



CHRISTIAN VISITOR

May 2010

First United Methodist Church of Ellensburg, Washington
Incorporated 1883

From the Pastor's Desk...

Preparing to Say Goodbye

Effective July 1, I will be moving to another church and the Ellensburg church will be welcoming its new pastor. I feel sad at leaving a congregation I have come to love, yet I am deeply grateful for the many gifts this congregation has given me during my six years here, and most of all for the love and care you've given me and one another. I hope and pray that we can say goodbye to each other in a way that celebrates the blessings of our time together, resolves any unfinished business, and prepares the way for us to move forward.

Over the years, I've learned that whatever the cause of a leave-taking, there are six primary tasks involved in saying a "good" goodbye:

Acknowledge – Face the truth of the upcoming separation and accept it as real.

Feel – Identify and acknowledge your feelings, whatever they are, without judging or editing them.

Integrate – Remember, reflect, and find meaning in the stories of your time together with the other person.

Communicate – Tell your feelings, share your stories, and express the meaning of your experiences to the other person and to others.

Commemorate – Mark the leave-taking with ritual and symbol in order to reinforce the reality of the change and acknowledge its significance.

Reorient – Look towards the future and the gifts and challenges it will bring.

During the next two months, we will have many opportunities to do each of those things. We'll acknowledge our feelings, reflect on our journey together, and give thanks for the gifts we've received along the way. We'll also celebrate the ways God is leading us into the future.

I know that God is at work in this move as in all of our lives. Just as God brought me to you and allowed me to be in ministry with you, God now brings your new pastor to you, to bless you with new gifts and skills. Your new pastor will help you move forward in your process of renewal and be blessed in turn by your talents, creativity, flexibility, and love.

Although I don't know yet where the Conference will be sending me, I trust that God has work for me to do in my new church. I will go there enriched by all that you have taught me and given me. Although I'll miss each one of you, I will always be blessed by my memories of you.

With love and gratitude,

Kathy

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April Church Council Highlights

1. Pastor Kathy has asked for a reduction in apportionments fees to help with our money concerns.
2. Lynne Whelan has resigned as treasurer as of June 1, 2010 and SPR will be looking for a new person to take over this job. Lynne has done a great job at helping to straighten out and clarify information on all the financial problems.
3. UMW will be looking into repeating the Heifer Project dinner since it was so successful last year. Help on this will be needed.
4. Virtual Rest Stop - if everyone pays their pledges for this we will have over \$900.
5. The next step in the congregational meetings will be to have a group evaluate all areas of the church in light of our core values.



Food Bank Needs...

PEANUT BUTTER
Mac and Cheese
TUNA
Canned Meats
Cereal (cold or hot)
Fresh fruits and vegetables

the "Helpers"
Canned soups
Egg Cartons
18 count EGG CARTONS
Personal Hygiene Products

Committee Meeting Schedule

Church Council
Tuesday, May 4th
7 p.m.
Conference Room

Trustees
Sunday, May 16th
After Worship
Conference Room

Worship Committee
Tuesday, May 18th
2:30 p.m.
Pastor's Office



United Methodist Women Circle Schedule

UMW General Meeting
Wednesday, May 5th,
11:30 a.m.
Los Cabos

Afternoon Circle
Wednesday, May 19th
1:30 p.m.
 Hostesses: Marilyn Sorenson
 and Susan Barrigan
 Place: Marilyn Sorenson's house
 870 Sorenson Rd.
 968-4857

Evening Circle
Wednesday, May 19th
7 p.m.
 Hostess: Pam Espeland
 Place: Dorothy Veto's house
 50 Curlew Road
 925-1497




May 2010

Intergenerational Sunday School, 9 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Nursery is available

A Fellowship Coffee hour follows

All Are Welcome

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Iglesia Apostolica, 4 pm 	3	4 Faith Baptist Kids, 7 pm	5 Faith Baptist Bible Study, 6 pm Iglesia Apostolica, 6 pm	6 National Day of Prayer	7 Bible Study at Hearthstone, 11 pm	8
9  Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31  MEMORIAL DAY					

