

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

It was an especially blessed Easter Sunday at Audubon Park Church. I want to thank all of you who helped create the conditions of beauty, joy and hospitality that God used to bless those who worshipped Him. The butterflies and flowers, vivid symbols of resurrection, blessed our eyes. The sounds of choir, organist, hymnody, and preaching blessed our ears. We worshipped with the words of the Psalmist in our hearts, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me. Bless His holy name!"

I believe the soul is a tunable instrument. The Christian soul is tuned each time it gathers with other souls to sing God's praise in worship. We are a spiritual people being formed by the Holy Spirit into the image of Christ. Each Sunday we enter the Lord's winepress to be crushed by the story of His cross-compassion until we mingle together with the blood of Christ. Like individual grains we are ground into the flour of oneness, no longer loners, but lovers of the divine and one another. By God's grace we become the sacrament of which we partake, partakers of the divine image. This happens each and every time we gather on the Lord's Day, the Day of Resurrection remembrance. But the miracle of soul molding is especially intense on the High Holy Days. For me, these are Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. I'm sure my Catholic and Orthodox friends would consider me a Protestant piker and remind me that there is a whole year's worth of holy days I could be celebrating, and I would agree. But Protestantism is Catholic and Orthodox Lite and that is how my soul had been formed. Sometimes less really is more. Christmas and Easter are the twin pillars of Protestant worship and, thanks be to God, my soul was blessed last Sunday. So many, mostly behind the scenes, helped to make that happen. I am grateful.

JUST A GOOD STORY:

A man walking through the forest saw a fox that has lost its legs, and wondered how it lived. Then he saw a tiger come up with game in its mouth. The tiger ate its fill and left the rest of the meat for the fox.

The next day God fed the fox by means of the same tiger. The man began to wonder at God's goodness and said to himself, "I too shall just rest in a corner with full trust in the Lord and he will provide me with all that I need."

He did this for many days but nothing happened, and he was almost at death's door when he heard a voice say, "O you who are in the path of error, open your eyes to the truth! Stop imitating the disabled fox and follow the example of the tiger."

See you in church, APUMC!

Pastor Carl

A GIFT OF LEGACY:

Audubon Park UMC has received a gift from the estate of Betty Anderson, a charter member, in the amount of \$27,593.26. It was Betty's wish that this money would go into

the Permanent Endowment Trust Fund.

Our thanks go to Betty and her family for this enduring gift to our church.

We have also received word that Gretchen Jones gifted the church \$21,541 in her estate to used for the general fund of the church.

If you would like to learn how you can share your legacy with your church, please contact Linn Sampson, Chairperson of Finance or Rich Hendershot, Chairman of Endowment Fund Committee.

Below is a look at the first quarter givings for Audubon Park UMC. So far our giving has kept pace with our ministries.

The regular offerings for 1/1/2011-4/30/11 are \$95,508.76

May 8th Native American Ministries Sunday:

A Churchwide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church

Your generous gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday support:

- *Native American ministries with the annual conference
- *Scholarships for Native Americans attending UM school of theology
- *Expansion of the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative.

HOME-BOUND COMMUNION:

Sunday, May 1

We will continue our service to homebound persons and invite you to take part in this meaningful time.

If you have any questions or would like a team member to come to your home for this service, please call Olga Trunce.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is with Sheila Clark on the recent death of her father.

WORDS OF THANKS

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your generous gift to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 100 percent of your contribution will go to **Japan Emergency**.

Your gift of \$1,540 is providing emergency relief and long-term recovery support for disaster-affected communities.

Grace and Peace,

-Roland Fernandes, UMCOR Treasurer

(In addition our church contributed \$1,638 to the recent special giving Sunday, **One Great Hour of Sharing!** We can make a difference!)

