



The Grapevine



Prosser United Methodist Church – April 2010

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April Homilies and Scripture

April 04 – A New Thing
Luke 24:1-12
Easter Sunday

April 11 – Faith
John 20:19-31

April 18 – Redemption
John 21:1-19

April 25 – The Power of Faith
Acts 9:36-43

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

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

EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held at 7 AM Sunday, April 4th in the yard behind the sanctuary building. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on and dress warmly. A potluck breakfast will follow at 8:00 AM, choir practice begins at 9:00 AM, and our regular worship service will be at 11:00 AM. There will be no potluck or coffee hour after church Sunday.

EASTER COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 4th, during our 11 AM worship service. What better day to participate in this meal than the day we observe Christ's resurrection!

SPECIAL OFFERING APRIL 18TH

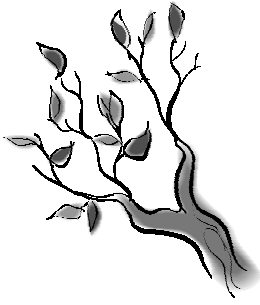
Our special offering for the month of April is for Native American Ministries. The funds raised go to support Native American ministries throughout the United Methodist Church nation-wide, to support Native American seminarians, and half of it will stay in our conference, supporting our own native ministries. Please give generously for this cause.

APRIL EVENTS

- April 1st--Maundy Thursday service, 6 PM
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
- April 2nd--Good Friday service, 7 PM
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
- April 3rd--Men's Group, 8 AM
- April 4th--Easter Sunrise Service, 7 AM
- April 4th--Potluck Breakfast, 8 AM
- April 7th--UMW, Noon
- April 11th--Nursing Home Service, 4 PM
- April 19th--Jubilee Food Bagging, 9:30 AM
- April 22nd--Spring Clean-Up, 9 AM
- April 24th--Guy Means' Court of Honor, 1 PM
- April 28th--Ad Council, 7 PM

JUBILEE FOOD BASKET

This month please bring in canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, and tomato paste for our Jubilee Food Basket. The donations go to Jubilee Ministries, which provides food for those in need in our community. The basket is located at the back of the sanctuary and has been noticeably fuller the past few months. Thanks for your generous donations.



Bo's Blog

Happy Easter!

One of the fun things about Easter is that it matches what's happening in the world around us this time of year. Trees are blossoming and new green leaves

are busting out of their buds. Daffodils and tulips are in bloom. The air is warming up enough to have windows open some days, and the smell of the fresh air wafting through the house breaks into that months-of-closed-winter-house air. We start to get outside more, work in our yards more, and bring the outside scents of blossoms and flowers in. Sprinklers get cleaned out and tested. Lawn mowers come out of the garage, and the first mowing of the year occurs. It stays light later, and you see more people, and sometimes their dogs, out for walks. Life feels fresh and new.

New life is stirring in Grandview, as the Rev. Lyda Pierce begins work at the lower valley ministry site for the Annual Conference. It's not yet clear what that life will look like, but there is definite need for United Methodist ministry with life in it for the people of the lower valley. Lyda will spend some time looking at the information that the conference has already gathered, and discerning what ministry is needed. She'll sniff the air. Look for the green shoots. Listen for the sounds of the community. Get a feel for what God is doing in Grandview.

Easter is about new life. New life is exciting! And new life can be a little hard to figure out at times. The disciples experienced that. They had trouble figuring out what happened to Jesus' body at the tomb, and what it meant that he was gone. One had trouble believing the others that Jesus was raised from the dead. New life challenges what we think is going on. It contrasts with our comfort in the status quo. Yet we deal with it all the time—and not just in spring. It happens when we are born into our family of origin. It happens when we move out on our own. It happens when we have kids of our own. It happens when we care for an aging parent. Easter hits us again and again throughout our lives. New life begins again and again, right under our noses, and we deal with it, we enjoy it, we thrive on it.

Because it is in new life that we grow. It is through new life in Christ that God works in our lives. And it is with the new life of the resurrection that new ministry will begin in Grandview.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Shalom,
Bo

Men's Group



The Men's group will meet on Saturday April 3rd in the Friendship Room at 8 AM. We will have coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, doughnuts, and fellowship for a bit, and then work on some projects around the church. All men of any age are welcome to join us.

SCOUT NEWS

A Court of Honor will be held on April 24th at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall, as Guy Means receives his rank as Eagle Scout. This is a tremendous achievement for a scout, and all are invited to attend the ceremony.

