



The Grapevine



Prosser United Methodist Church – July 2009

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July Sermons

July 05—Called Into the Power of God
Ephesians 1:15-23

July 12—Grace
Ephesians 2:1-10

July 19—Sharing the Love
Ephesians 2:11-22

July 26—A Servant
Ephesians 3:1-21

Nursery Care Available: Nursery care is available during our worship services provided by Tanya and Katie Cone. Children may be dropped off at the nursery, down the first floor hall of the education wing of the church.



Communion July 5th

We will be celebrating the sacrament of communion on Sunday, July 5th.

JULY MEETINGS

July 5th – Youth on the River 1 – 6 p.m.

July 22nd – Youth at Tri-City Dust Devils 10 a.m.

July 22nd – Ad Council 7 p.m.

To Be Determined – Staff-Parish

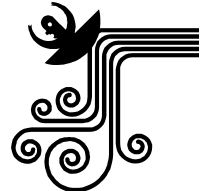
JULY EVENTS AT PUMC

JUBILEE FOOD BAGGING JULY 20TH

A reminder that Monday, July 20th, is our turn to bag food at Jubilee Food bank. Come out at 9:30 a.m. to the food bank at 1429 Stacey to help break down 50 lb. bags into smaller amounts to be handed out to families in our community.

YOUTH ON THE RIVER

Sunday, July 5th, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. the Cromars will host the youth on their boat at Charbonneau Park, just east of Burbank. Invite your friends, bring your swimsuit and sunscreen, and be prepared to have some fun. Call the Cromars at 786-4622 to coordinate transportation.



YOUTH AT THE DUST DEVILS



On Wednesday, July 22nd, the youth will be going to Pasco to watch the Tri-City Dust Devils take on Eugene. We will be leaving the church at 10 a.m. Bring your friend, your mitt, and \$15 for tickets and food. Contact Bo Bryan at 303-0512 for more details, and to let him know if you are going.

Bo's Blog

When Alison and I were married in 2001, we both had homes. I was living in the parsonage in Benton City, and she was living in her home in Kennewick. After the wedding, she moved into the parsonage. She began to notice, however, that things were set up "my" way in the house and that she felt uncomfortable changing things around, whether it was where the bath towels were stored, or in which drawer the tableware was kept, or where the chairs and sofas were placed. It felt like "my" house, and she was living there as a guest.

When we left Benton City, we moved into the house in Kennewick (it had been rented out in the interim). Now it was my turn to feel like I was living as a guest in "her" house. Where do "my" things fit in "her" house? No matter how hard I tried, with her encouragement, to think of it as "our" home, I would betray my real feelings by calling it hers.

This is not unusual, we found out. In talking with counselors and reading books on blending families, this was always mentioned as one of the standard issues couples would have to deal with when both had owned homes prior to the blending. Which house are you going to live in, and how are you going to deal with the feelings (or lack thereof) of ownership?

I'm thinking we might have some of this feeling-of-ownership dilemma to deal with here as the former Prosser and Grandview congregations blend. There will be a number of people who have been in this house for a long time. They have spent a lot of time and energy building this house into what it is today. There is no problem for them in feeling a sense of ownership here. But, speaking from personal experience, that can be a problem too. When the sense of ownership is so much a part of us, it can become almost subconscious, and we don't even realize that the other person feels left out, or we assume that they know such things as where the bathrooms are located, and which room is the Friendship Room.

There will also be people new to this house. They may have been here a few times already, or maybe this month will be their first time in this building. They wonder which seats are available and which ones are the favorites of the people who have been living here. They might feel foolish having to ask where the coffee is, and don't know if they're supposed to bring something for snacks. When we have no sense of history and ownership in an established home, we are always acutely aware of the things we don't know, and worry

that our desire to "nest" in our new home by adding our things, or changing things around, might offend the one(s) with whom we are blending.

Again, from personal experience, there are a few things we can do to help in our transition to a blended family. First, recognize that the feelings are natural. It's okay to feel excited, scared, angry, or hopeful--whatever your response is to this blending. Second, talk about those feelings. It is helpful to us as a family to share our feelings with each other. It helps me to know what you are feeling, and it helps you to know that I know and accept what you are feeling. And third, get involved/involve new people in projects, programs, events, and more. One of the first things Alison and I did when we moved to Kennewick was remodel the upstairs bathroom. Because I did a lot of the remodel work myself, and because we planned and picked out materials together, I felt that it was a little more "our" house than it had been before.

