

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

You can count on some things happening every year at the same time. The swallows return to Capistrano and the buzzards return to Hinkley, Ohio, for example, the same time every year. To my knowledge, nobody has written a song about the buzzards so that is why so few know about them. But now you know and your lives will never be the same.

For I don't know how many years the Pacific Northwest Conference of the UMC always met the third week of June. This meant that our pastors were never home for Father's Day. This year was different. A change was made. (Yes, CHANGE!) Annual Conference was scheduled one week later and I got to preach my first Father's Day sermon at APUMC. I also got feted to a great dinner by my lovely wife. I had to settle for an email and two phone calls from the P.K.'s. I'm not complaining because the two sons have kids of their own and were getting the royal treatment by their little ones in Portland. The daughter is in Ireland as we speak. I'm glad our younger PNW pastoral families finally got a little normalcy to enjoy on Father's Day this year.

The change of Annual Conference schedule meant we could not meet at the University of Puget Sound as usual. We will use the Conference Center in Pasco instead. Nobody knows what to expect, but we will survive.

So what happens at Annual Conference? The conference budget is decided upon, as are the missional priorities for the next year. Any legal transactions are approved. Reports of the previous year's ministries are shared. Retirees are honored. This year we will release from active ministry our beloved former pastor Keat Yeoh. Great worship with great singing and preaching are always hallmarks of United Methodist Annual Conferences. This year we will hear from Mike Slaughter, the pastor of a former rural parish grown into a mega-church in Ohio. (Ohio is known for three things: dead presidents, great preachers, and timely buzzards. Did you know I was from Ohio?)

APUMC will be well represented at AC this year by Bob Kem, Lou Dobberstein, Melva Lohstroh (Inland District UM Women Pres.), Amanda Nichol (Young Adult Member), Matt Nichol (Page), and some other preacher from Ohio. Pray for us.

See you in Church, APUMC!

Pastor Carl

NEW MEMBER AND BAPTISMS:

Sunday, June 19, we received **Adryene Whitehead** into our church membership. Adryene and her daughter, **YLeña Cons**, also received the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome you, Adryene and YLeña!

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Sunday, June 19, two people received recognition from the Men's Group as "Servant of the Year"

Pat Dobberstein received recognition for the women and **Jerry Hood** for the men's recognition.

A gift to UMCOR will be made in their names from Audubon Park's UMC Men's Group.

\$\$\$ HOW ARE WE DOING? \$\$\$

Month of May, 2011 (5 weeks)

Income (offerings) \$26,449.94

Expenses

Payroll	8,197.49
Utilities	1,700.09
Apportionments	3,464.25
Miscellaneous	13,361.83
Total	27,667.20

- (1,217.26)

Special offerings

Anonymous donor \$5,000.00
(designated for apportionments)

Gretchen Jones Bequest \$27,541.11
(partially designated for apportionments)

WORDS OF THANKS:

A big THANK YOU to Retta Nickell for staffing the church office while Jan was on vacation last week!

IN SYMPATHY:

Our sympathy is with Lloyd Headley and his family at the death of his wife, Wyla, on Saturday, June 18th.

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE:

The office will be open from

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday– Friday until mid-August

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

We have another high school graduate to add to our list for 2011. Alannah Dobberstein graduated from MAPS in Spokane. We are proud of you, Alannah!

DID YOU KNOW?

Our own **Betty Moos** and **Carolyn Wilson** both received Bloomsday medallions for their Bloomsday race times this year!

Carolyn Wilson came in first place for her age and came in 4th in her age bracket!

Betty Moos came in 3rd in her age group!

Well done and congratulations!

HOME-BOUND COMMUNION:

Sunday, July 10 (2nd Sunday in July)

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.

NEWS FROM OUR RISK-TAKING MISSION TEAM

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.

Care Boxes For Our Military Family

Thank you to everyone who provided items for the care boxes for our family members in the military. We have packed two boxes for Jenna Whitford and those will be mailed this week.

We are now working on boxes for Scott Dobberstein, who is currently deployed and his wife, who will be leaving soon. We are in need of men's and women deodorant, lip balms, shampoo, and feminine hygiene products. Remember the best size to send is the travel size. Puzzle books and paperback books are also nice to include. A complete list is located in the parlor.

We would also like to send a box of edible goodies, such as cookies and crackers w/ cheese or peanut butter that are wrapped in individual packages; rice krispy treats; hard candies, drink mixes for water; and small meal deals like tuna, mac and cheese, etc.

