a blessing the Outreach Committee is! Neither one of us had really looked in the bags until we delivered them. Let me tell you, it was like Christmas for these kids! They were so excited about their school supplies, especially the backpacks! It was wonderful that you were able to get each child a backpack in their favorite color. All five kids were opening them, checking out all of the pockets, seeing what would fit where! The water bottle that accompanied the green backpack was very appreciated...she always carries around a water bottle and was so excited to have one that matched her backpack! They are now all set with everything they will need for school when it starts on Tuesday. I should have taken pictures of them strutting around with their new things!

Thanks again!

Megan Ernst



Lee Hunt, traveled to CA, had a mild heart attack

Marion Bye on Hospice Care

Dorothy Michaelis, at home

Jackie Bankus, breast cancer

The family of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Berg on the tragic death of their grandson

Our brothers and sisters at Mount Zion UMC whose lives were rocked by Hurricane Katrina three years ago and again by Hurricane Gustav

Sherri Williams, recouping from back surgery

Allie Johnson, health issues

Randy Peacock, continued kidney concerns

Safety for the youth at the Puyallup Fair

Men & women serving our country



Epworth Circle Begins Monthly Meetings

Epworth Circle is meeting Sept. 24th in the fire-side room at 12:30. All women of the church are invited to our fall meeting. Our special guest will be Rev. Ann who will join us to get better acquainted and answer some questions. Everyone is encouraged to bring an "I'd like to get to know you question" for her. There will be dessert, fellowship, conversation, and fun. We look forward to seeing you ladies.

Women's Book Club

Our next selection to be covered September 26th is Cage of Stars by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Cottage. Looking ahead to October 24, secure your copy of Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen.

Retired Men

What a great team of men we had putting everything in order during the first 'Senior Men' day last month. Any retired men are invited to join in at the Fireside Room on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9 am to take on odd jobs around the church building. Join us in this stewardship-of-physical-plant ministry.



Come, Join Us for Let's Talk

"Let's Talk" is a small study group at PUMC. Beginning October 8th, "Let's Talk" will meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am in Room 3. We will watch a video each week from a series called *Faith and Reason*. There will be a discussion and sharing time following the video. The class usually lasts until 11:00. Come learn more about the Bible and how it can affect your every day life. Coffee will be served. Questions?? Call Marilyn-Sieveke, 253-298-2212, or Nancy Everstine, 253-847-0013.

Greet Bishop Hagiya

Reception of Welcome
for Bishop Grant Hagiya
Sunday, September 21, at 4:00 pm
Bellevue First UMC

All clergy and lay members encouraged to attend.

Practices Resume

Is God calling you to a special mission? Do you like to sing? Consider the Chancel Choir or the Handbell Choir. Choir practices resume Thursday, September 11. Come ready to ring or sing with us. Newcomers welcome.

Handbell Choir
6:00 pm, Room 5

Chancel (vocal) Choir
7:30 pm, Sanctuary

For more information contact Director Suna Chung at suchungwa@yahoo.com.



Advantages of Joining the Choir

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week.
7. Oh, yes, one more reason to join the choir: You're a leader in the worship experience.

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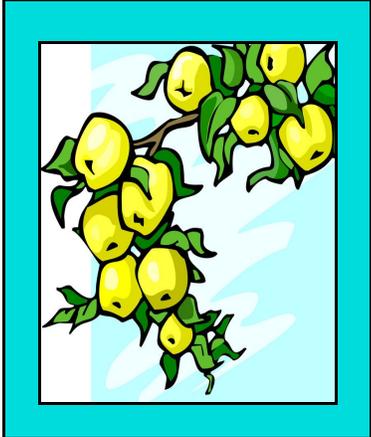
Pastor Ann's

Everyone is invited to celebrate Pastor Ann's home at an Open House on Saturday, September 20 between 3 and 7 pm.