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May 2010

8, Torrie Large	17, Kay & Tuck Forsythe (A)	22, Jim & Wanda Munroe (A)
8, Teal Large	19, Allan Breckenridge	25, Jessica Swedberg
10, Julie Swedberg	20, Dorothy McCullough	28, Claire Hanson
10, Henry Fisher	21, Virginia Lipsky	30, Karen Lasik

Please remember these congregations in your prayers this month:

May 02	Toppenish Church and Pastor Derel Olson
May 09	Pray for those poor in Spirit
May 16	Walla Walla: Grace Church and Pastor Linda Weistaner
May 23	Walla Walla: Pioneer Church and Pastor Chuck Hindman
May 30	Waterville Federated Church and Pastors Daniel and Sheila Miranda

Opportunities for Service

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- May 2** ***Social Justice: God's Care for People***
 What is social justice? Why does God want us to care about it?
Nehemiah 5:1-13; James 2:1-8
- May 9** ***Stewardship***
 The responsible care and use of our personal, church, and natural resources
Psalm 24:1-2; Matthew 25:14-30
- May 16** ***Spiritual Growth and Renewal***
 Study, worship, and service as paths to spiritual growth
Psalm 25:4-9; Ephesians 4:7, 11-16
- May 23** ***Celebrating the Church***
 A Pentecost celebration of the Holy Spirit's work in this congregation, and looking forward to new visions and dreams for the future.
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-2-
- May 30** ***Guest Preacher: Greg McLaughlin***
- June 6** ***Seeing with New Eyes***
 God help us to see the ourselves and the world in new ways.
Isaiah 42:5-9; Mark 4:35-41

Ministry Opportunities

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| May 2 | Liturgist | John Lasik |
| | Greeter | |
| | Usher | Bob Johnston |
| | Altar | Betty Holmes |
| | Coffee Hour | Aeimee Chen-Stinson |
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| May 9 | Liturgist | Nancy Goodloe |
| | Greeter | |
| | Usher | Bob Johnston |
| | Altar | Barbara Tate |
| | Coffee Hour | Jean Spence |
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| May 16 | Liturgist | Larry Lowther |
| | Greeter | |
| | Usher | Bob Johnston |
| | Altar | Diane Ota |
| | Coffee Hour | Ruthi Erdman |
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| May 23 | Liturgist | Betty Holmes |
| | Greeter | |
| | Usher | Bob Johnston |
| | Altar | David Cross |
| | Coffee Hour | Julie Large |
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| May 30 | Liturgist | Nancy Goodloe |
| | Greeter | |
| | Usher | Bob Johnston |
| | Altar | Betty Holmes |
| | Coffee Hour | Carmen Knoke |
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Volunteer Opportunities

Finance Chairperson

If interested in either position, please contact
 Kathy Makus: Office — (509) 962-9257
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UMC Events and Announcements

“This workshop helped me see our church from the point of view of seekers and people in the community.

I’m ready to change open from an adjective to a verb!”

Patti Marsh Cole, Minnesota Conference

RETHINKCHURCH

What if church were a verb?

What if there was a way of understanding, appealing to and engaging 18 to 34 year olds who are seeking God but are not comfortable in the settings currently consider to be church?

The Rethink Church Workshop is a day-long informative and interactive experience for local faith communities to discover and design engaging ministries that welcome and connect with people inside and outside the walls of the church.

Seminar Topics

Exploring the Journey to Rethink Church
Identifying the Unique Characteristics and Needs of 18-34 Year Old Seekers
Developing a Welcoming Ministry of Radical Hospitality
Discovering Your Church’s Unique Identity
Designing Opportunities for Meaningful Engagement with Your Community
Connecting with Members and Seekers in Cyberspace
Doing What Is Necessary to Remain Relevant and Real

Register now! Childcare Available!

Early registration: \$10 per person, group discounts available.

Price increases for late registrations/walk-ups.

See <http://bit.ly/rethinkchurch> for deadlines.

Online Registration

Online registration closes at 5:00 p.m. May 19, 2010.



