



# The Grapevine



## Prosser United Methodist Church – October 2009

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### October Sermons

**October 04**–The Set-Up

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

World Communion Sunday

**October 11**–Out of the Depths

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

**October 18**– Praise Service

Laity Sunday

**October 25**– Mystery

Job 38:1-7, 34-41; 42:1-6, 10-17

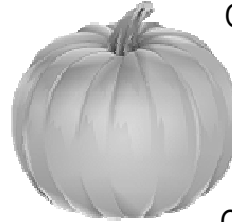
**Nursery Care Available:** Nursery care is available during our worship services provided by Tanya and Katie Cone. Children up through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade may be dropped off at the nursery, down the first floor hall of the education wing of the church.

Those in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade through High School will be excused from the worship service after the youth time to go to our Crossroads Sunday School program.

### World Communion Sunday

October 4<sup>th</sup> is World Communion Sunday. It is a celebration of our calling to be the universal, inclusive Church, sharing God's grace with all the world. It was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, and adopted nationally by all churches in 1940. As part of our observance of World Communion Sunday, we will take up a special offering. The proceeds from the offering go to train leaders at home and abroad, and provide scholarships for ethnic minorities. Come join with us, and with all Christians across the globe, as we share in the one body and one cup that unite us in faith.

### OCTOBER MEETINGS



Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's Group, 8 AM

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – UMW, Noon

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – SPR, 7 PM

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Finance at 7 PM

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Planning, 6 PM

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Ad Council, 7 PM

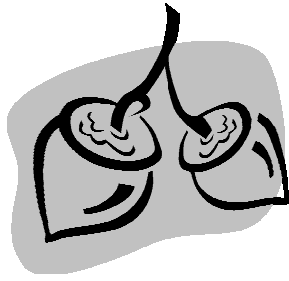
### JUBILEE FOOD BAGGING OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

A reminder that Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, is our turn 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.

### UNIFIED BUDGET REPORT

AUGUST INCOME	\$ 7,956
AUGUST EXPENSES	\$ 5,367
DIFFERENCE	\$ 2,589
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME	\$ 81,312
YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES	\$ 80,100
YEAR-TO-DATE DIFFERENCE	\$ 1,212

## Bo's Blog



I have written that fall feels to me like a time of beginning. School has started. People are back from their summer travels and re-creation.

Meetings and events at church become more frequent. The activity level seems to grow each week.

But it is also a time for reflecting; for looking back at where we have been and what we have done, as well as looking forward to what we will be doing and where. Fall is the time when I am evaluated by the Staff-Parish Relations committee. Together the members of the committee and I look back on what I have done well and what I could do better. We look at what has been my focus this past year, and what I might focus on for the coming year. It is important work that they do with me--important for me obviously, but also for the congregation because it affects where we, as a family, go from here. The members of the committee have their own experiences of my work here, and have heard some of the experiences of others. If you would like to contribute some of your own feedback/praise/criticism with them, please contact one of them. The committee's members are Peggy Edom, Chairperson, Scott Cromar, Carolyn Hart, Sierra Klingele, Jim Raney, Bob White, and Dean Smith.

We also take time to evaluate the work of the church during this season. We do that mostly through the annual charge conference. We look at what we have been doing this past year--where has our focus been as a congregation? If I were to answer that now, I would say our focus has been on transitions. We have still been working with the pastoral transition, getting used to each other and getting through all the first times of things that happen throughout a year. Transition has continued in our music department as well, going from one staff person to two paid and one volunteer staff. We've transitioned from a water damaged kitchen to a remodeled one. We've gone through transitions with our sanctuary piano and organ. And the biggest transition of the year--going from two congregations to one new congregation.

All transitions bring stress and strain. Each of us, and all of us together, must determine how well we have done handling the transitions we have gone through in the past year. And all of us together must decide where we go from here. There are still the tremors and aftershocks of the great upheavals to go through, still the adjustments to be made to our new family and surroundings. What has worked well for us so far, in getting us through this year? What are the things we need to change in order to a better job of being and making

disciples of Jesus? You can share your feedback, praise, or criticism with me or with others in our church family, but do engage in the process of helping us evaluate where we are, and where we need to be going in the future. The effective ministry of this church depends on it.

