

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

Our great Worship Team under the leadership of Lucia Neilson and myself (The pastor is ultimately responsible for the worship of the Church according to the UM Discipline.), is implementing some changes. It is probably impossible for Methodists to go completely “paperless,” but perhaps we can become less “paperful.” Last week, for the first time in history, we did not have a worship bulletin. And the mountains did not crash into the sea! From now on, we will put everything on the big screen. Large print copies of the text of the Order of Worship will be printed for those who request them from an usher.

Music is, as we all know, an integral part of Christian worship. We are blessed with a great organist and choirs {bells and voices), and good congregational singing. But I feel it is essential that we also provide some more variety in our music, especially in a style that will be more appealing to the younger set. Eventually, we will need to budget for this. It is most difficult to provide the necessary quality and dependability solely from volunteers, although it is usually done by a combination of paid and unpaid leadership in most churches. Those of us who have trained our souls to worship almost exclusively with piano and organ music will have to adapt to some different sounds, too, or we will most assuredly take our congregations to the grave with us.

That being said, a change in music will never substitute for a change of heart. We must pray God to perform many “heart transplants” that cause those in the church to move out of the church in ministry in Jesus’ name to the lost and vulnerable who will only “come to Church” after the Church comes to them. By that I mean, not just the pastor and a few of us, but many and most of us. The image we are using in our Church Council is: Move the arrows outward.” We should stop doing so much for us and do more for them. This is what we mean by the term, “Missional Church.” Our PNW Conference is challenging every congregation to become a mission outpost and every member to be a missionary. I think this is absolutely the right orientation for our ministries.

Back to worship and music. I’m indebted to Debra Kraus for this excerpt from *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren.

Worship is far more than music. For many people, worship is just a synonym for music. They say, “At our church we have the worship first, and then the teaching.” This is a big misunderstanding. *Every* part of a church service is an act of worship: praying, Scripture reading, singing, confession, silence, being still, listening to a sermon, taking notes, given an offering, baptism, communion, signing a commitment card, and even greeting other worshipers.

Actually, worship predates music. Adam worshiped in the Garden of Eden, but music isn't mentioned until Genesis 4: 21 with the birth of Jubal. If worship were just music, then all who are nonmusical could never worship. Worship is far more than music.

Even worse, “worship” is often misused to refer to a particular *style* of music: “First we sang a hymn, then a *praise and worship* song.”

Or, “I like the fast praise songs but enjoy the slow worship songs the most.” In this usage, if a song is fast or loud or uses brass instruments, it’s considered “praise”. But if it is slow and quiet and intimate, maybe accompanied by guitar, that’s worship. This is a common misuse of the term “worship”.

Worship has nothing to do with the style or volume or speed of a song. God loves all kinds of music, because he invented it all— fast and slow, loud and soft, old and new. You probably don’t like it all, but God does! If it is offered to God in spirit and truth, it is an act of worship.

In the words of a song, “Take joy, my King, in what you hear. May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear” in whatever style it is offered.

See you in Church, APUMC!

Pastor Carl

WORDS OF THANKS:

Thank you to Chris Moreau for working in the office last week making sure our music resources are correct for Sunday worship!

IN THE MAIL:

After careful consideration of geriatric concerns and advancing age, I have decided to move closer to family in the Gig Harbor area. I am the only member of the clan living on this side of the mountains.

So many memories and friends. It has been rewarding to be part of Audubon.

Blessings and love to you all. My new address will be:

Merrill Gardens

3213- 45th Street Court NW Apt 218

Gig Harbor, WA 98335

-Howard Davis

(Howard’s entire letter to the church is posted on the bulletin board)

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE:

The office will be open from

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

Monday– Friday until mid-August

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL!

Would that be you? We are looking for an “Anniversary Angel” to send out anniversary cards to people within our church. This is something that can easily be done from your home and all supplies are provided! Interested? Please call Jan at the church office, 325-4541.

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.

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.

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, July 8th, 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, July 18th 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.

WOW!!!

The BLAST children and the Adult Sunday School Class are pleased to announce that during the months of March and April they collected \$178 that was given to support the community outreach efforts of the Spokane Shadle C.O.P.S.

During the months of May and June \$142 was collected and presented to the church's Love Fund. Thank you so much to everyone who supported these efforts.

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING UP!

Island Odyssey: To the ends of the earth with Jesus Christ

Classes for K-6th Grade and Youth/Adult!

Child care available for volunteers and those taking the Adult Class.

Be sure to invite your neighbors, bring your kids and grand-kids!

July 25-29

5:00 p.m. Simple Supper

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

We are need of the following items for Vacation Bible School: juice boxes, bottled water, fruit (melons, bananas, grapes,...) veggies (carrots, celery...), mayo, mustard, ketchup, ranch dressing, paper products: plates, cups, napkins.

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

ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:

July 10 Doug Smith

July 17 Don Wilson

LAMPLIGHTERS:

July 10 Don and Carolyn Wilson

July 17 Rich and Connie Hickman

PRAYER ROOM:

July 10 Dorinda Young

July 17 Doug Smith

USHERS:

July 10 George Hartman

July 17 Jean Judah

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

July 10 Mel Gantney

July 17 Linda Martin

GREETERS:

July 10 Judy Hartman/ Leslie Spitzer

July 17 Les and Margie Harder

COFFEE HOSTS:

July 10 Don and Carolyn Wilson

July 17 Paul/Kathy Cottrell and
Dorinda Young

Friday, July 8

6:30 p.m. Indians Baseball Game

6:30 p.m. Young Adult Group

Saturday, July 9

1:00 p.m. Shepherding Group to the MAC

Sunday, July 10
Home Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)
10:30 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Studebaker Club

Monday, July 11

4:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 12

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 Meeting

Wednesday, July 13

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group
10:15 a.m. Wesley Group

Saturday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 17

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

Monday, July 18

Noon- Elderberries
2:30 p.m. Mommy and Me Group
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 21

4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Saturday, July 9

Sunday, July 10

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