



# Christian Visitor

October 2010

First United Methodist Church of Ellensburg, Washington  
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## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

Happy Autumn!

I suspect this is a treasured season for many of us - a return to routines (and the safety and comfort they provide), relief from working outdoors, and a time to regroup and refocus at home, church, and work. How funny that the natural world says, "slow down, rest" and our minds and bodies move in the opposite direction.

As spiritual leader and administrative head, I am looking forward to sharing a vision for how God is inviting us to engage our community. This will take creative energy and includes risks we have never taken before in order to be faithful to this invitation. But my firm belief is that the good news of the One who came so all might have life, and have it abundantly, is relevant today more than ever.

But before the strategic plans are made and the outreach programs put in place; we must first center ourselves in the One who *gives* Life. We can do this by reading Scripture, practicing good self-care, joining in worship, and taking part in Communion.

To engage in such important work, without first acknowledging God as the source of our strength and witness would be foolhardy. Here, Wendell Berry's words remind us that while we may toil, it is God who does the work. Yes, we sing and pray, but it is God who gives inspiration. Yes, we invite and connect, but it is God who feeds our souls.

In this season of slowing down *and* ramping up, remember it is our Creator who completes the good work begun in us.

—Pastor Shalom

### **Sabbaths**

Whatever is foreseen in joy  
Must be lived out from day to day.  
Vision held open in the dark  
By our ten thousand days of work.  
Harvest will fill the barn; for that  
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.  
And yet no leaf or grain is filled  
By work of ours; the field is tilled  
And left to grace. That we may reap,  
Great work is done while we're asleep.  
When we work well, a Sabbath mood  
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

- Wendell Berry

## *Discipleship Opportunities*

### **Sunday Morning—All Ages**

Sunday School and Adult Education will begin in October!

Sunday School for elementary ages and nursery for children ages 3 and under

Adult Education will begin at 8:45 a.m.

### **College/Young Adult**

Beginning October 17th, we will gather for Taize-inspired singing and celebrate Communion at Grace Episcopal Church. Following worship, all are invited to stay for a free community dinner.

Sundays at 6 p.m.

### **Older Adult**

Beginning October 19th, we'll begin a study on "The Gift of Years" by Joan Chittister with our friends from Grace Episcopal Church. Gather here at First UMC with your sack lunch. Tuesdays at noon.

## *Committee Meeting Schedule*

### **Church Council**

**Thursday, October 7th**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room**

### **Trustees**

**Sunday, October 17th**

**After Worship**

**Conference Room**

### **Worship Committee**

**Tuesday, October 19th**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Pastor's Office**



## *United Methodist Women Circle Schedule*

**UMW General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 6th**  
**11:30 a.m.**

Lazy F Campgrounds

**Afternoon Circle**  
**Wednesday, October 20th**  
**1:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Shalom Agtarap  
Co-Hostess: Marilyn Sorenson  
Place: 1602 E Bonnie Lane

**Evening Circle**  
**Wednesday, October 20th**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Hostess: Kay Forsythe  
Co-Hostess: Betty Holmes  
Place: 701 E First Ave




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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
Apostolic Church 4 pm		Faith Baptist Kids 7 pm	Hearthstone Bible Study 11 am		1	2 UMW Rummage Sale 9 am — 2 pm
3 	4	5	6 Piano Recital 5 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12  COLUMBUS DAY	13	14 BOLD Meeting @ Parsonage 7 pm	15 Jubilate! group meeting	16
17 Methodism 101 Class PFLAG 7 pm	18	19	20	21	22 CCOYM Event	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Creative Auction after worship						

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for October 2010

2, Shalom Agtarap  
 3, Jean Lofy  
 3, Dan Lasik

4, Kay Forsythe  
 13, Rhea Forsythe

15, Marilyn Sorenson  
 23, Jean Spence

## Please remember these congregations in your prayers this month:

Oct 3 Grand Coulee & CLM's Monty Fields and Tom & Elizabeth Poplawski  
 Oct 10 Hartline UMC  
 Oct 17 Kahlotus & Pastor Dennis Evans  
 Oct 24 Pray for all those working in Mission  
 Oct 31 Kennewick: First & Pastor Roger Barr

## *Worship and Service Details*

### **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

**October 3**

**World Communion Sunday**  
***Mini Faith Moves Mountains***

2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

**October 10**

**Preacher: Larry Lowther**  
***Keeping the Faith***

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7, Luke 17:11-19

**October 17**

***Partners with God***

A little lower than angels – made in the image of God. Do we realize the potential, power, and purpose that go with being human? We will explore what it means for us to work with God, as co-creators...what it means to be so in tune with a creative God.

