



The Grapevine



Prosser United Methodist Church – July 2010

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July Homilies and Scripture

July 04 – Christ Lives in Us
Galatians 2:11-21

July 11 – The Blessings of Abraham
Galatians 3:1-18

July 18 – The Guardian
Galatians 3:19-4:7

July 25 – Don't Turn Back
Galatians 4:8-20

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



COMMUNION JULY 4

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, July 4th, during the 10 AM worship service. All are invited to come to the table to share in the meal that unites us in Christ's body.

JUBILEE FOOD BASKET

Our food basket was noticeably empty in the month of June, perhaps because there was no notice in the June newsletter on what to bring. Not this month! For July, please bring in cans of vegetables, soup, or hominy grits. 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. Let's see if we can donate enough for two trips to the food bank this month!

JULY EVENTS

- July 3rd – Bandstra/Norwood wedding, 6:30 PM
- July 4th – Independence Day
- July 5th – Church office CLOSED
- July 11th – Backyard BBQ, After Church
- July 19th – Jubilee Food Bagging, 9:30 AM
- July 24th – Men's Group, 8 AM
- July 25th – Nursing Home Service, 4 PM
- July 28th – 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!

THANK YOU

From Pam Serrano

I would like to thank the ladies who came once a month to help me get the newsletter ready for mailing.

Thank you to the ladies who took me to lunch on the Friday of my last week of work.

Then to all those who donated money the Sunday I was in St Louis at Assembly to be placed in a thank you card for me. This came as quite a surprise!

I really enjoyed the six years I spent as the church secretary.



Bo's Blog

I am enjoying preaching from Paul's letter to the Galatians. Now, I know some people have problems with Paul, especially when he writes about things that reflect the customs of his times (although some of those writings were pretty progressive for his time). But the early church thought that what he had written about the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection was so important, that they included those writings in the New Testament so that generations of followers could read them.

In this letter, Paul is dealing with a very basic question—How do we define who is a Christian and who isn't? Some Jewish followers of the time believed that anyone who wanted to be a part of the church had to be Jewish, which meant that Gentiles had to convert to Judaism, follow the Law and dietary restrictions, and be circumcised. Paul's insight, even though he was a Pharisee (a religious lawyer), was that being a part of God's covenant community no longer depended on what we did, but rather on what we believed. If we believe that God has acted, in Jesus' death and resurrection, to create a new covenant relationship with us, then we are a Christian.

To be sure, Paul had no problem with Jewish Christians who wanted to continue to obey the Law and dietary restrictions which were a part of the old covenant, and to have their children circumcised, as long as they realized those traditions were no longer necessary for their relationship with God, and as long as they didn't require others to do them. But we human beings seem to have this natural tendency to want to be in control of things, including our relationship with God. Time and again, over the last 2000 years, people have turned to Galatians as a corrective to this behavior, and still do so today.

What this ends up meaning for us is that all of our traditions, doctrines, rituals, and theology aren't what make us Christians. It is simply our faith that does that. And so we can say with Paul that we are no longer Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, slave nor free—or to put it modern terms we are not liberal or conservative, Catholic or Protestant (or Orthodox), praise service or traditional—but are one in Christ Jesus. We may experience God working in us in different ways. We may bear different fruits as a result of God's Spirit at work in us. We may find that different rituals, ways of praying, or styles of worship are better at helping us to open ourselves up to God's Spirit. But we are still one in that Spirit; one in that Lord.

Shalom,
Bo

You are Invited to a 25th Anniversary Open House Reception



For Bill and Rita Edie on Sunday, July 18, 2010, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Prosser United Methodist Church, 824 6th Street, Prosser, WA 99350

Men's Group

The Men's Group will **not** be meeting on its regular first Saturday of the month. Instead, we will be meeting at 8 AM in the Friendship Room on the **fourth** Saturday, July 24th, so that we can help get ready for the backyard barbeque our church is hosting the next day. We will still begin with a time of fellowship, coffee, and doughnuts before rolling up our sleeves and getting to the work we need to do around the church. All men of any age are welcome to join us.

Because we are meeting so late in the month, there will be no Men's Group meeting in August. Watch for information in the September newsletter about that month's meeting.

William & Peggy Edom Celebrate 50 Years



Please join William and Peggy 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Slate of Officers 2010 - 2011

PRESIDENT	Linda Key
VICE-PRESIDENT	Diana Herold
SECRETARY	Kay Myers
TREASURER	Pam Serrano

MISSION COORDINATORS

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, OUTREACH

Carolyn Hart

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

(Invited - no answer as yet)

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Marilyn Knight

CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Peggy Edom

Submitted by,
Peggy Edom, Nominations

UMW Scholarship

Prosser UMW is offering one more scholarship of \$140 for someone to attend the Cooperative School of Christian Mission this summer. If you would like to learn more about the school, or about the scholarship, please contact Marilyn Knight at 786-7909.

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.



Breakthrough to a new way of experiencing God!

Online Registration now available for Camp! Check out the catalogue to find the perfect one to attend this summer!

Whether it's your first time registering for one of our camps, or your 10th? Check out the step-by-step How to Register at www.pnwumc.org, camping ministries page.

Welcome Back Pastor Bo!

As chair of the PUMC Staff Parish Relations (SPR) Committee I am pleased to announce that our pastor Rev. William "Bo" Bryan has been appointed to Prosser United Methodist Church for the third year. His appointment was read on Sunday, June 20th at the 2010 Pacific Northwest United Methodist Church Annual Conference. Each name read was accompanied with a picture of the pastor on the screen in the Worship Center. It was a thrill to attend the closing worship service and to hear our pastor's name and to see his picture on the screen.

Peggy Edom
SPR Committee Chair
2010 Delegate to Annual Conference

PUMC Financial Report

May was another good month for income. As you look at the monthly and year-to-date income and budgeted figures, they are very close to each other, which is great! Our expenses will be catching up to them this month as we get current on our apportionments and insurance. The challenge will be to maintain this level through the lean months of summer, as people take vacations and spend more time outdoors. We will continue to want to stay current with the apportionments and send in our final third of the annual insurance bill, as well as continue to pay bills, office expenses, and staff. Keep up the good work!

May Budget	\$10,076	YTD Budget	\$50,631
May Income	\$10,216	YTD Income	\$50,545
May Expenses	\$4,053	YTD Expenses	\$40,711

Difference for the Month \$6,163
 Difference YTD \$9,834

National Historical Society Meeting

Bo Bryan will be attending the annual meeting of the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church the week of July 19th – 22nd in Seattle. This meeting gathers history buffs and members of conference Archives and History committees from across the nation for workshops, seminars, and field trips to local historical sites. Bo is attending in his role as our conference's east-side archivist.

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 7th and 8th, 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).

Welcome Debbie!



We have hired Debbie Higgins as our new secretary! She began in June, and is in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9 AM to Noon. Please do stop in to introduce yourself, as she gets to know our congregation and our office.

FOOD BAGGING JULY 19, 2010



A reminder that Monday, July 19th 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.