



# The Grapevine



## Prosser United Methodist Church – August 2010

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### August Homilies and Scripture

**August 01** – Children of Freedom  
Galatians 4:21-5:1

**August 08** – Love One Another  
Galatians 5:2-15

**August 15** – Guest Preacher

**August 22** – Dean Smith preaching

**August 29** – Fruits of the Spirit  
Galatians 5:16-26

**Nursery Care Available:** Nursery care is available during our worship services provided by Tanya and Katie Cone. Children up through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade August be dropped off at the nursery, down the first floor hall of the education wing of the church.



### COMMUNION

### AUGUST 1

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, during the 10 AM worship service. All are invited to come to the table to share in the meal that reminds us we are united in Christ's body.

### AUGUST EVENTS

August 7<sup>th</sup> – William & Peggy Edom's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Reception, 1 PM – 4 PM

August 9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>--Bo Bryan on vacation

August 16<sup>th</sup>--Jubilee Food Bagging, 9:30 AM

August 22<sup>nd</sup>--Nursing Home Service, 4 PM

August 25<sup>th</sup>--Ad Council, 7 PM

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to stop by the nametag table at church and sign up for one of our volunteer opportunities on Sunday mornings. We need liturgists, greeters, and coffee hour hosts for the summer, as well as folks to step out of the service a couple of times on a Sunday (you'll have the pastor's blessing even!) to check on how our nursery attendants are doing. Sign up this week!

### PUMC FINANCES

June Budget -- \$10,076  
June Income -- \$8,155  
June Expenses -- \$18,024  
Difference for the Month -- (\$9,869)

Year-to-Date Budget -- \$60,708  
Year-to-Date Income -- \$58,700  
Year-to-Date Expenses -- \$58,735  
Difference Year-to-Date -- (\$35)



## Bo's Blog

A few months ago, at one of our meetings, it struck me that this church has had a significant impact in the city of Prosser. We helped start a food bank many years ago, and even housed it in the basement of the church for a while. Now

it is Jubilee Ministries, with the Red Door thrift store and Jubilee Food Bank on Stacey St., serving thousands of people each year. Someone thought seniors needed a place to gather. Again, something that started in this church is now the Senior Center at 7<sup>th</sup> and Dudley. We currently have a computer lab in two classrooms that offers time and technology for students to do schoolwork in the lab, and also refurbishes older, donated computers to give away to families that don't have a computer for their students at home.

In Grandview, United Methodists frequently reached out to their community. They hosted a number of groups and events for the people and organizations of Grandview, including an annual SMILE event so that low-income children could be seen by a dentist, the annual Chamber of Commerce volunteer recognition dinner, the PEO yard sale, a neighborhood after-school program, and even a preschool. They had Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Sundays in the summer, took pies to people in the neighborhood, and had a food booth at the Fair. Their quilters group offered to help community members finish or fix their old quilts and quilt projects. They had a significant, positive, impact on the city of Grandview.

So . . . . .

What do we do next?

All of the things we have done in the past are good. We should be proud of the impact we have had on our communities. It's not enough, though, to bask in the light of past glories. Our communities still have needs, and still need us. What issue do we see as needing to be addressed? When we look around our neighborhood, what is it that we can provide for the enrichment of those around us?

Talk to people. Share ideas. We know our communities. Bring your ideas to church and share them during coffee hour, and at meetings. Help us to be the church, the servants of Christ, in the places in which we live.

Shalom,  
Bo

## Men's Group - NOT

The Men's Group will not be meeting in the month of August. Our next meeting will be on the second Saturday of September. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

## FOOD BAGGING AUGUST 16, 2010

A reminder that Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is our day to bag food at Jubilee Food bank. Come out at 9:30 AM 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.



## JUBILEE FOOD BASKET

For the month of August, please bring in any extra garden vegetables you might have for our Jubilee food basket. The basket is located at the back of the sanctuary, and the food donated goes to Jubilee Ministries, providing food for those in need in our area. Any fresh vegetables donated will be taken right over to the food bank to keep them fresh. Bring on your tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, corn, and more!



## Breakthrough to a new way of experiencing God!

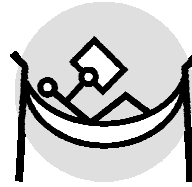
Online registration is now available for camp. There are still camps open for the month of August. Check out the catalogue to find the perfect one to attend this month!

