

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

A United Methodist pastor is not only appointed by the bishop to serve a congregation. He or she is also expected to serve the community. One of the ways I have tried to do this in my ministry is to serve on the Board of Directors of a local non-profit community social service ministry. Therefore, I am happy to announce that I will be joining the Board of Interfaith Hospitality Network of Spokane. IHN Director Madelyn Bafus was telling me she needed Board members, particularly a pastor from one of the churches participating in IHN, so I thought about it, prayed about it, and volunteered for duty. My first meeting is this week. APUMC is the second congregation I have served that was involved with IHN, but this will be my first time on the Board of Directors.

Speaking of IHN, we are doing very well as newbies hosting IHN. I like and appreciate the enthusiasm and commitment of our volunteers. However, we have one major "hole" that needs filling asap. Karen Peacock has resigned as our Coordinator due to job commitments. I have struck out in finding another person to fill this important position. Please pray about this and let me know asap if you would like to be considered for this position. Our next week to host is June 19-25.

Here follows some interesting information from the recent IHN newsletter. Enjoy.

See you in church, APUMC!
Pastor Carl

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY & THE FIG TREE **Shared the Freewill Offering from the Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service**

Madelyn Bafus, Executive Director of Interfaith Hospitality of Spokane, attended and spoke at the Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service on April 24. Madelyn shared these thoughts:

Easter shows the great love God has for humankind. Jesus knows us and still loves us in spite of all he knows, is always ready to forgive and restore and never discards anyone.

Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Over 40% of the homeless populations are families with children. One out of every 50 children or 1.5 million children are homeless. Children experiencing homelessness have increased health problems, increased mental problems, struggle in school and have an estimated graduation rate of 25%.

In the spring of 2006 Michelle was admitted to the hospital. When she was released after an extensive stay she found that she had lost her house and all her belongings. In August she was living in a tent in a friend's back yard with her son and daughter. Michelle had major health issues, her son had mental health issues, she had no income and she was homeless. That is when Michelle entered our shelter.

Michelle has come a long way. She dealt with her issues and with each advance and each set back became stronger. Today she coordinates the Homeless Choir, is an AmeriCorps Vista leader at SNAP, has successfully maintained her housing, is part of

Leadership Spokane, speaks wherever she can about being homeless and helps others who find themselves in this humbling situation. Michelle will tell you that she is where she is today due partly to Interfaith and the caring churches that opened their doors to her family.

Each day I see the community of faith providing compassion, care and hope to families. They share a love that accepts in spite of what it knows. This love is a decision on the part of the church to work for God's best in someone else's life.....

(reprinted from "Good News", publication of Interfaith Hospitality Network)

HOME-BOUND COMMUNION:

Sunday, June 5

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 at the church office 325-4541.

Hello Audubon Park UMC Congregation:

There are currently three relatives of members of our Church, who are deployed.

We are collecting items to send them.

The items should be individual size, as much as possible.

They can use personal items, such as deodorant, toothbrushes/paste, a small flashlight, playing cards, paper back books, baby wipes, drink mixes, gum, beef jerky.

We will also need help in paying the postage. There is a box to collect items located in the parlor. Thank you.

P.S. Another way is to write a letter. Let your children, grandchildren help also!

IN SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy is with Leslie Spitzer at the death of her father on May 22nd.

WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD that Nona Summerour, wife of former Audubon Park UMC pastor, Rev. Franklin Summerour, passed away on May 14th.

The Summerours served our church from 1963-67.

Memorial contributions may be sent to:

Cedonia Community Church

4562 Highway 25 South

Hunters, WA 99137

or

UMCOR Advance #982168 for Ganta, Liberia Hospital in West Africa. You can send these gifts to Audubon Park UMC with a notation of the Advance number.

WORDS OF THANKS

Thank you guys so much for being so generous. We really appreciate you letting us stay at your adorable church. It was comfortable and quiet.

-Your friends at Bellevue Christian School

(8 youth and 2 adults stayed at our church the night of May 12)

I want to thank all the people in the congregation and beyond who prayed for my successful surgery and sent cards in joy of the Lord.

I am home now and a month has passed. As yet I can't sit in my sixth pew, but I will be there to thank you personally as soon as I can.

May God hold you in the palm of His hands.

-Fyrne Bemiller

NEWS FROM OUR RISK-TAKING MISSION TEAM

Food Drive - Friends, thanks to all who have been moved to donate funds toward the Audubon Park Food Bank. We appreciate all your contributions. To further help with the needs we have right now we will have a Food Drive on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Please bring non-perishable items with you to church and there will be a place for them that morning. We especially can use the following items coffee, jams and jellies. Thank you.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Training - Madelyn Bafus will join us on Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. to provide training and answer questions about our service as a host church in the network. Please join us if you have ever served in any way for IHN or if you think you might like to ever serve. Each time we host there are opportunities to make and take down beds, prepare food, serve as overnight hosts, and provide driving services for our guests. Remember that this is definitely God's work and any help you give is like helping Jesus. The training session will be brief and information packed

Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting - We will be hosting the families from the Interfaith Hospitality Network again beginning Sunday, June 19. (If you haven't helped out before, plan to come to the training to learn how you can help.) Coordinators will begin taking sign-ups for volunteers this Sunday, so check your calendar and be prepared when asked. Better yet, volunteer! Thank you.