September 7—20, 2008

Sept 7 Sunday	Sept 8 Monday	Sept 9 Tuesday	Sept 10 Wednesday	Sept 11 Thursday	Sept 12 Friday	Sept 13 Saturday
<p>9-10:30 am Worship Services</p> <p><i>Sunday School begins</i></p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group Wesley Hall</p>	<p>9:30 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Disciple Leader Training Conference Rm</p>	<p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Council Pew Party Wesley Hall</p> <p>7:00 pm Outreach Room 7</p> <p>7:00 pm Finance Committee Conference Rm</p>	<p>9:00 am Lectionary Conference Rm</p> <p>6:00 pm Music Team Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 pm SPR Conference Rm</p>	<p>6:00 pm Handbells Room 5</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Sanctuary</p>		<p>7:30 am UMM Breakfast Hangar Inn</p>
Sept 14 Sunday	Sept 15 Monday	Sept 16 Tuesday	Sept 17 Wednesday	Sept 18 Thursday		Sept 19 Friday
<p>8:00 am Disciple I</p> <p>9-10:30 am Worship Services</p> <p><i>Dedication of Pew Bibles & 3rd Grade Bibles</i></p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group Wesley Hall</p>	<p>9:30 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>DISCIPLE</p> <p>7:00 pm Disciple I Conference Rm</p> <p>7:00 pm Disciple I Room 7</p> <p>7:00 pm Disciple III Room 8</p>	<p>10:00 am Quilters Room 7</p> <p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>6:30 pm Trustees Room 7</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Council Conference Rm</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study Room 3</p>	<p>9:00 am Lectionary Conference Rm</p> <p>9:00 am Senior Men Fireside Room</p> <p>10:30 am Clergy Cluster Conference Rm</p> <p>6:00 pm Music Team Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council Fireside Room</p>	<p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>1:30 pm Parkinson's Support Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbells Room 5</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Sanctuary</p>		<p>10 am-12 pm EPCC Lay & Clergy</p> <p>10:30—12:30 Honor My Wishes Fireside Room</p> <p>3-7 pm Pastor Ann's Open House</p>

Youth News

Events Calendar

New Permission Slip and Medical Release Form required from all students. Available at the Youth Booth.

Sun., September 7

9:00 am Sunday School
6:30-8pm Youth Group—*Who are you, anyway?*

Sun., September 14

9:00 am Sunday School
6:30-8pm Youth Group—*these Boots Were Made for Walking*

Fall Youth Groups

Middle School = Grades 7 & 8
High School = Grade 9 – 12

MS Sunday School, 9am Sundays, Room 7
HS Sunday School, 9am Sunday, Room 3
MS Youth Group, 6:30pm Sundays, Wesley Hall
HS Youth Group, 6:30pm Sundays, Wesley Hall
Combined Youth Group, here & there
Youth Music Team, weeknight evening
J.O.Y. (HS) (1st Wednesday)
Latte Ministry, Sunday mornings

Look Ahead—Save the Dates

October 4 U2 Eucharist
October 26 Fall Festival
November 7-9 Ft. Flagler Retreat (HS)
December 29 Winter Camp (HS)
February 1 Souper Bowl of Caring
February 7-8 Mid-Winter Retreat at Indianola OR
February 14-16 Mid-Winter Retreat at Lazy F (MS)
March 14 Pot O' Gold Rummage Sale
May 23-25 CONVO (HS)
July 13-17 VBS 2009

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 18-33ish)

September

4th 6:30pm Theology at the Pub 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.*

27th 9am Habitat for Humanity. Contact Megan for application & info at 253-678-6924.

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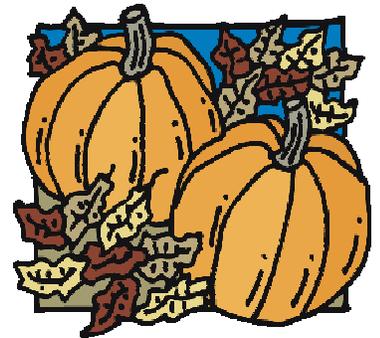
October 25 Pumpkin Carving at Pastor Shirley's. We'll have soup and pumpkins. You bring something to add to the dinner & conversation, and bring a friend.

April 17-18 YAR @ Lazy F (Young Adult Retreat)

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

New Member Sunday

We invite you, or a friend who has expressed an interest, to become a church member. On September 28 we will accept any new members during worship. Please call Pastor Ann at 253-845-0547.



Lectionary Verses

September 7

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalms 149 or 148
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 14

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalms 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35



Plan to Attend Honor My Wishes™

A few years ago, the country was riveted on Terri Schiavo, who became the center of a national religious, political and ethical debate on the end-of-life. Ultimately, the feeding tube that had sustained her fifteen-year persistent vegetative state was removed by court order. No one will ever know what her wishes had been had she voiced them.

Difficult conversations are easier to deal with while we are healthy, before the need to address them is forced by circumstances. The free three session Honor My Wishes™ program is designed to help adults of any age to plan for and to communicate their wishes regarding end-of-life issues.

