



# The Grapevine



## Prosser United Methodist Church – January 2011

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### January Homilies and Scripture

- January 2** Epiphany Sunday  
Gospel—Matthew 2:1-12  
Homily—“Magi”
  
- January 9** Baptism of the Lord  
Gospel—Matthew 3:13-17  
Homily—“Baptism”
  
- January 16** Human Relations Sunday  
Gospel—John 1:29-42  
Homily—“Finding the Messiah”
  
- January 23** Gospel—Matthew 4:12-23  
Homily—“Called by One”
  
- January 30** Gideon’s Sunday  
Gospel—Matthew 5:1-12  
Homily—“Blessings”

**Head Usher for January** is Jim Raney.

**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 can be dropped off at the nursery, down the first floor hall of the education wing of the church.

### Communion Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the 11 AM worship service. All are invited to come to the table to share in the meal that reminds us of God’s light entering our world and ourselves.

### JANUARY EVENTS

- January 1 – Happy New Year
- January 5 – United Methodist Women, Noon
- January 6 – Epiphany
- January 8 – Men’s Group, 8 AM
- January 8 & 9 – Brandon Cromar Computer Tune-up, Fellowship Hall
- January 16 – Human Relations Sunday
- January 17 – Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
- January 17 – Jubilee Food bagging, 9:30 AM
- January 19 – Staff-Parish Relations, 7 PM
- January 23 – Trustees, After Church
- January 26 – Ad Council, 7 PM
- January 30 – Gideon’s Speaking, 11 AM

### Special Offerings

This month we will have a special offering on January 16<sup>th</sup> for Human Relations Sunday. One of the special Sundays approved by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, Human Relations Sunday calls all of us to recognize the right of all God’s children to realize their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. Donations go to support community awareness programs in our Annual Conference and throughout the world.

### Jubilee Food Basket

For the month of January please bring cans of soup (any kind) to church to donate to our Jubilee food basket. The basket is located at the back of the sanctuary. All donations go to help feed the people in need in our community. Thanks for your generosity!



## Bo's Blog

January in the church is always an interesting time—a combination of the secular and the sacred. As participants in our culture, January is a time to start anew, to make fresh resolutions about how we can become healthier in our activities, our diet, our relationships, and/or our spirituality. We are well versed

and rehearsed in our traditions of the new year. As participants in our Christian faith, January is when we focus on the season of Epiphany.

On what?

Epiphany is not so well known as Easter or Christmas, or even Lent or Advent. But it is important to us as Christians because it contains our job description.

An epiphany is a moment of understanding or revelation—the “aha!” moment. Epiphany in the church is when Jesus, the light of the nations as the Old Testament prophets put it, was “revealed” to the world, in the persons of the wise men, who followed the light of the star to the place where Jesus was born. And this same Jesus told his followers, “you are the light of the world,” making us, his followers that same light for others. It’s our job to be that light, to reveal Jesus to the world through the things that we say and do.

There are plenty of people who feel they are living in darkness, and could use a little light. People in Sri Lanka recovering from the mudslides of the past year. People in Haiti still struggling from last year’s earthquake. People in the lower Yakima valley who are without a job or without a home. People anywhere in the world who are feeling spiritually lost or abandoned. They are looking for the light.

Perhaps our New Year’s resolution could be to be more “light-like.” We have a good history of sharing the light and being the light. Just this past year we gave over \$1,600 to help people in Haiti, our youth raised over \$750 to buy presents for our Christmas family, and our Christmas Eve offering brought in almost \$400 for ministry in Nepal, and for Jubilee Ministries. We are a light simply by opening up our building to the outside groups who use it. But there is still more Epiphany that is needed in our world, and we can resolve to seek more ways to shed that light. It is our job.

Happy New Light-Year!

Shalom,  
Bo

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## Men's Group

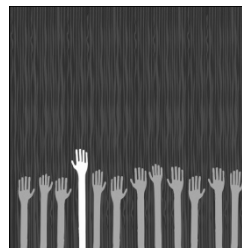
The Men’s Group will meet on Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8 AM in the Friendship Room at the church. We will have coffee, cocoa, and orange juice to drink, and doughnuts to munch on. Following a time of fellowship and planning, we will do some work around the church. All men of any age are welcome to attend, so come join us for the morning!

## Food Bagging on January 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> is our turn to break down large 50 lb. bags of beans, rice, or oats at the Jubilee Food Bank. We put them into smaller bags that are handed out to families in need during the week. Please come to the Food Bank at 1429 Stacey in Prosser at 9:30 AM that morning for a bit of work and some good fellowship too!

## 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, 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!



## Ad Council January 26<sup>th</sup>

Ad Council meeting will be held January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the Friendship Room. All are invited to attend, whether a member of the council or not, and members of the council are encouraged to mark this date on their calendars for our first meeting of the year.

# CHURCH POTLUCK

## JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Join the fellowship with your friends and church family in the Fellowship Hall following the service this Sunday. Bring a dish, if you wish



## SOUP & SALAD POTLUCK

The youth will be hosting a Soup & Salad Potluck following the service on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Donations given to the youth at the potluck are split between the Youth Mission Trip and Camperships. Support the youth and enjoy some warm company and soup

## BOOK TABLE

Although the book table in the narthex is supplied and maintained by the UMW, the books are available to everyone. Just sign your name on the card found inside the front cover and put it in the box provided.