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SATURDAY

May 22, 2010

Spokane Valley UMC

115 North Raymond

Spokane Valley, WA 99206

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

<http://bit.ly/rethinkchurch>

UMC Events and Announcements, cont.

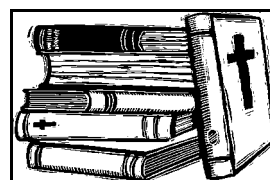
Two Minute Stories and Our Core Values

On April 10, 2010, eight congregational members of the Ellensburg 1st UMC attended the BOLD (Believe Out Loud) workshop at Wallingford UMC in Seattle. Those in attendance were Pastor Kathy, Larry Lowther, Dodie and Chuck Haight, Janette Tureman, Jason White, John Mounsey, and Wanda Munroe.

Although the primary intent of the workshop was to encourage interest and assistance in “growing” more reconciling congregations nationwide, it also provided instruction in a specific communication technique that could be helpful to congregations who are in discussion about other vital topics within their home churches.

Recently we have heard examples of this technique being put into action. On Sunday, April 18, 2010, several personal **2 minute stories** on Diversity were shared during the Worship service. Another area in which **2 minute stories** could be of value is to enhance our understanding of the 5 Core Values for our church that were developed and decided upon during congregational meetings over the past few months.

The eight people who attended the BOLD workshop would like to provide support and some informal training in telling the stories of our core values: Celebration of Diversity; Social Justice; Serving Others, Stewardship; Spiritual Growth and Renewal. Over the next few weeks there will be a series of smaller group gatherings planned to tell our stories, and to enjoy the company of one another.



From The United Methodist Social Principles

The Natural World

Animal Life

We support regulations that protect the life and health of animals, including those ensuring the humane treatment of pets and other domestic animals, animals used in research, and the painless slaughtering of meat animals, fish, and fowl. We encourage the preservation of all animal species including those threatened with extinction.

Book Search!

The UMW Reading Program has several books unaccounted for. Please check your bookshelves for the following:

- ◆ Hopson, Cynthia. *Too Many Irons in the Fire and They're Still Smoking.*
- ◆ Braestrup, Kate. *Here if You Need Me.*
- ◆ Winter, Jeannette. *The Libraries of Basra.*
- ◆ Author unlisted. *Spider's Web.*

Thank you for helping with the search.

This and That, cont.

...From our treasurer...

If you have been following the treasurer's information in the bulletin for the past few months you have noticed that we are not able to meet our projected budgets. The church's financial situation follows the local situation too closely. Prices of goods and services continue to rise and our income is not keeping pace. It is getting harder to pay the staff and all of the bills.

Partly because of our financial situation we are facing some major changes in the church. They won't be easy and probably won't be a lot of fun.

Please take note of the treasurer's report and the minutes of the council meetings which are posted in the front entry hall. We try to keep these updated so you may be aware of the business of the church.

Normal bills for one month are:

City of Ellensburg	\$1,700.00 (every month)
Fairpoint Communications	\$180.00
Otis Elevator	\$235.00
Copier leasing	\$135.00
Waste Management	\$90.00
Oxarc	\$20.00
Daily Record	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$2,385.00

These bills do not address payroll, church upkeep and maintenance, paper and pencils, study materials or any of the other day to day costs of running the church.

—Lynne

Needed per week to meet our obligations

\$2,537

March 7	45	3710
March 14	44	1560
March 21	41	1330
March 28	47	1028
April 4	70	7972
April 11	44	1458
April 18	48	2118
April 25	52	685

From the FISH Food Bank:



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of the F.I.S.H. Food Bank.

We are grateful for all your help, and please know your kindness is helping so many in our community.

Many thanks & blessings!

F.I.S.H.

Internet Info

Website

www.fairpoint.net/~ellensburgmc



We have a Facebook page! <http://www.facebook.com/Ellensburg-WA/First-United-Methodist-Church-Ellensburg-WA/311411432325?ref=mf>

Mission Statement

The Ellensburg First United Methodist Church welcomes all and serves as a beacon of love and justice in the community. We seek to discern and act upon God's will through worship, service and study.



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a Reconciling Congregation