



The Grapevine



Prosser United Methodist Church – August 2009

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August Sermons

August 02—One Body

Ephesians 4:1-16

August 09—Lynn Cooper Preaching

August 16—Pat Walker Preaching

August 23—Discipline

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

August 30—Respect

Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Annual Conference Report

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.



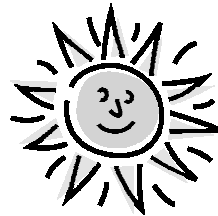
Communion August 2nd

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at our worship service on Sunday August 2nd. Through this sacrament we remind ourselves that we are one in body and in spirit working in, through, and for Christ in our world.

AUGUST MEETINGS

August 5th—UMW, 11:30 AM, Picnic at Jean Corliss' Home

August 26th—Ad Council, 7:00 PM



EVENTS AT PUMC

JUBILEE FOOD BAGGING AUGUST 17TH

A reminder that Monday, August 17th, 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.

BACKYARD BBQ

Our July 12th barbeque in the back yard after church was so much fun, we've decided to do another. If you're in town on Labor Day weekend for all the State's Day festivities, come to church that Sunday, September 6th, and we'll have another backyard BBQ afterwards. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a salad, chips, dessert, or something else to share, and we'll see you there!

WORSHIP TIME TO CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER

Our Sunday morning worship time will change back to 11 AM on the second Sunday of September, the 13th. Nursery care will continue to be available during the service, and Sunday school will be starting up again this fall (see related article).

Bo's Blog

Summertime is here. We are in the midst of it, and all the things that come with it. We have heat. We have evenings on the deck, or afternoons in the pool. We have baseball (yea!), although it might be more comfortable to watch it on TV in a cool living room than in the hot stands. We have an abundance of garden vegetables and fruits, ripened in the sun. We have projects around the house or in the garage. We have vacations with family or friends.

Vacations are actually good for us. Counselors, therapists, and psychologists tell us that we can work ourselves too much—that too much stress can lead to heart disease, illness, and shorter lives. We need to take a break, to rest our minds, our souls, and our bodies. In the Bible we find that the writers of the Old Testament were way ahead of modern science. These writers noted that God rested on the seventh day of Creation, and that in the Ten Commandments God emphasized the importance of rest in keeping the Sabbath day holy. The Sabbath is not just about going to church, but about breaking away from our work-a-day lives to let go, to rest and reconnect with the source of life itself, and to re-energize ourselves for the work we have ahead of us.

In that sense, Sabbath is not only one day a week. It's taking trips to visit family or friends. It's boating on the river, or going golfing. It's tending a garden, or taking a nap. Those things that give us Sabbath, or rest, are the things that rejuvenate our souls and bodies and minds. They re-connect us to the ground of our being, the source of our life. People will sometimes explain, apologetically, that they aren't in church much during the summer because they are out doing these kinds of things. My response is that if what they are doing is restoring and feeding their soul, then they are observing the Sabbath commandment. The church sanctuary is not the only place where God can be worshipped and experienced on Sunday morning. God is all around us all the time, and we live in a part of the world where we can experience God's creation in many ways.

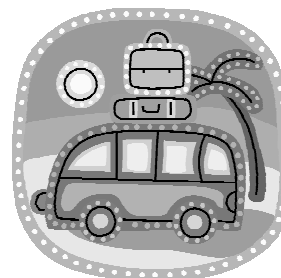
There is one caveat, however. Sabbath is not just about us, or us and God. It's not just about refreshing and restoring our relationship with God. When I vacation in Minnesota each summer, I'm not getting away from everything and renewing myself. I go with my family, and I go to visit family. Going to Minnesota is about what Alison and I and our kids experience with each other on the trip. It's about refreshing and restoring relationships with my dad, my brothers, and their families. What's important about Sabbath time is its effect on all the relationships we have in our lives. Strong relationships with God and with others develop in healthy ways when we take the time to rest with them.

Even when our Sabbath experience is a solitary one, it contains a communal aspect. When we go hiking in the mountains alone, or biking along the river by ourselves, we take with us all of the communities of which we are a part—our family, our friends, our co-workers, our neighbors, our faith community. Those relationships go with us, and are affected by our rest, our re-creation of ourselves, so that we return to them with new attitudes, new approaches, new energy, and a new understanding of whom we are in God and in God's world. In this way our relationships with God and others grows.

I hope you are having a good summer. But more than that, I hope you are finding time for rest, for Sabbath, in each day, each week, and throughout all the seasons of the year. May it be for you not an escape from, but a renewal for the important relationships in your life.

