

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

I want to pick up where I left off with last Sunday's sermon about Holy Communion. I truly thank APUMC for deciding to offer Holy Communion each week. This is the historical pattern of Christian worship. The General Conference of the UMC has encouraged our churches to offer communion more frequently. The Table of the Lord has helped to unify our church with its call to and experience of unity each week. It has been especially helpful to those sensory types among us who need more than words to experience the Risen Christ. It gives me a meaningful way to invite persons into intentional Christian discipleship every time we worship. If you missed the sermon, that's about it.

John Wesley strongly encouraged a Methodist to partake of Communion "as often as he can." He delivered a sermon entitled "The Duty of Constant Communion." Here Wesley stated two reasons to "communicate" often. 1) It is a command of God. And 2) It is a mercy to man. (Note Wesley pre-existed non-sexist language.) Why would we disobey the Lord? Why would we deprive ourselves of this great help? he asks.

Next he deals with several objections to frequent Communion. Here they are with my interpretation of his replies.

- Unworthiness

Answer: We are all and always unworthy. Paul meant not personal but community unworthiness. Church order prevents this.

- No time to prepare for it.

Answer: The only prep needed is the desire to be saved.

- It decreases my reverence.

Answer: Our personal feelings are beside the point. Faith & obedience is the point.

- I get nothing out of it.

Answer: That's our fault, not God's.

- The Anglican Church only required it 3 times a year.

Answer: But it encouraged Communion as often as possible.

Wesley concludes:

It has been shown, First, that if we consider the Lord's Supper as a command of Christ, no man can have any pretense to Christian piety, who does not receive it (not once a month, but) as often as he can. Secondly, that if we consider the institution of it, as a mercy to ourselves, no man who does not receive it as often as he can has any pretense to Christian prudence. Thirdly, that none of the objections usually made, can be any excuse for that man who does not, at every opportunity, obey this command and accept this mercy.

See you in Church, APUMC! At the Welcome Table!

Pastor Carl

HOME-BOUND COMMUNION:

Sunday, August 7

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 327-1077.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Month of June, 2011 (4 weeks)

Offerings	\$23,258.41
Apportionments	3,464.25
Salaries	5,700.18
Benefits/Health Ins	4,322.69
Utilities	1,563.33
Fire/Liability Insur.	700.00
Miscellaneous	5,134.43
Total	20,884.88

Balance: \$2,373.53

JUNE ATTENDANCE:

June 5	129	June 12	112
June 19	127	June 26	106

IN SYMPATHY:

Our sympathy is with George, James and Joshua Lee on the death of Tammy Lee on July 17th. A memorial service will be held at the church on Tuesday, July 26, at 1:00 p.m.

WORDS OF THANKS:

A big THANK YOU to Adryene Whitehead, Scott Hendershot and Pat Dobberstein for filling in while our janitor, Karen, took some vacation time.

Thank you to all who signed petitions to Olympia to fund the WA State Food Banks.

We have received word that 1.25 million dollars have been allocated in the State budget that will help the 2nd Harvest Food Bank buy new, updated equipment. This equipment could save \$25,000 each year in energy costs.

ON THE MOVE:

Betty Briggs has moved. Below is her new contact information:

6300 E. 2nd Avenue #90

Spokane Valley, WA 99212

Phone: 534-2300

Quarterly statements are available for pick up in the Narthex for your convenience.

The Church Council meeting for July has been cancelled.

The Council will meet again on Monday, August 22nd

At 7:00 p.m.

2011 CONCERTS IN THE PARK:

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

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.

ADULT CLASS:

“Breaking the Code: “Understanding Revelation”

This is a video class led by Biblical scholar, Dr. Bruce Metzger. All youth and adults are encouraged to come!

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! Each week “stand alone” so you can join in anytime. We’ll meet in the parlor throughout the summer

The Young Adult/College Age Group will gather again on Friday, July 22nd, 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, August 8th 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.

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. Call the church office at 325-4541.

COFFEE HOSTING REPORT

Our new procedure for scheduling coffee hosts has been up and running since February. We now have twenty (20) or so volunteer teams who take a turn serving us coffee in the parlor after church each Sunday.

This means that each team takes a turn roughly once every five (5) months.

We appreciate very much these folks who are willing to give a little of their time to serve us.

Are there others who will consider helping out with this congenial endeavor?? If so, please see the Coffee Host Coordinator, Don Wilson at the church office 325-4541. Training can be provided.

Thanks-

COMING THIS FALL:

Saturday, October 1, 2011, there will be an auction at Audubon Park United Methodist Church. The purpose of this auction is to raise money to meet our goal of this year's budget for apportionments.. We are soliciting donations of items from members of our congregation for items to auction. Here is a short list of possible items to donate: any craft item (wood, needle, photography, painting, etc.), use of vacation homes, guided trips, services (dinner preparation, house or yard cleaning) antiques; just use your imagination. There will be advertising in local publications to increase attendance to this auction.

An ad hoc committee has been formed with Olga Trunce as the chairperson. Please contact Olga at the church office (325-4541) for any item donations or any questions.

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

ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:

July 24 Jerry Hood
July 31 David Banks

LAMPLIGHTERS:

July 24 Jan Ferguson and Betty Moos
July 31 Mike and Iva Jean Gilbreth

PRAYER ROOM:

July 24
July 31 Tom Kraus

USHERS:

July 24 Don and Marlene Peters
July 31 Pamela Ridgway

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

July 24 Carolyn Krupke
July 31 Melva Lohstroh

GREETERS:

July 24 Dorothy Rowe and Char
 Wilcox
July 31 Bruce and Aeryn Ostrander

COFFEE HOSTS:

July 24 Betty Moos and Charlene
 Severns
July 31 Marie Johnson and Pat Leapley

UPCOMING CALENDAR:

Sunday, July 24

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

Vacation Bible School July 25-29

5:00 p.m. Supper
5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Classes

Monday, July 25

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Audubon Park Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters
1:00 p.m. Tammy Lee Memorial Service

Wednesday, July 27

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

Saturday, July 30

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. District United Methodist Women Meeting

Sunday, July 31

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

Monday, August 1

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

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

Thursday, August 4

4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Friday, August 5

Virginia Youth Group here overnight