

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Your pastor's heart is full of love, joy, and peace. Linda and I will have forty notches on the marital belt by the time you read this. Of course the belt is a good bit wider than we started with, both figuratively and literally, but that's life, as they say. It has been a privilege to be married to her. You could build a pretty good civilization around her if you had to. By now you all know what a great asset she is for my ministry. But you have probably noticed that United Methodist ministers usually marry up the food chain.

I am happy to report that our pews will be re-upholstered much sooner than we thought. The Trustees have given the job to Antonio Colon, son of the late Dorothy Colon. He has twenty-five years of experience and is a well regarded local craftsman and businessman. We expect him to be finished with the job in a few weeks. So we will sit in the old drab pews one Sunday and on the new maroon pews on the next Sunday. People wonder about "If walls could talk..."; I wonder what church pews would have to say. Better not go there. By the way, we are still about \$500 short of the cost for this job. We will use Dorothy Colon memorial money, if we have to, but I would like to use that for the rest of the sanctuary refurbish so, if you haven't contributed yet, now would be a good time.

Speaking of money, (somebody is muttering, "Isn't he always?"), our giving has come in pretty well over the summer months. Thank you. I am still hoping and praying that we will have a big finish and be able to pay 100% of our Conference Apportionments by year's end. Join me in prayer and "second-mile" giving to bring this to pass to the glory of God.

I am also happy to learn that the UMC and the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) are now family.

We were always "kissin' cousins", but now we are more like brothers and sisters in Christ. Both churches will accept the other's baptism, share equally in the Eucharist, join in mission programs and projects, accept the validity of each others ordinations, and I think, make cross denominational pastoral appointments. Jesus must be grinning ear to ear as more of his people help to answer his prayer "that they all may be one."
Hallelujah!

Don't know about you, but I really enjoyed our little Methodist Purim Festival on August 23rd. Great job. Thespians! I have never been boo'd in church before. I hope everyone realized I was portraying the enemy, Haman.

See you in Church, APUMC!

Pastor Carl

P.S. I am also happy to invite the church to Yasha Puzankov's baptism at Camp Twinlow on Sunday September 6th at 3:00 PM. Social Hour to follow. Yasha desires to be baptized by immersion in Twinlow Lake.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE TO BEGIN:

Sunday, September 13th
9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour
(Sunday School) for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
WOW NOW! during the 10:30 am hour
Grades K-6

WORDS OF THANKS

Many thanks to all those who volunteered to work with our children over the summer in WOW NOW!

ATTENTION PARENTS:

There will be no WOW NOW! this Sunday, September 6th.

INTRODUCING NEW NURSERY ATTENDANT

Judy Prime will start serving our children in the Nursery beginning September 6th. Judy is employed as a nursery attendant at Spokane Falls Community College. She lives in the Audubon Park area and attends a Seventh Day Adventist Church. Let's all help Judy feel right at home at APUMC!

USHERS NEEDED:

Thank you to all who commit to ushering each month! We are now looking for ushers for the 4th Sunday of the month starting November 22nd. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the Sunday ushering duties, please call Cathy Heider (467-7140) or the church office (325-4541).

GREETERS are also needed for Sunday mornings. Please call Betty Moos, 325-8677, to find out more about ushering and/or to sign up. This is a great way to meet people and welcome all to our church!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:

Beginning Sunday, September 13, we will be offering classes from the Christian-based Financial Peace University program. The classes will meet from 4 - 6 p.m. through December 13th. This series is part of the Dave Ramsey financial series. The cost is \$99 per family unit; our Men's Group has agreed to pay 1/2 of the cost for young couples/singles from our church. Please contact Jeff Johnson (244-2976). regarding more information on the class and/or the reduction in price

UPCOMING STUDIES: Pastor Carl will lead the Youth Discipleship Hour class for youth 7-12 grades. We will begin with a 6 week study of the parable of the Good Samaritan called **BE A GOOD SAMARITAN**. This will be followed by a 4 week class on stewardship called **ENOUGH** by Adam Hamilton. The Youth and Adult class will combine for this study.

ENOUGH: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

The Adult Discipleship Hour Class will view the remaining six installments of the Nooma series by Rob Bell followed by the stewardship class **ENOUGH** by Adam Hamilton.

CHOIR PRACTICE....

...is happening on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join– no special musical knowledge required– only a heart for serving God. Call Chris for questions, 326-5465.