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

There will be a planning meeting for our summer Vacation Bible School on Sunday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. We'll meet in Room 201. **This is for all people willing to help with VBS in any way!**



MAY COFFEE HOSTS:

May 1	Don and Marlene Peters
May 8	Sheila Clark, Margie Harder, Bruce and Ann Ostrander
May 15	Betty Evans and Connie Hickman
May 22	Lucia Neilson and Judy Ritz
May 29	Mike and Iva Jean Gilbreth

Easter Sunday:

Attendance: 221

Offering: \$5,580.32

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS

The B.L.A.S.T. children have completed their lessons on Peter in Prison. They are now moving onto the Walk to Emmaus story. The last Sunday for B.L.A.S.T. is May 22nd.

CONVO 2011 Memorial Day Weekend

University of Puget Sound

Grades 8-12

For more info see Drew and Heather Homchick and go to www.pnwumc.org/convo

Middle School Youth meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-8 p.m. The meetings are held in the middle school room at the church. The next meeting is May 5th. For more info, call Josh Clark at the church office 325 4541.

The Young Adult/College Age Group will gather again on Friday, May 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Josh and Courtney Clark, 2822 W. Sanson. For more info call the Clarks at the church office 325 4541.

MOMMY AND ME GROUP

Monday, May 2nd at 2:30 p.m.

We'll meet at the church. Come and enjoy a time with other Moms and kids!

Contact Nicolle at the church office 325 4541.

LOOKING FOR GRADUATES!

Graduation time is quickly approaching! Please let the church office know of graduates in your household: high school, college or trade school!

WOW NOW! (which meets during the 10:30 a.m. worship service) is in need of volunteers. Please sign up at the Christian Ed desk or call Nicolle at the church office 325 4541.

BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY

“Being A United Methodist”

“A United Methodist Membership and Membership Renewal Seminar”

Led by Pastor Carl Sundays, 9:30 a.m. May 1-June

Please call the church office to indicate your interest in attending this class.

BOUNDARIES: WHEN TO SAY YES; WHEN TO SAY NO TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

By

Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

Join Dr. Pamela Ridgeway in this essential discipleship class starting this Sunday at the 9:00 AM Discipleship Hour. It is Pastor Carl’s goal that EVERY member and constituent of APUMC learn the healing power of good, healthy personal boundaries.

Retirement Dinner & Celebration Service for Keat and Jenni Yeoh Saturday, June 18, 2011

Kent United Methodist Church 11010 SE 248th Street, Kent, WA
Tickets for the supper are \$10 a piece. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 5:00 p.m.)

For the service: Celebration begins at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Roy Bollinger for more info and ticket purchase (206-276-3232)

If you’d like to send a card or letter to Keat and Jenni, please send them to Kent United Methodist Church (address above)

DID YOU KNOW??

Pavel Puzankov will become a United States citizen in a ceremony to be held on Friday, April 29, at Noon at the Masonic Temple.

Congratulations and blessings to you, Pavel!

ANNUAL UMW SPRING LUNCHEON Saturday, May 7

11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$7.50

Save this date, get your tickets soon and bring your Mother or Daughter in honor of Mother's Day. Please call Melva Lohstroh at the church office 325-4541 to purchase tickets.

For the program we will have Deborah Rae DuPey, M.A., who has worked in the field of violence prevention for over 20 years. Her international work has included developing a child sponsorship program for street youth in Nepal and providing training for teachers and child advocates in Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Vietnam. Deborah has spoken frequently on global trends regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Visits to Africa, South-East Asia, Eastern Europe and Central America has enhanced her understanding of these issues. Her talks survey the status of women in the countries she has visited with a focus on the economics of abuse and oppression. She is a co-founder of Corazon Scarves, which serves as an outlet for scarves made by women in these countries as a way to make a living for their families.

MISSION CENTERED MINISTRY:

What: Interactive workshops geared at helping churches to be on purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ. Led by **Rev. Doug Anderson, Executive Director of the Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development.**

When: Monday, May 9 Part 1: 1-5 p.m. Part 2: 7-8:30 p.m.