Postage is also needed. The boxes cost up to \$12.95.

Letters, letters and letters of support are needed. Care boxes are both support for the body and support for the soul. Let's show our appreciation for those women and men who have left their families and friends.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS

ADULT and YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:

Plan to join the study of "Lives of Great Christians" each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. We will be learning of various people such as The Early Martyrs; St. Antony, the First Monk; Augustine; St. Patrick and the Conversion of Ireland; Francis of Assisi and many more! We'll meet in the parlor throughout the summer

The Young Adult/College Age Group will gather again on Friday, June 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Josh and Courtney Clark, 2822 W. Sanson. For more info call the Clarks at 325-4541.

MOMMY AND ME GROUP

Monday, June 27th 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.

Our custodian, Karen Gertlar, will be on vacation July 1-9. (She will be in the nursery on July 3rd). We need a volunteer or two to do the first floor cleaning during that week. Karen will be glad to show you what needs to be done. Please contact David Banks, Pamela Ridgway or Pastor Carl if you have questions or want to volunteer.

INVITATION TO PROVIDE FLOWERS

We invite members of the congregation to provide flowers for the altar. Flowers may be given in honor of a birthday, anniversary or “just because”.

Flowers can come from your garden or they may be purchased.

There is a sign up sheet by the drinking fountain in the Narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

This year's VBS will soon be upon us! There will be a planning meeting after church on Sunday, June 26th after the worship service. This is for ALL people interested in helping in **any way** possible!

The dates for VBS are July 25-29. The schedule includes:

5:00 p.m. Simple Supper

5:30—7:45 p.m. Classes and activities.

Questions? Please call Nicolle Caballero (325-4541.).

YOU ARE NEEDED:

The Worship Team is looking for a Greeter Coordinator. This person lines up greeters for Sunday morning worship. This is an easy and fun way to meet people. A list of active greeters is already in place to help you out.

Please contact Lucia Neilson for more information. Her phone number is 325-4541.

Audubon Park United Methodist Church

Night Out at the Spokane Indians Ballpark

The Spokane Indians play host to the Vancouver Canadians on Friday, July 8th for a 6:30 game. Our night at the ballgame is always great family fun, and this year, we get in on a Yoke's family feast night, where hotdogs, soft drinks, and ice cream are only \$1. Reserve your seats now by calling Steve Whitford at 489-7235. Leave a message. We have a block of reserved upper box seats with backs reserved at only \$9 each. Tickets need to be prepaid to Steve by July 3rd, after that, unused seats in our section need to be released for other fans.

2011 CONCERTS IN THE PARK:

Again this year, Audubon City Park will be the venue for several outdoor concerts:

July 14 "Sidetrack"
July 28 "Men of Rhythm"
August 11 "Doghouse Boyz"
August 25 Spokane Youth Symphony

All concerts start at 6 p.m....bring your own lawn chair and come early to enjoy the concerts!

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

ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:

June 29 Les Harder
July 3 Ralph Penick

LAMPLIGHTERS:

June 29 Roger Bertsch, Claire Story
July 3 Bob and Mary Anne Kem

PRAYER ROOM:

July 3 Claire Story

USHERS:

June 29 Don and Marlene Peters
July 3 Stan Banks

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

June 29 Kay Nanson
July 3 Sheila Clark

COMMUNION SERVERS:

June 29 Steve and Kathy Cree

GREETERS:

June 29 Dorothy Rowe, Char Wilcox

COFFEE HOSTS:

June 29 John and Janet Olson
July 3 Dorothy Rowe, Char Wilcox

COFFEE HOSTS FOR JULY:

July 3 Dorothy Rowe, Char Wilcox

July 10 Tammy Dodson and Mel Gantney
July 17 Paul/Kathy Cottrell and Dorinda Young
July 24 Betty Moos and Charlene Severns
July 31 Marie Johnson and Pat Leapley

Sunday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

Monday, June 27

2:30 p.m. Mommy and Me Group
7:00 p.m. Church Council
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, June 28

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

Wednesday, June 29

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group
10:15 a.m. Wesley Group
6:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Award Ceremony

Sunday, July 3

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

Monday, July 4

Happy 4th of July! Office Closed

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, July 6

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group

Thursday, July 7

4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Friday, July 8

6:30 p.m. Indians Baseball Game

Saturday, July 9

Shepherding Group

Sunday, July 10

Home Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)

10:30 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Studebaker Club