Whether it's your first time registering for one of our camps, or your 10<sup>th</sup>? Check out the step-by-step How to Register at [www.pnwumc.org](http://www.pnwumc.org), camping ministries page.

## Thank You!

Thanks to the many people who helped make our Backyard BBQ such a success! Steve Fransen and the Men's Group helped plan, set up, and clean up. The UMW helped with planning, making desserts and salads, and clean up. Mike Means brought in the large barbecue and grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs. The Means family and many others helped spruce up the yard and church grounds. The folks from Prosser Community Church brought a good deal of food, and a lot of young mouths to help eat that food. We had around 100 people eating, talking, tossing a football, and enjoying a hot summer day together. Thanks to all who helped make it happen!

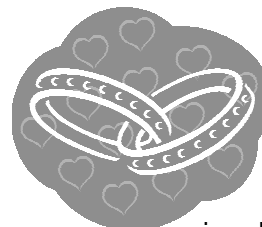
## Pastor Bo on Vacation



Pastor Bo will be on vacation from August 9<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The church office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday those two weeks, 9 AM to Noon, when Debbie Higgins, our church secretary, is working. If you have a pastoral emergency during the time Pastor Bo will be gone, please contact Pastor Rod Stutzman of the Prosser Community Church (788-1150), or Pastor Paul Fredricks of the Prosser First Presbyterian Church (786-1594).

## William & Peggy Edom

## Celebrate 50 Years



Please join Bill and Peggy Edom in celebrating 50 years of marriage at a reception on Saturday, August 7, 2010, 1:00 to 4:00 PM, Prosser United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall.

Your presence will be our favorite gift; please no others.  
Dress: summer casual.

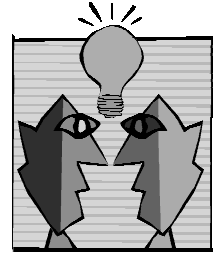
# Volunteer Recognition

There are many people who volunteer to do various things around our church. On Sunday mornings we have people who help with the service by being liturgist, or greeters, or who host the coffee hour, or provide flowers for the altar. Two especially dedicated volunteers are Ralph Oldfield and Jean Corliss. Ralph is still there most Sundays, even after many years (decades?), arriving early to prepare the sanctuary for the service, and cleaning up afterwards. He fills in wherever needed during the service too. Jean plays the organ for us as a volunteer, providing wonderful music as we sing, and also during the offering, prelude, scripture reading and postlude. Our experience of worship wouldn't be the same without them.

Others who volunteer at the church include Marilyn Knight, Mary Larche, Leota Olney, and Pat Proebsting, who fold and label our newsletters. Pat Raney decorates the ledge in the Fellowship Hall. Lyle Klostermeyer monitors our building for pests. The Means family cares for our yard. Jim Corliss, Steve Fransen, Bob Serrano, and others trim, treat, and water our roses and plantings. Marilyn Knight waters the indoor plants. Bill and Peggy Edom spruced up our courtyard area. Gale Fransen bakes the bread we use for communion each month. Mike Means is Scoutmaster, and Scott Cromar is immediate past Scoutmaster for the Scout troop. There are the members of Ad Council, Trustees, SPR, and other committees that set our direction and keep us going. Rick Boydston and Alys Means are the Financial Secretaries, and Darrel Fortune is our Treasurer.

All these people and a lot more, volunteer their time and energy for this church. Thanks to all of you who give of your service to our church, and through our church, to the community.

# Opportunity for Inspiration



Our Annual Conference speaker, Rev. Adam Hamilton of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas, was very inspirational. You may hear Bo Bryan, or Peggy or Bill Edom talking about how inspirational he was and wonder "What did that guy say to get them so excited about him?" Well here's your chance to find out. Rev. Hamilton and his church are having their 12th annual Leadership Institute on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, entitled "Preparing for a Future with Hope," and our Administrative Council would like to get a group of at least five or six people (or more) to go. Your job will be to become inspired (that should not be difficult, if Annual Conference was any indication), and to bring back ideas from the general sessions and workshops that we can try out here in Prosser. For more information, or if you want to sign up to go, contact Bill or Peggy (786-6996) or Bo (303-0512).

# Camperships Available

Camperships for summer camps are available from PUMC's campership fund. The campership will pay for 1/2 the cost of camp. More funding is available for those families who have need. Applications are located in the narthex of the church, or by calling the church office.