JUBILEE BELL CHOIR TO BEGIN:

The Jubilee Bell Choir will begin a new season on Thursday, September 10, at 6:15 p.m. New ringers are always welcome; musical background is helpful, but not necessary. Please call Carol Hendershot for more information, 467-5036.

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Ralph Reynolds recently moved. His new address is:
VA Vets Home
222 E. Fifth Avenue Room 161
Spokane, WA 99202

UPCOMING BAZAAR REMINDER:

Preparations are beginning for the Bazaar to be held on November 7th. Workshops are held on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. until about noon. These workshops will continue at this time each week until November.

**INLAND DISTRICT
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL MEETING,
SEPTEMBER 19 9:15 AM
DAVENPORT, WASHINGTON**

These annual meetings are very rewarding. The theme this year is
"GO LIGHT YOUR CANDLE"

and the Key Speaker is Rev. Flora Bowers. Our own Melva Lohstroh is president of the Inland District UMW and we would like a large group from Audubon Park to attend in her support.

There will be car pooling from the church leaving at 8:00 a.m. giving us time to be in

Davenport for the 9:15. opening. Please note on your registration form if you wish to carpool or if you can furnish a car.

Registration forms are available on the UMW bulletin board in the parlor. They are due Sept. 12 so pick up the form soon and return to either Melva Lohstroh, Karen Peacock or your circle chairperson.

UMW has budgeted funds to pay member's \$10 fee so you can overlook that part of the registration form. Any questions? Contact Melva at 326-0258.

Hope to see you in Davenport on September 19!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS:
FALL KICKOFF BRUNCH**

September 12, 9:30 a.m. In the Parlor

The theme is:

The Main Purpose of United Methodist Women is

**“KISS FROGS, WASH FEET, AND
LIGHT A CANDLE”**

You better plan to come and find out what this is all about!

Our fall brunch is a chance to get together for fellowship and to learn about the work of our local UMW. All ladies of the church are invited (men too if you want). As always, there will be brunch type refreshments served.

Our Unit has three circles, two day circles and one evening circle. They are all looking to get some of the newer members of Audubon Park involved in Circles to give us new ideas and help. The information about the circles follows:

NAOMI CIRCLE - CHAIRPERSON IS MARY ANNE KEM

HER PHONE - 328-7777 Naomi meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon, in the Parlor. Dessert served followed by program and business meeting.

RACHEL CIRCLE- CHAIRPERSON IS RETTA NICKELL

HER PHONE - 467-0341. Rachel meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Dessert served followed by program and business meeting.

RUTH CIRCLE - CHAIRPERSON IS CONNIE HICKMAN,

HER PHONE -328-6910 Ruth meets on the 3rd Monday at 1:30 p.m. in homes, with dessert, program and business meeting.

Christian Ed is Planning For Fall!
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13th:
DISCIPLESHIP HOUR 9:00 a.m.



K-6th Grades

This is not your regular Sunday School—it is a **B.L.A.S.T.!** (**B**ible **L**earning **A**dventure **S**tation **T**ime) A new and exciting Discipleship Hour (9 a.m.) program is being designed especially for our K-6 Grade Children. This program includes Bible Study, drama, computers, puppets, cooking, science, art and drama.

We are still needing several more people to help with B.L.A.S.T. Please contact Bobbi Ehrgood, 325-4541, to add your name to the roster!

NEEDED - creative person/people to help create a game room for B.L.A.S.T. - our new Discipleship Hour program for K - 6th grade. Please contact Bobbi, 325-4541.

NEEDED ASAP- someone to sew very simple hand puppets for our new Rotation Bible School program - B.L.A.S.T. One simple main pattern can be made into many different "people" puppets. These are extremely easy to make! Contact Bobbi for pattern.

Helpers needed to create these new rooms– paint, sew, build a game, etc.

WOW NOW!

...during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for grades K-6. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with this program this year!

Needed for Christian Education:

- Large toss pillows for floor seating
- People puppets
- Bible Games and Bible Story DVD's
- Large pieces of muslin or similar fabric to make an oasis tent
- Area rugs for inside the tent
- Bean bag chairs

**From Ann Fritz, Inland District
Mission Secretary**

For the last eight months, we have been featuring missionaries in this newsletter, so that you may become better acquainted with them, their work, and where they do that work.