We are now a blended family. I think we would all like for it to work out. There will be ups and downs, and we will respond with our best and sometimes not quite best. We will need grace--God's grace most of all, but also grace with each other. And we will need to remember that we are no longer Gentile or Jew, slave or free, male or female, Prosser or Grandview, but we are one body--one new family--in Christ.

Shalom,
Bo

Welcome to a New Congregation!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all, Grandview and Prosser folk alike, to a new

congregation! As of July 1st, the

members of Grandview UMC

have been transferred to

Prosser UMC, creating a new

family of brothers and sisters in

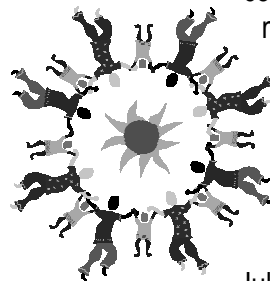
Christ. We will take some

time to unofficially recognize

this in the worship service on

July 5th, and have cake together

during the coffee hour. On July 12th we will have the more formal service of transfer and renewal of



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membership, followed by a BBQ in the back yard. The meat will be provided, but bring a side dish to share. Come join in this historic time in our faith community's journey. Let us see what we shall become!

SCOUTS IN JULY



Cub Scout News

Cub Scouts will attend the Yakima Bears baseball game on July 3rd at 7:05 p.m. in Yakima. On July 10-13 and July 15-18, the pack will attend the Tribes of the Cub Nation Resident Camp at Scout-A-Vista in Wenatchee. If you are interested in joining them contact Tim Zelinski at 781-0720 or Jo Channel at 303-9017.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CAMP

Our conference camps for children, youth, and adults go all summer long. Registrations have been down this year, so there are still plenty of openings. Check out the Camping Catalog next to our nametags at church, or look online at www.pnwumc.org/camping. Scholarships are available from the UMW and the Youth Camperships fund.



THERE WILL BE NO . . .

- Men's Group meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 1st.
- Family Game Night for the month of July
- UMW Unit meeting in July

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Dean and Kila Smith on 21 years of wedded bliss.

Thanks to Jim Raney and Lyle Klostermeyer for their work on the organ speaker boxes and all the men who assisted in the installation process. Jim continues to dedicate his time, skills, and labor to the kitchen remodel in the Friendship room.

Braydon Smith and Kelsi Lyn Smith both served as voting delegates at Annual Conference.

Happy Birthday to Bo Bryan!

BAD THINGS CAN HAPPEN

If the utility sink's faucet is not turned off, pipes can burst, walls, cabinetry, and flooring can be ruined. All kinds of damage throughout the church can occur if the gas stove is not turned off after use. We must all be vigilant about taking care of and responsibility for our assets, our church home. If you are working in the kitchen, please take a moment to make sure the faucet and the stoves are off before you leave. Remind those working with you in the kitchen to do the same. Don't assume "someone else" will take care of it.



Also, as your meetings adjourn, please don't rush to your car. Take the initiative in making certain lights are extinguished throughout the building, and that windows and doors are all closed and locked.

UNIFIED BUDGET REPORT	
MAY INCOME	\$ 15,160
MAY EXPENSES	\$ 7,310
DIFFERENCE	\$ 7,850
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME	\$46,678
YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES	\$44,040
YEAR-TO-DATE DIFFERENCE	\$ 2,638
PUMC ACCOUNT BALANCES	
AS OF DATE INDICATED	
CHECKING	\$8,420.86 (5-31-09)
SAVINGS	\$19,255.19 (5-31-09)
MEMORIALS	\$ 4,501.79 (5-29-09)

Upcoming UMW Meetings and Events

- School of Christian Mission—July 24 - 27, 2009, Ellensburg, WA. See Pam Serrano for details and scholarship information.
- PUMC UMW Unit Summer Picnic—August 5th, at 11:30 a.m. Location: TBA
- Seven Rivers District UMW Annual Meeting—September 19, 2009, Selah
- Pacific Northwest Conference UMW Annual Meeting—October 9 – 10, 2009, Mt. Vernon
- Rummage Sale, November 7th
The United Methodist Women will be holding a rummage sale in November. Please save your rummage donations for them. If you have a storage problem for your donations, please contact Pam Serrano at 788-0728.