Shalom,
Bo

Pastor Bo Bryan will be on vacation from August 7th through August 21st. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Pastor Rod Stutzman of the Prosser Community Church at 786-7746.

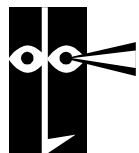


Who Are We?

As a part of getting to know our new church family, Alys Means is sending out a questionnaire that will help us learn about each other. Please take some time to fill in your answers, and send it back to Alys. She will compile the results, add pictures, and make copies for us all to use. It's possible we may learn things we never knew about people we've known for years, as well as learn more about the people who are new to us.

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DO YOU KNOW



WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE?

The church office is looking for contact information for some of our members with whom we've lost touch.

They are:

Shirley Fisher

Judy Manning

Carole Requa Pickett

James Pickett

Elorie Slater

Summer Slater

If you have an address, an e-mail address, or a phone number for any of these people, please pass that information on to the church office at the phone number, address, or e-mail listed on the front page of this newsletter. Thanks.

SCOUTS IN AUGUST



Boy Scout News

The Boy Scout troop has been continuing to meet through the summer. They have a vegetable garden growing out in back of the church by the alley, with several tomatoes and peppers planted. The state-wide jamboree, WashJam, will be held August 20–23 at Ft Lewis near Tacoma. It is one of the state kick-off events for the coming year of scouting.

YARD SALES

If you like poking around at yard sales or garage sales, please keep an eye out for greeting cards – birthday, get well, sympathy, etc. Care, Inc. is always in need of them. Thank you!

CROSSROADS

. . . is starting up in September

We need some volunteers to help lead our new program. Do you like to do arts and crafts? Would you like to watch a movie? Do you like drama? It is all fun so get involved today. Contact Christine or Scott Cromar - call 786-4622 or email ccromar@embarqmail.com. You don't have to do this every week. We just need you maybe once a month or less.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

If you would like to include news from your world in the PUMC newsletter, please submit your news to Alison Bryan (wandabryan@charter.net, 509 430-0360, 509 586-6346, or pass a note to her on Sunday morning.)

So long, Archie, we will miss you, and miss your help with ushering and with the Men's Group. Enjoy your new life in Spokane, and we'll look forward to your visits. Archie Jones has moved to Spokane to be nearer to family. His new address is:

Archie Jones, Sr.
520 E. Holland Ave. #W202
Spokane, WA 99218

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.

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UNIFIED BUDGET REPORT

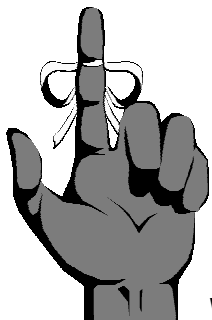
JUNE INCOME	\$ 8,817
JUNE EXPENSES	\$ 8,202
DIFFERENCE	\$ 615
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME	\$55,495
YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES	\$52,242
YEAR-TO-DATE DIFFERENCE	\$ 3,253

PUMC ACCOUNT BALANCES

AS OF DATE INDICATED

CHECKING	\$ 2,736.88 (6-30-09)
SAVINGS	\$ 24,657.48 (6-30-09)
MEMORIALS	\$ 4,686.33 (6-30-09)

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.

UMW MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 11:30 AM

It's time to socialize! The Prosser UMW group likes to have a summer picnic and the Grandview bunch said "let's meet in July, invite the Prosser ladies to Grandview to talk about making Christmas stockings for the Atlantic Street Center." So...here's what we've come up with:

Wednesday, August 5th, 11:30 AM, Meet in Jean Corliss' back yard for a picnic and a good visit. Jean's address is 880 E Bonnieview Road, Grandview. (DIRECTIONS: Take Exit 75, a series of right turns, i.e., rt. towards Grandview, rt. on North Elm Street, (that's near Safeway) rt. on Bonnieview Road, Jean's house is the 4th on the right *after* you cross the canal. Ladies from Prosser and points east who wish to carpool should meet at the church at 11:00 AM. What to bring: Anything you would like on a picnic. Jean will have "ham & cheese in a bun"--enough for all. Table service will be provided by Jean. This is mainly a visit, but bring any ideas you might have for making a Christmas stocking. We will want to mail or send them to a District meeting in October. An RSVP would be nice.

Upcoming UMW Meetings and Events

- PUMC UMW Unit Summer Picnic-- August 5th, at 11:30 a.m. Location: Jean Corliss' Home
- 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.

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