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Luke 18:1-8, 2 Timothy 4:1-5

**October 24**

***Topsy-Turvy God***

The God we claim to know and love does not play it safe – this is the God who unleashes the Holy Spirit on common people which causes imaginations to run wild and daring dreams to be dreamt.

Joel 2: 23-32, Luke 18:9-14

**October 31**

***The Short One***

“Zacchaeus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he”. Or was he? In this significant Bible story, Jesus’ identity and motives surprise us.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4,11-12, Luke 19:1-10

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**October 3**

Liturgist	John Lasik
Greeter	Jason White
Usher	Bob Johnston
Altar	Diane Ota
Coffee Hour	Janette Tureman

**October 10**

Liturgist	Ruthi Erdman
Greeter	Jason White
Usher	Bob Johnston
Altar	David Cross
Coffee Hour	Jean Spence

**October 17**

Liturgist	Larry Lowther
Greeter	Jason White
Usher	Bob Johnston
Altar	Betty Holmes
Coffee Hour	Kay Forsythe

**October 24**

Liturgist	Betty Holmes
Greeter	Jason White
Usher	Bob Johnston
Altar	Barbara Tate
Coffee Hour	Carmen Knoke

**October 31**

Liturgist	Nancy Goodloe
Greeter	Jason White
Usher	Bob Johnston
Altar	Diane Ota
Coffee Hour	Ruthi Erdman

### *Volunteer Opportunities*

#### **Greeter**

Sundays, 9:30-10:10 am. Contact church office (962-9257) if interested.

#### **Nursery Attendant**

Sundays, 9:45-11:15 am. Contact Karen Lasik at (509) 607-1342 if interested.

## Our Informed Congregation

### The Natural World: Food Safety

We support policies that protect the food supply and that ensure the public's right to know the content of the foods they are eating. We call for rigorous inspections and controls on the biological safety of all foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

We urge independent testing for chemical residues in food, and the removal from the market of foods contaminated with potentially hazardous levels of pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides; drug residues from animal antibiotics, steroids, or hormones; contaminants due to pollution that are carried by air, soil, or water from incinerator plants or other industrial operations. We call for clear labeling of all processed or altered foods, with premarket safety testing required.

We oppose weakening the standards for organic foods. We call for policies that encourage and support a gradual transition to sustainable and organic agriculture.

### Washington Association of Churches

Our Church Council recently opted to become a member of the Washington Association of Churches. Larry Lowther will be our representative on the WAC board. We set our own membership dues at \$50, which was donated by a member of the congregation. WAC has as a main purpose encouraging and celebrating our unity in Jesus Christ. It also works in cooperation with member churches in common mission. It is committed to inclusivity and diversity as a part of its justice mission. The membership section of its bylaws parallels our reconciling ministry statement: "We encourage all members to appoint or elect representatives [to the WAC board] from multiple and diverse communities with attention to racial, ethnic, gender and sexual orientation, geography, and specific skill sets." WAC monitors what is going on in the state legislature and alerts its e-mail list about matters of justice and compassion so that we can be contacting our representatives. It also does direct lobbying. Recently, it has been reaching across faith boundaries to provide support to the embattled Muslim community.

**For complete Church Council minutes, please see the notes posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.**

### Share Your Gifts

#### Creative Auction

October 31<sup>st</sup>, right after church!

Please let Larry Lowther (925-3503) know what goods and services you will be offering at the auction. These goods or services should be things you have made or will make yourself.



Are you interested in learning how to play the handbells? Practice starts Thursday, October 7th in the Fireplace Room. All are welcome! Call Kay Forsythe with your information, 925-2356.

## *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