After attending the Cooperative School of Christian Mission in July this year, and listening to Paul Jeffery, I realize even more how important missionaries are to our church and God's plan. The mission fair helped us understand how vast our outreach is, and how hard our missionaries work to spread God's love to all people. Many learned more about Covenant Relationships and the 5 Columns of Mission, which are

- Covenant Relationship with a Missionary
 - One Great Hour of Sharing
 - United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
 - The advance for Christ and His Church
 - Cooperative School of Christian Mission (sending someone from your church to a School of Mission).
- Covenant Relationships cost \$5.00 per church member per year. Contact me if you're interested.

AARP DRIVING CLASSES COMING UP:

The next "55-Alive" Driving Class to be held at our church will be September 22nd and 23rd. (Tuesday and Wednesday) from 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. To get your certificate you must attend both days. You can call the church office to sign up (325-4541).



STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS:

C-O-S-T

Searching for a new ministry opportunity in our congregation? There will be a cost, you know, but there will also be great rewards. Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caring ministry. Right now we're looking for members who are willing to pay the

Commitment

Of

Self and

Time

And become Stephen Ministers, remembering that the blessings will out weigh the costs. To find our more about this ministry, please contact Barbara White, 467-1850, Karyl Masters, 325-2033, or the church office.

Care Quote: (from Stephen Ministry)

"You don't have to be a Christian to care, but you can't be a Christian and not care."

-Carole Graesser, Stephen Leader, Illinois

FOOD BANK NEWS:

If it is more convenient for you, fresh produce can be brought to church the 2nd Sunday and last Sunday of the month if you participating in the "Plant A Row" program. Thank you for providing for our neighbors!

ATTENTION MEN!

Mark your calendars now for September 18-20, when the 2nd Annual Inland District Men's Retreat will be held at Twinlow Camp. Our featured speaker will be Bishop Grant Hagiya. We will begin with golf for those who wish on Friday afternoon; otherwise we will begin at 7 p.m. Friday evening. Come for plenty of time for worship, fellowship and learning. We'll finish up around 11 a.m. on Sunday morning with worship and an agape meal. To register please contact Jeff Johnson, 244-2976, or Pastor Carl.

LAMPLIGHTER REMINDER:

A gentle reminder that the Lamplighters for the next weeks are:

September 6 Doug and Pauline Smith

September 13 Candy Shipley & Dorinda Young

TO ALL ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:

The following people are scheduled to have this sweeping duty in the coming weeks:

September 6 Estel Harvey

September 13 Rich Hendershot

USHER SCHEDULE:

Below are the ushers for worship in the upcoming weeks:

September 6 Jack Shimek

September 13 George Hartman

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Below are the people who will be serving communion in the next few weeks:

September 6 Stan Banks & Claire Story

September 13 Mike Gilbreth

GREETERS for Sunday, September 6, will be Don and Carolyn Wilson.

CHEWELAH GOLF

It's about time for our annual trek to one of the most beautiful and fun golf courses in the area. **This is for guys and gals of all levels.** We have tee times starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 11. If you want to play please let us know no later than Monday, September 7th.

A. Sign up on the paper posted in the parlor or

B. Notify Don Wilson (325-0936) or Lou Dobberstein (326-1736).

MANITO UMC PICNIC INVITATION:

You are invited to a summer picnic on Saturday, September 12, to benefit Shalom Ministries. This picnic is from 11 a.m.—3 p.m. at Manito UMC, 3220 S. Grand Blvd. The meal will be provided for only a \$5 donation: BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers, bean and coleslaw. All proceeds to go to Shalom Ministries...an urban ministry feeding Spokane's homeless.

Sunday, September 6

8:15 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Adult "Nooma" Study

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day: Office Closed
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

Montessori Preschool Begins
9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. Rachel Circle
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group
Noon– Naomi Circle: Parlor
3:00 p.m. Bible Study at Karen Peacock's home,
5604 N. Elm Street
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 10

10:30 p.m. Bazaar Workshop
1:30 p.m. Bible Study: Revelation
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
6:15 p.m. Jubilee Bells

Friday, September 11

9:00 a.m. All Church Golf: Chewelah, WA
5:30 p.m. Free Dinner and Movie

Saturday, September 12

9:30 a.m. United Methodist Women Brunch
6:00 p.m. MIDIS Group: Parlor

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (Sunday School)
for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Studebaker Club
4:00 p.m. Financial Peace University