Shalom,  
Bo

## CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Pastor Bo Bryan will be leading a class called "Confirmation for Adults." It is not a class for people to become members of the church. It is instead a chance for adults, members and non members alike, to visit or revisit the information, questions, and discussions that are part of a confirmation class. Most of the people who go through confirmation do so as youth. Yet we continue to grow in our faith and our understanding of the world, and our issues and questions change as we mature. This class is an opportunity to look at the topics of confirmation, such as "Who is God?", "Who is Jesus?", "What is the Bible?", "What is baptism?", "How did the church get to be where it is today?", from a different perspective. The class will meet Thursday evenings at 7 PM beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a 10-week course that will conclude December 10<sup>th</sup>. Call Bo at the church office if you have questions.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Our charge conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. This is our annual meeting where we elect officers to committees, set our budget for 2010, discuss the past year's ministries, and look ahead to our future. All may attend the meeting and all members may vote. The meeting will be chaired by our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Mary Huycke.

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## CONFERENCE WORKSHOP COMING UP

The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference is hosting a workshop entitled "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." United Methodist Bishop Robert Schnase will speak about the practices of radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. The workshop will be held Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at Spokane Valley UMC in Spokane, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Registration cost is \$10. If you are interested in attending, or have questions, contact Bo Bryan at the church office.

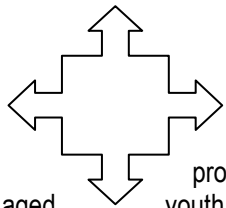


## SCOUTS IN OCTOBER

### Boy Scout News

October is a busy month for our Scouts. Aside from the regular weekly meetings there will be a Scout Discount night at the Country Mercantile's Fall Festival in Pasco on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Cub Scouts are attending an overnighiter in Sunnyside on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and there are two parent/leader events in the month, both also held in Sunnyside, on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## MEETING AT THE CROSSROADS



Crossroads is our Sunday school program for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through high school aged youth. It meets during the worship service, beginning after the youth time in the service. Each week we look at scriptures and Bible stories through various mediums, including drama, crafts, movies, maps, and other fun activities. Check out the poster board in the Narthex to see what we're doing each week in October.

We are also looking for some adult volunteers to help lead our new program. Schedules are very flexible. If you enjoy working with youth, enjoy arts & crafts, or even just watching and talking about a movie, please contact Christine or Scott Cromar at [ccromar@embarqmail.com](mailto:ccromar@embarqmail.com) or 786-4622.

## YOUTH SOUP & SALAD

Support our youth by coming downstairs following church service on October 18<sup>th</sup> for food and fellowship. Your donations will go to youth camperships and the youth mission trip.

## YOUTH PLANNING POTLUCK



Youth and parents are invited to a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 6 PM on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Following dinner, we will do some planning for 2010 events, and talk about a mission trip for the summer of 2010.

Bring your creativity, in both food and ideas, as we put together an awesome year of youth activities.

## JUBILEE BASKET

Our donation basket for the Jubilee Ministries food bank is located at the back of the sanctuary. In October we are asking for donations of canned corn. Please bring your cans to church Sunday morning and drop them off in the basket. All donations help feed the people of Prosser who are in need. Thanks!



Spend some time after church on October 4<sup>th</sup> enjoying some tasty treats and enjoyable company. Bring a dish to share if you wish!

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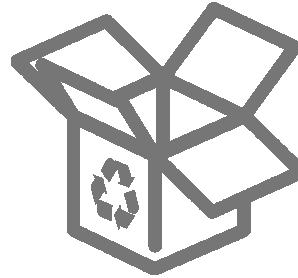
# New United Methodist Women Officers Elected

The UMW elected new officers at their September meeting, and they were installed in office during the worship service on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The new officers are:

- Pam Serrano, President
- Diana Herald, Vice-President
- Kay Myers, Secretary
- Marilyn Knight, Treasurer
- Carolyn Hart, Secretary of Program Resources
- Mission Coordinator: Spiritual Growth, Linda Key
- Mission Coordinator: Membership, Nurture and Outreach, Peggy Edom
- Nominations Chairperson, Peggy Edom



# RUMMAGE SALE NOVEMBER 7



Yes, you read right, this year UMW will be having a rummage sale.

Are you ready? Have you cleaned out your closets? How about those Christmas decorations that you haven't used in years?

If you would like to help in anyway just watch for the sign-up sheet at church or call Pam Serrano at 788-0728.

1. Could you help design posters or fliers?
2. Put posters or fliers around town
3. Help move boxes of items
4. Help set up
5. Help price
6. Box up if anything is left for HOBS & Jubilee

Thank you



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Special Olympics is holding several events this month and next in eastern Washington, and needs volunteers to help at these events. They will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> in Spokane, November 5<sup>th</sup> in Deer Park, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Spokane, and November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Tri-Cities. If you would like to volunteer for these events, please call 1-800-752-7559.

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