FOOD BAGGING APRIL 19, 2010

A reminder that Monday, April 19th, 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.



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Prosser UMW Unit Meeting April 7th at Noon

April 7, 2010, at noon in the Friendship Room

UMW ASSEMBLY April 30th – May 2nd 2010 St. Louis, Missouri

It's not too early to register. The earlier you register the more time you have to apply for scholarships to help pay for the trip. There are local, district, conference, and Endowment fund scholarships available. How could you think of missing out on the opportunity to learn about today's pressing issues from national leaders? These are real women with real faith and real world encouragement. If you would like more information about the UMW Assembly, contact Pam Serrano, 788-0728.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

The United Methodist Women are hosting a Spring Clean-Up of the church on Earth Day, April 22nd at 9 AM. Any and all are invited to show up, men and women alike. Bring just yourselves, or come prepared with your favorite dust rag (or other favorite cleaning instrument). We will be doing some of the cleaning that is not part of our custodian's regular duties, and getting into some closets and cupboards that probably haven't been looked into for a while. Join us for the fun!

DISTRICT ACADEMY 2010

APRIL 24, 2010, 9:00 AM □ 3:30 PM
WESLEY UMC, Yakima, WA
14 N. 48th Avenue

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Cost is \$15 if you pre-register by April 14th, \$18 at the door, and includes lunch and snacks. The morning workshop, presented by Bishop Grant Hagiya, is *Discipleship Making*. What is the biblical understanding of a disciple, and has it changed in our post-modern world? In the afternoon there will be six workshops from which to choose.

1. *SPR* — for SPR chairs and others interested in the new evaluation process from the cabinet and the Board of Ordained Ministry.
2. *Christian Education* — how do you get children into your church? How can you help children to grow as disciples?
3. *Treasurer's Office Resource Workshop* — help for those working as Trustees or in the Finance area of their local church to understand what is available from the Conference Treasurer's office.
4. *Outside the Box – Visuals in Worship* — a beginner course on how to get started thinking "outside the box" on church visual aids, art, banners, etc.
5. *Exploring the Book of Job* — let's explore together this strange story and see what lessons it has for us today.
6. *Church Technology 101* — the use of technology in our worship settings, internal communications, advertising, and social networking.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Schroeder (888-818-4288 or email sevenrivers@pnwumc.org). Registration forms are available from the PUMC office as well.

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SPEAKING OF GENEROSITY--AGAIN!

Thanks to your giving \$1,630 was raised for Haitian earthquake relief! Also, 110 health kits were put together and mailed off to UMCOR last month. Thanks for your wonderful generosity!

Holy Week Services

On Thursday, April 1st, we will participate in the Maundy Thursday dinner and service at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Prosser. The bread and soup dinner begins at 6 PM, followed by the service. We will also attend the Good Friday service at St. Matthew's, which begins at 7 PM on Friday, April 2nd.

Congregational Meeting May 2nd

There will be another congregational meeting Sunday, May 2nd, following the worship service and potluck. We will be continuing the conversations begun at the last congregational meeting in February, exploring our beliefs, and looking to the future ministry of our church. It will be a time of getting to know some of the other members of our blended family a little more. Please plan to attend.

Happy Anniversary!

Ralph and Lucille Oldfield will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on April 24th! Join us at coffee hour on the 25th as we celebrate this tremendous milestone with them.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth group will be meeting at the church on Saturday, April 3rd, from 7 PM to 9 PM. There will be an Easter egg hunt in the dark, so bring a flashlight and a bag for collecting your goodies. There will also be games following the hunt. Contact Christine Cromar at 786-4622 for more information.

Youth Soup/Salad Potluck

For the youth's Soup/Salad potluck after church on April 18th, the youth have requested that people bring milk and/or their favorite cereal to share with each other. It will be the Milk & Cereal potluck this month!

DINNER GROUPS COMING AGAIN!

We will again be putting together dinner groups, this time for Saturday, May 1st.

How this works is that people in the church sign up to participate in a dinner group, and indicate whether or not they are willing to host a group. Those who sign up will be assigned to a host, and the group works out the arrangements for the meal, held on May 1st. The purpose of the dinner groups is to help us get to know each other better in a less formal, smaller, and more social setting. You can sign up in church on Sundays in April, or call Peggy Edom at 786-6696.

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