Health Ministries and the Adult Council are sponsoring another series of classes Saturday, September 20, October 4 and October 18 from 10:30 am to Noon. Each participant will receive an organizing binder to hold important healthcare, legal, financial and personal property information. A donation to cover the cost of the binder is suggested. Registration forms may be found in each Sunday bulletin or in the office. Facilitators are Nancy Merrill and Attorney Trip Hart.

Sept. 20, Dignity:

- * Importance of Advance Medical Directives.

- * The difference between Living Wills and Health Care Power of Attorney. A Living Will, also called a Health Care Directive to Physicians has been demonstrated to be ineffective for a number of reasons. A Health Care Power of Attorney naming a trusted person to act as your Agent is the more powerful and effective Advance Directive for medical care treatment.

- * Considerations regarding life-sustaining treatments.

- * Value of writing an addendum clarifying what it means for you to live well.

Oct. 4, Security:

- * Clarification of important estate planning documents including wills, community property agreements and the probate process.

Oct. 18, Peace:

- * Making and documenting final arrangements. Are you the treasure-keeper of handed down family history and stories that could be lost when you die? What preferences do you have for what you want done with your body after death. Attorney Trip Hart will provide Notary services.

Maintain Independence in Later Years

Few injuries affect the quality of life for an older adult more than an unexpected fall. Falls by those over the age of 65 are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations and the third leading cause of all preventable hospitalizations. Governor Christine Gregoire has proclaimed September 18 as "Washington State Falls Prevention Awareness Day". (See the Health Ministries Bulletin Board for tips on staying active and preventing falls. The bulletin board is across from the pastor's office)

An easy way to remember the four ways to stay active, independent and to prevent falls is to use the abbreviation HOME.

Home safety: Install good lighting, keep living spaces clutter-free, clear walkways of clutter and install stair railings and bathroom grab bar.

Optical exams and care: Get regular vision exams every two years and update eyeglass prescription.

Medication review and safety: Ask your pharmacist or health care provider if any of your medications have known side effects such as dizziness, drowsiness, or lightheadedness that can cause you to fall.

Exercise: Regular exercise at least twice a week for half an hour or more helps our overall health, energy and walking ability. Following these guidelines can substantially reduce your risk of a fall.

From Senior Scene, September 2008



MY SISTER'S PANTRY

Enjoy the Pantry Express September 9, 4:30 to 8 pm sampling appetizers at great restaurants along Tacoma's Light Rail (The Link). Tickets are \$25 per person, available by calling 253-627-1186. The event benefits My Sister's Pantry Food Bank who serves hot meals as well as distributing groceries and clothing. The Pantry's primary objective is keeping poor families from suffering homelessness.

Hunger Walk

Prepare for the October 5th Hunger Walk by raising funds through pledges and walk, or encourage others by volunteering at the annual walk. The proceeds go to Emergency Food Network who distributes to food banks throughout Pierce County. To be involved, contact Associated Ministries at 253-383-3056 or see hunger@associatedministries.org.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.....

If you're 50 or older, have a listening ear and willing heart, you'd make a perfect peer counselor. Good Samaritan Community Services offers a unique volunteer peer counseling program for older people with challenging issues such as depression, loneliness or anxiety about what the future holds.

Our volunteers receive a 16-hour training course, excellent supervision and reimbursement for gas mileage. In return, they can make a difference in someone's life.

Call Bonnee Zander at (253) 697-8538 for more information.

Geezers Unanimous

The Older Adult Camp at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center near Ellensburg will be September 23-25. Under the theme, "Welcome to Geezers Unanimous: Be the Difference". Activities include worship, campfires, interest sessions and time for a nap!

You can register on-line through PNW Conference Camping at www.pnwumc.org/camping or write PO Box 13650, Des Moines, WA 98198.

EPCC in Ministry

Puyallup is involved in the East Pierce County Circuit of churches including their mission to help Heather and Kendrick Loose of Lewis County. Their home was destroyed in the Chehalis floods last winter and has now been given a new chance thanks to the efforts of many.

Hi, EPCC Churches

I would like to let you know the good news that we (Neighbor Helping Neighbor) have received a grant of \$1500 that I applied for from UMCOR to go to this project.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol Mariano
of Orting UMC



Good Morning Pastor Carol,

Here's the latest pics of my house with the 4' foundation. I am working with the framer this week to get the sill plate down in order for the house lifter to lower it back down. Once that takes place, they will do the second pouring for the addition and then the framing can begin!