Several books address current hot topic subjects. If you would like more insight into illegal immigration, try Enrique's Journey or They Take Our Jobs. Books related to the Muslim/Islam issue include Three Cups of Tea and Acts of Faith. In light of recent food recalls, try Fast Food Nation. Or, browse the table and choose something that fits your interests. See Marilyn Knight, Pam Serrano, or Carolyn Hart about other books.

## Youth Donations

Our youth group is raising funds for a mission trip to New Orleans next summer. It's an exciting time for them as they work to reach their goals, and it's an exciting opportunity to be able to support them with our donations. This is just a reminder to please be specific in making your donations by writing "Youth Mission Trip," on your check or envelope so that we know what your intention is for your donation. Donations simply labeled "Youth" will continue to be split 50/50 between camperships and the mission trip. Thank you!

# UMW NEWS

For those of you not saving them for local schools, the UMW would appreciate contributions of UPC codes from Campbell products and General Mills Box Tops for Education. McCurdy School in Espanola, NM, national mission of the United Methodist Church and especially of UMW, uses them to purchase school supplies, computers, and even vans. Please take a few minutes to tear or cut off the bar codes and box tops from the following products; put them in the metal box atop the giftcase in the narthex. UMW will trim and send them off to McCurdy.

Here is what to save:

The UPC bar code on all Campbells products;  
The UPC bar code on Spaghetti Os, Pepperidge Farms, V8 soups, Swanson, Prego, and Market Day.

Box tops for education include Cheerios, Chex, Total, Wheaties, Fiber One, Betty Crocker products, Nestle Juice, Hamburger, Tuna, and Chicken Helper, Pillsbury products, Yoplait, and Nature Valley.

Non food products: Cottonelle, Huggies, Avery School and office supplies, Ziplock bags and Hefty products.



## PUMC Finances

November Budget -- \$9,099  
November Income -- \$14,853  
Difference for the Month -- \$5,754

Year-to-Date Budget -- \$106,603  
Year-to-Date Income -- \$108,138  
Difference Year-to-Date -- \$1,535

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# 2011 Budget

Below is the 2011 budget for PUMC. It was put together by our Finance Committee, approved by our Administrative Council and adopted at our Charge Conference last month. It comes from existing and/or expected costs based on 2010 expenses. If you have questions about our budget, please contact Bo Bryan at the church office (786-1097), Dean Smith, Ad Council Chair (786-2880), or Bill Edom, Finance Chair (786-6996).

<u>Budget item</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>	<u>2011 Budget</u>
Apportionment	\$ 13,748	\$14,685*
Jubilee Ministry	500	500
Nepal Pastoral Support	750	750
Boys & Girls Club	0	1,000
Buildings		
Utilities (includes phone)	8,900	8,500
Insurance	6,500	6,500
Maintenance & repairs		
a. Church	2,000	2,700
b. Parsonage	500	500
Supplies	1,500	1,500
Capital Improvements		
a. Church	5,000	5,000
b. Parsonage	500	500
Programs		
Education	800	500
Worship/Music	1,000	1,200
Nursery	100	100
Evangelism/Advertising	450	450
Office		
Postage & supplies	1,500	1,500
Copier maintenance	500	400
Staff		
Janitor	2,900	3,400
Music Director	5,590	5,590
Pianist	5,590	5,590
Secretary	2,236	3,350
Nursery Attendant	717	717
Pastor:		
Salary	32,725	33,428
Pension & Benefits	21,775	21,897
Reimbursed expenses	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Sub-total Pastor	56,000	56,825
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,281</b>	<b>\$121,757</b>

\*Assumes a 10% reduction in our apportionments from what the conference is asking for 2011. We are applying to the conference for that reduction.

# Ever Want to Try Yoga?

Our Yoga group meets most weeks at 4:00 p.m., Friday at PUMC. (The summer schedule varies.) People pay by donation (average of \$5 per session) which encourages visitors and "come as you can". The sessions are based on ancient traditions with modern interpretations. We start with breathing to warm the body and deepen the stretch. This flows into poses of flexibility, strength, balance, and relaxation. Humor is mingled throughout! We have a lot of fun as well as condition our bodies. Visitors are welcome! Wear loose clothing and eat at least 2 hours before class. Bring a towel or yoga mat. I let people know weekly of any schedule changes. E-mail me with any Questions!  
Jan Nilsson – j\_nilsson@Frontier.com

## Available Programs

Below you'll find a list of the programs available at The Priory Spirituality Center in Lacey, WA during January. There are interesting programs available that can be found at their website ([www.stplacid.org](http://www.stplacid.org)).

### In The Hands of the Potter: Discerning Life Choices for Women

January 7-9, 2011

(Friday. 7:15pm – Sunday 1:30 pm)

Register by prior Friday

without spiritual direction \$150

with spiritual direction \$185

Therese Gonnevill, OSB

See fuller description [www.stplacid.org](http://www.stplacid.org)

To register call The Spirituality Center at 360-438-2595 or email

[sprituallityctr@stplacid.org](mailto:sprituallityctr@stplacid.org)

### Lectio Divina: Feasting on the Word

January 15, 2011

(Saturday 9:15AM-3:00PM)

If you are interested in learning how to facilitate lectio divina for a group, we will meet from 3:00-4:00PM.

Register by prior Friday \$50

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