Cooperative School of Christian Mission - The 2011 CSOCM is scheduled for August 12 through 15 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. The theme for this year's event is "All Things Made New".

As followers of Christ, we hold fast to God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ. Grace-filled, we long for a world that moves from brokenness to wholeness, from suffering to healing, from injustice to justice, from

scarcity to abundance, from estrangement to reconciliation and from despair to hope. As partners in God's mission, the transformation we seek today is that of taking what is broken and restoring it to fullness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Faith-filled, we believe that out of rubble and ashes of devastation will come new life - a life of hope, a life of abundance, a life of joy for the journey.

The study for the entire group is "Haiti: Challenges and Hope", which will be lead by Phil Harrington. In addition you may choose either "The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation" or "Joy To The World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity". Registration is now open and those with forms postmarked or submitted electronically prior to July 1 will pay \$20 less than those who complete their forms after July 1. All registration forms must be submitted or postmarked no later than July 15. Information can be obtained from members of the UMW Executive Board.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS

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 June 2nd. For more info, call Josh Clark at the church office 325-4541.

The Young Adult/College Age Group will gather again on Friday, May 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Josh and Courtney Clark.

MOMMY AND ME GROUP

Monday, June 13th at 2:30 p.m.

If the weather is good we'll meet at Audubon City Park, if not we'll meet at the church; Come and enjoy a time with other Moms and kids!

Contact Nicolle at the church office 325-4541.

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.

UMW Reading Program

Here are some more choice books for you.

WHEN THIS WORLD WAS NEW Danilito is afraid of what his new homeland will be like when his family emigrates from their warm island home to New York. But when his father leads him on a magical trip through new fallen snow, he realizes he can overcome his fears. (Children)

nuCHRISTIAN: Finding Faith in a New Generation

There are reports that many of today's youth and young adults see Christians and the church as judgmental, sheltered and overly political. Emergent church pastor Russell Rathbun recommends that we confess that these are valid criticisms, but move beyond confession to transformation. He challenges church leaders and provides practical ideas for connecting with new generations—natives of our digital and diverse world—through a more authentic faith community that is transparent, holistic, engaged, just, loving and humble. (Leadership Development)

CONNECTED WISDOM: Living Stories About Living Systems (A Bonus Book)

In a spider's web, what happens on one part of the web affects every other part. The same is true of a living system, whether it be an ant colony, a forest or a city. Like a spider's web, a living system is so intricately woven that no part exists in isolation. Like a web, a living system is both purposeful and beautiful. With the wisdom of ancient storytellers, this beautiful book celebrates living systems, how they affect us and how they are affected by us. (one book in Social Action and one book in Education for Mission)

COFFEE HOSTS IN JUNE:

June 5	Bruce and Sue Wisor
June 12	Lou and Pat Dobberstein
June 19	Estel and Joanne Harvey, Angela Feiler and Susie Shearer
June 26	John and Janet Olson

MISSING:

A small, clear crystal pitcher which we use for communion preparation. It is about 2" tall. If you know where this pitcher is, please return it to the church or call Betty Briggs, 325-4245.

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.)

The 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)

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our new church directory will soon be finished and ready to go. Soon they will be available

to download from our website. You can also order a hard-copy of the directory (suggested donation of \$5 to cover paper and copying costs). Please use the form below and put it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

_____ I/We would like _____ hard-copy church directories.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

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

ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:

May 29 Estel Harvey
June 5 Rich Hendershot

LAMPLIGHTERS:

May 29 Mike and Iva Jean Gilbreth
June 5 Don and Marlene Peters

PRAYER ROOM:

May 29 Pat Dobberstein

USHERS:

May 29 Pamela Ridgway & Don Wilson
June 5 Stan Banks

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

May 29 Dorinda Young
June 5 Emily Vasquez

GREETERS:

May 29 Betty Moos
June 5 Judy Ritz and Leslie Spitzer

COFFEE HOSTS:

May 29 Mike and Iva Jean Gilbreth
June 5 Bruce and Sue Wisor

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Saturday, May 28

10:00 a.m. Toy Drive

Sunday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day: Office Closed

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters

Wednesday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Middle School Youth

Friday, June 3

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Sunday, June 5

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 6

7:00 p.m. Interfaith Hospitality Training
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group
10:15 a.m. Wesley Group
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, June 9

4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Friday, June 10

6:30 p.m. Young Adults