Also, I am meeting with another electrician tomorrow evening that is willing to allow volunteers to lay the wiring. I will keep you posted. I think once the second pouring & framing is completed I will be needing volunteers to lay the wiring throughout the house and a plumber (yet to find) will need to do the "rough in". I'm not sure when the roofing part gets done, but I will need assistance with tearing off the existing damaged roof. I did get a referral for a local that is willing to do both roofs on the house for a very reasonable price.

Heather & Kendrick

Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for making our Men's picnic a success! A bunch of us gathered at Bradley Lake Park on Aug 21st for great fellowship, food and fun. I will have to admit at about 3 o'clock when the rain came down in buckets it was a little dicey, but the rain stopped quickly, and fun was had by all. Chef Bubba was even complimented on his mastery of grilling tube steaks for the masses.

Recently I've been asking myself the question; what does it mean to be Brothers in Christ? I was speaking to one of the men of the church and he used the term "Band of Brothers" to describe the connection of the men in his previous church. You may know the name Band of Brothers from the title of a popular book, and TV mini series that takes place during World War II. The basic story line follows a company of men from basic training through the end of the war, how they grow together and come to depend upon each other for their very lives.

In a way, as Brothers in Christ, aren't we like a Band of Brothers? Through our connection in Christ, we are accountable to one another; supporting each other's spiritual lives and growth, and taking action in the world as a company of men. What

does it mean to be a Brother in Christ to you?

On Sept 27, our church will be hosting the UMM of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. This is a great opportunity to come together as a company of men. There will be worship and study opportunities during the day in addition to good food and fellowship. There will also be planning and sharing time so you can tell us what we should be doing to allow UMM to better meet your expectations.

Upcoming UMM events:

Sept 13th Breakfast at the Hanger Inn 7:30 am

Sept 16th Men's Bible study begins

Sept 27th UMM Pacific Northwest Annual Conference 8:30 am to 4 pm at our church - \$20 fee include lunch, beverages, snacks

October Bowling

Spring 2009 Men's Retreat



Heavenly Father, we give thanks and praise to you for the fellowship of the men of this church.
Peace, *Bob Berndt*

Just Thought You Should Know....

As the old adage goes, "ya can't help if ya don't know..." So I thought it was time to let the congregation know that financially, we're kind of in trouble. As many of you may or may not know, for the past few years our Church has approved a budget that is under-funded by several thousand dollars; and each year we exceed our revenue forecast and end up with a few extra thousand dollars at the end of the year. This is thanks to lots of prayers, more generous givers than expected and a Church staff that work hard at keeping expenses below budget. This year is no exception. We approved a budget that was under funded by \$42,320 and through July, we are under expenses by about \$13,000. However, through July our revenues are also under budget by close to \$2,000 which means that we were barely able to meet our monthly expenses (payroll, utilities, maintenance, office supplies, etc) BUT were not able to meet our monthly Conference Apportionment expenses (pension and benefit fund, World Service, etc). Here is another way of looking at it:

CURRENT FUND:	ACTUAL		BUDGET
	July	Year-to-date	Year-to date
Revenues	\$25,680	\$234,869	\$236,297
Expenses	<u>24,457</u>	<u>254,219</u>	<u>267,983</u>
Net	\$1,223	-\$19,350	-\$31,686

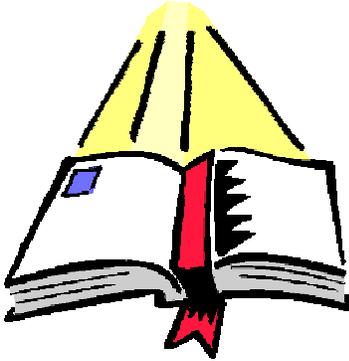


As you can see, we are running behind our needed funding to meet all of our expenses. The budget that was approved last year was under-funded by \$42,320, so each month will see us falling behind more unless our revenues pick-up substantially and we curtail spending.

Dedication 3rd Grade Bibles Dedication of Pew Bibles

Sunday, September 14

*“This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very word, spoken to me”
--Marie Barnett, Breathe*



This line from the song Breathe indicates the importance of the holy scriptures to our lives as Christians and as a community of faith. Come celebrate with us as we give Bibles to our 3rd Grade students so they may study God’s word for themselves, and as we dedicate your gifts of Bibles for our pews so that all of us may have greater access to these scriptures as we worship.

We do not throw out bibles. The bibles that are removed from the pews will be made available to the congregation at no charge. Copies that remain will be given away as they are needed.



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