You may attend one or both sessions

Where: Covenant United Methodist Church, 15515 N. Gleneden Drive.

Cost: The church pays \$50 for as many people we can bring!

Please let Pastor Carl know or call the church office ASAP if you would like to attend this event.

TWINLOW CAMP MINISTRY CELEBRATION

Please join us as we celebrate through pictures, words and song the many ways that Twinlow makes a difference in people's lives.

When: Sunday, May 22

3 p.m. Tours of the camp begin

4 p.m. Annual Meeting Presentation

5 p.m. Dinner served

Where: Twinlow Camp

Come and meet our new camp director, Tyler Wagner!

JOURNEYS GROUP

OK everyone, continuing on with the "Journeys" agenda.....next on our list is the "wants and needs" of some folks in our congregation. Here is a great chance to spread God's love in another way.

Some of the needs are very small and they would pay back your heart in "feel goodness" many times over.

Some folks in our congregation need: visits, phone calls, rides to various places, spring yard work, painting, computer training; some need information on things such as home health care and dental care. Some other folks could provide things like rides, prayers, trading of books back and forth.

You see, some of these are so simple, yet would mean the world to someone on the receiving end. If you could assist with some of the needs, or would like to take someone up on the offers, please contact me. I will go over the list and put you in touch with someone.

Thank you so very much for your offerings of being Christ's hands and feet to those in need around us.
Tom Kraus

The response to the Lenten devotional, which contained stories from our own people at Audubon Park UMC, was very good. We would like all of you to be thinking about what you might relate as one of your stories. There may be another one..or two..of these coming in the future!

What Exactly is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties.

What Do Stephen Ministers do?

Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or tough time.

How Can Someone Become a Stephen Minister?

Begin by talking to one of our Stephen Leaders (Pastor Carl or Barbara White) or Stephen Ministers and they can tell you more.

WESLEY GROUP

The Wesley group continues to accept the challenge of daily prayer and meditation of the scripture. We read a scripture for the day, pray and meditate on this scripture, listen to what God has to say to us and journal on these thoughts. We gather together every two weeks to provide a setting for

sharing and learning to pray together. You are invited to join us and experience the strength of a small group in your walk with the Lord. Our next meeting is April 27 @ 10:15 a.m.

Kids, Parents and Grandparents..

Do you have any gently used toys? Audubon Park UMC will be doing a Toy Exchange on May 28th and need toy donations. All left over toys will go to a charity. Questions: Call Nicolle at the church office 325 4541.

The following people are scheduled for various duties for upcoming worship services:

ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:

May 1 George Hartman
May 8 Lou Dobberstein

LAMPLIGHTERS:

May 1 Bob and Mary Ann Kem
May 8 Don and Carolyn Wilson

PRAYER ROOM:

May 1 Betty Briggs
May 8 Clara Shimek

USHERS:

May 1 Stan Banks
May 8 George Hartman

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

May 1 Karen Peacock
May 8 Carol Hendershot

GREETERS:

May 1 Judy Hartman and Leslie Spitzer
May 8 Sheila Clark and Mel Gantney

COFFEE HOSTS:

May 1 Don and Marlene Peters
May 8 Sheila Clark, Margie Harder and
Bruce and Ann Ostrander

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Sunday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour
9:00 a.m. B.L.A.S.T.
10:30 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Monday, May 2

2:30 p.m. Mommy and Me Group
6:30 p.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters
Noon– Clergy Meeting– Parlor
7:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, May 4

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group
7:00 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, May 5

6:15 p.m. Jubilee Bells
7:00 p.m. Middle School Youth

Friday, May 6

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Saturday, May 7

11:30 a.m. UMW Spring Luncheon

**Sunday, May 8
Mother's Day**

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour
9:00 a.m. B.L.A.S.T.
10:30 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Studebaker Club

Monday, May 9

Mission Centered Ministry @ Covenant UMC
6:30 p.m. Rachel Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m./ Audubon Park Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee