

# THE EPISTLE

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**Pizza with  
the Pastor**  
You are  
invited to

join Pastor Joyce &  
Tom for a no host  
pizza & salad lunch.

To get know our  
pastor & each other!

**June 19 noon**  
Roundtable Pizza



Summer Worship  
is at 9:30 a.m.  
A Service for All

Nursery &  
Sunday School  
age 4 to 6th grade



June 5 – 9:30 worship service

## Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, June 5, one of the elements of worship will be to celebrate confirmation of our youth. Six eighth-graders have been meeting with Pastor Joyce and Donna Stock, learning the basics of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, specifically a United Methodist. Those choosing to do so will profess the Christian faith, renew their baptismal covenant

together with God and members of our church to uphold the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Since membership in the United Methodist Church involves relationship, we will celebrate confirmation as one family in one worship service. A special reception will follow the service.

June 12 – 9:30 worship service Pentecost

On June 12, we'll celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church, by worshipping together as one family at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. If you want to wear the liturgical color of Pentecost, wear red. Come join us! We will celebrate Communion on Pentecost.



June 12 – 1:00 p.m. Concert & Ice Cream

## Pentecost Concert & Ice Cream Social

What better way to celebrate the “Birthday of the Church” - the day of Pentecost - than with ice cream and singing? At **1:00 p.m.** the church will host an Ice Cream Social followed at **1:30 p.m.** with a concert and hymn sing. The choir from Wenatchee First United Methodist is in the area for a Choir Retreat and will present a spirited concert. Interspersed will be some good old hymn singing by ‘the people called Methodists’. We are inviting surrounding United Methodist Churches to come and join in the celebration. Invite your family and friends - but only those who like food, fun and good music!



# Chasing the Wild Goose

By Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee

As you know I have been asking a lot of people what it means to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is right there in our purpose statement - *the purpose of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.* Often met with silence I finally found someone who was ready to answer without hesitation. I was at a workshop with Doug Anderson - church consultant and head of the Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development. His response - a disciple is one who is actively living out their vows of *prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness.* Sounding suspiciously like the vows of Church membership he connected these to five practices - disciplines as it were. These, he said, are the means by which we grow as followers of Jesus.

**Prayer** is what we do through *Intentional Faith Development.* We cannot be casual in our faith development - thinking a rich inner life just comes through osmosis! We must foster an active prayer life as it is how we are in relation to God in community.

**Presence** is being there for each other. We can certainly be connected to God outside the church but Jesus was very clear about our need for one another in community. Here is where *Passionate Worship* enhances our lives as disciples.

**Gifts** is the sharing of what we have for the work of God through the church. We heed the Old Testament call to give our very best, the first fruits of our lives. We are called not just to give but to be caught up in *Extravagant Generosity.*

**Service** is when we move beyond our own comfort zone to be with brothers and sisters in need. It is in service we find we are connected to others around the world and across the street. We engage in *Risk Taking Mission & Service.*

**Witness** is not just a polite welcome if someone shows up to church - but it means going to where people are and being vulnerable through sharing our faith. We welcome and find our own welcome through *Radical Hospitality.*

Our Confirmation class has been reminding me of these five ways of becoming disciples of Jesus. See when it says we are to be making disciples that means that WE are working to make OURSELVES disciples - a life long process; one we can only do together!

# REBUILDING TOGETHER 2011

On behalf of Rebuilding Together, we would like to thank all of the following volunteers for their wonderful help on Rebuilding Day, Saturday, April 30th: Kirk Larsen, Mas Yamamoto, Ron & Marilyn Steiner, Dan & Jackie Pahlow, Steve Hagg, Dave Bublitz, Wayne & Mary Kay Bailey, Kevin & Don Milo, Joe Meyers, Will Borhauer, Bill Adams, John Melvin, Chris & Kyle Kirsop, Don Songras-Rosales and Will Clardy, III.

We would also like to thank the following for providing a great lunch and snacks for all of our volunteers: Susan Kirsop, Jackie Pahlow, Corinne Larsen and Mary Brandal.

AND, we would like to thank all of you who so generously donated money to make this mission project happen! You all helped to make a very special day for the homeowner and she was very pleased by all the work that was done for her.

Don and Joan Andersen

# FAIRWOOD LITTLE THEATRE GROUP

Would you like to join the Renton Little Theatre Group next year? We are a group of people from FUMC who go to six plays a year and attend dinner before each play. It's a great opportunity to get to know others in a smaller setting. The cost for all 6 shows is - \$100/person or \$80/person for seniors. I have listed the names of the plays and the dates they will be playing - the description of each play is too lengthy for this newsletter.

The shows scheduled for 2011/12 are as follows:

September 9-24

**I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change**

October 21-November 5

**The Mystery of Irma Vep - A Penny Dreadful**

December 2 - 17

**The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol**

April 13-28

**Hay Fever**

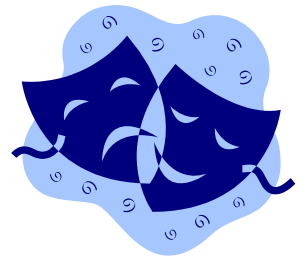
February 17-March 3

**Crossing Delancy**

June 8-23

**Pump Boys and Dinettes**

If you would like to attend, please contact me at (253) 876-2125 or email me at [jfconrad1@comcast.net](mailto:jfconrad1@comcast.net). I need to have all monies in by June 30, so let me know as soon as possible  
Joan Conrad





# YOUTH NEWS

## Youth Group

Youth groups will be meeting just two Sundays in June: the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will not meet on June 19 so we can honor our fathers on Father's Day.

## Youth End of Year Celebration June 12

We plan to hold our annual end of year BBQ on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited!

## Junior and Senior High Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be meeting on June 12, as we transition to the summer worship times. We will have our year-end Breakfast Feast. Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the Junior High Breakfast Club on June 12.

## Youth Vocal Band News

Youth Vocal Band will be leading worship on June 5, as we celebrate confirmation and recognize our graduating seniors. Any youth is invited to join - no prior experience is needed.

## Summer 2011 Mission Trip Updates

SSP work camp missionaries will be commissioned on Sunday, June 19.

SSP work camp will have a pre-departure BBQ on Wednesday, June 22. Time and place TBD.

Yakima work camp missionaries will be commissioned on Sunday, July 3, before heading over to the Yakima Reservation.

## Parents' Night Out Planned for June 17 (new)

Parents Night Out will be held on Friday, June 17 from 6:00 to 11:00pm. Sign-up lists are available in the youth rooms.

## Confirmation Class Retreat June 3

The 2011 confirmation class will retreat to Vashon Island Friday, June 3 to Saturday, June 4. Details will be provided at during class. Confirmation will conclude on Confirmation Sunday, June 5.

## CreationFest Northwest 2011, July 20-23

CreationFest will be returning to the King County fairgrounds in Enumclaw this summer. Bill and Lori McEwen are willing to host youth at a nearby cabin on a first-come, first-served basis. Even if you cannot stay for the entire festival day passes are available. Artists and ticket prices can be reviewed online at <http://www.creationfest.com/nw>. Ticket prices continue to increase each month - the next deadline is June 30.

## June Youth Calendar

**6/3 Friday**  
Confirmation Retreat to Vashon Island

**6/5 Sunday CONFIRMATION**  
NO Jr. and Sr. High Breakfast Club  
NO Youth Vocal Band  
6:30 Youth Groups

**6/12 Sunday PENTECOST**  
10:30 Jr. and Sr. High Breakfast Club  
NO Youth Vocal Band  
5:30 End of Year BBQ and Youth Groups

**6/17 Friday**  
6:00 Parents Night Out

**6/19 Sunday**  
9:30 SSP Work Camp Commissioning  
NO Jr. and Sr. High Breakfast Club  
NO Youth Groups

**6/22 Wednesday**  
5:30 Work Camp BBQ

**6/25 Saturday**  
SSP Work Campers depart

**7/2 Saturday**  
SSP Work Campers return

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## Parents Night Out Returns

### Friday, June 17

The youth will be hosting Parents Night Out on Friday, June 17, from **6:00 to 11:00pm.**



Activities for children will be offered, like crafts, open gym, movies and board games. A freewill offering will be taken and proceeds will be used for youth missions and summer activities. For additional information contact Curt Stock, 425-226-9023 or [youth@fairwoodumc.org](mailto:youth@fairwoodumc.org)



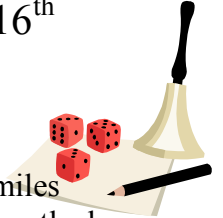
## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Join us for an evening of FUN!



Let us serve you a salad and soup supper (YUM!) and then giggle your way through a game of Bunco! (no experience necessary)

Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30pm  
in the Parlor



Bring a friend, your smiles  
Remember, this is NOT a potluck  
we will furnish the meal

## Vacation Bible School August 1-4 9 to noon

**Ages 4 - 11 years old (or 5th grade)**

Join us where the “kids carry out God’s recipe!” Our Vacation Bible School will be where it is at the first week of August. Using the text “if anyone is in Christ they are a new creation” as their theme kids will learn about God’s love through story, song and cooking!

6th graders can be junior helpers!

Youth - take an active role and be a team leader

Adults - volunteers needed to be story tellers, help with recreation, set up discovery time, lead music, guide craft making and help with registration.

Any questions??? Please talk with Sharon Hinton 425-277-2485 or [swhinton@msn.com](mailto:swhinton@msn.com)

## CAMPING TIME IS HERE!

There’s still time to register for one of our fabulous Methodist Camps. Four beautiful sites to choose from...walk the beach, kayak the sound, tube down the creek or sail on the lake. For more information contact Kathy Porter or Pastor Joyce. Scholarships are available.



## Joyful Hearts Preschool

Another wonderful year of learning!

Our Joyful Hearts Preschool has now completed another year full of learning. We have been blessed to have 43 children in preschool this year. On Friday May 13 the Preschool held their spring program and graduated 23 into kindergarten. How they have all grown in so many ways!

We are delighted to announce that classes are filling up - so if you or someone you know intends to enroll for the 2011/12 year now is the time to do so. We are also excited that all of our teachers will be back with us in the fall - Director Robin Nash, teachers Corinne Richardson, Liz Betz and Mary Thayer.

The Preschool wants to thank all who have supported their work through the purchase of flower baskets. The word was out and we sold more baskets than ever before raising over \$800 for the school.

## HIGHLIGHTS -

### MAY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

- complete minutes posted outside Church Office

**Membership & Evangelism items** – Willa Link reported that water bottles have been ordered and will be used as gifts for visitors and may sell some to congregation to help defray costs. She also thanked people for getting their pictures taken for the new directory, for hosting, and for submitting photos .

**Renton Community Supper** – Dick Mathias reports that we've reached our goal of \$1000 to support this ministry run by the Salvation Army. Average attendance continues to increase, about 80 or more each night.

**Pentecost Celebration, June 12** – The Wenatchee First UMC choir has offered to sing at our church for Pentecost, as part of their choir trip. Since our own choir has plans that Sunday we will have an afternoon ice cream social followed by a choir festival/celebration and invite other area United Methodist churches.

**Annual Conference attendees** – We have an opening for someone to attend Annual Conference this year. Lyndall Foulds is going but we are allowed two lay members from our church.

**Vacation Bible School update** – The VBS curriculum looks exciting with a food theme this year. Sharon Hinton received comments that VBS planned for July 25-28 conflicted with Indianola's older elementary camp. The Council decided to change the dates to August 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Indianola camp dates.

**Finance** – Julleen reported that we are "ahead" of budget. Our income is on target with what we expected but our expenses are less than expected.

#### ROUNDTABLE:

**United Methodist Men (Dick Mathias and Dick Freiling)**  
Ten men plan to work at Camp Indianola this coming weekend. There will be no UMM men's breakfast until September.

**Greening, etc. (Sharon Kenyon)** CROP walk is this coming Sunday, May 15. Eighty-three people are signed up to walk from our church! Once they add seven new native species, we'll have about 200 species of plants in the wetlands. Two dogwood trees will be planted in memory of Lauri Johnsen and Eileen Hewson.

**United Methodist Women (Sharon Hinton)** On Wednesday, May 18, the Adventure Club women will visit the Tacoma Art Museum for the Norman Rockwell exhibit and have lunch at Cathy Russell's Hawthorn Tea Room. On Thursday, June 16, the UMW board invites women to a soup and salad dinner (at 6:30) and an evening of playing bunco.

**Worship (Donna Stock)** Our one-service worship schedule starts early this year, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, with our Confirmation/Youth

Sunday/Senior Recognition service, then Pentecost on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Communion will be celebrated on May 15, June 12, and July 10.

**Methodist of the Month (Alan Jacobsen)** We are still taking nominations for Methodist of the Month.

**Pastor's Report (Pastor Joyce)** Pastor Joyce will be asking us, "Where has God been working in your life this week?"

**Health Ministries (Lisa Burns for Janet Wildeboor)** Twenty people attended CPR training in May.

**Preschool (Lisa Burns)** The Preschool participated in the rummage sale with the youth, earning about \$475. Over \$900 was raised from the sale of flower baskets. These profits are designated for scholarship help.

**Youth (Curt Stock)** Thank you for your support of the recent rummage sale. The youth earned about \$3500 for youth missions. Twenty youth and three adults are going to Convo (a Conference event with youth workshops, key note speaker, etc.) at U.P.S. the end of May. Senior recognition and confirmation will happen on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The end-of-year BBQ is June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance (Julleen Snyder)** - She is working on the steps to change our bank accounts from Bank of America to Pacific Continental Bank. They will offer a remote deposit feature for no fee. She also has information that might be helpful to Board of Directors of non-profit companies. Also [www.interconnection.org](http://www.interconnection.org) for free recycling of computers and peripherals, cell phones, etc.

**Photo Release Forms** – The completed forms will be moved to the office for people who need to check them. Jerry Flagel has volunteered to enter the information into Servant Keeper database.

#### Closing Prayer

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Minutes taken by Donna Stock

**Starting June 5th**

**One Worship Service**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Blended Worship - hymns, praise songs, great bible verses, challenging sermons and as always warm fellowship!**

## NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As you can see from the following graph, we are doing well so far in 2011. Thank you for your dedication and generosity.

### Our Church's Financial Snapshot Financial Summary January - April 2011

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 127,470	\$ 127,427
Expense	\$ (117,015)	\$ (124,264)
	<u>\$ 10,455</u>	<u>\$ 3,163</u>
General Fund Cash	<u>\$ 19,756</u>	

Here is the next installment in the series on Apportionments or Shared Ministries. As I mentioned in my previous article, our 2011 Conference Apportionments total \$51,096, or 14% of our budget, and are divided among six funds; World Service and Conference Benevolences Fund, Ministerial Support and Administration Fund, Pension and Benefit Fund, Ministerial Education and Black College Fund, District Fund and Africa University Fund. This month we will focus on Black College Fund. The following is from the [www.umcsgiving.org](http://www.umcsgiving.org). Additional information about the specific colleges supported can also be found at this site.

#### Some Fast Facts about the Black College Fund:

- ◆ The United Methodist Church supports the largest number of Black colleges and universities of any church body in the United States.
- ◆ The 11 Black colleges are located in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions.
- ◆ There are approximately 16,000 students enrolled in our schools. Ninety percent of the students qualify for financial aid. The schools keep their tuition relatively low so students with low incomes may attend. **The colleges are and have always been open to all.**
- ◆ One of the exceptional accomplishments regarding the administration of the Black College Fund is the small amount utilized for unrestricted and overhead expenses (less than 5 percent). The Black College Fund distributes 95 percent of the funds equally to all 11 institutions. Those with the highest enrollments receive a slightly higher amount. Five percent of the funds are awarded for special projects or activities.

I look forward to sharing more about apportionments and as well as the six other special offerings collected throughout the year. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 206-617-0693 or [Julleen@jjco.com](mailto:Julleen@jjco.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Julleen Snyder, Finance Chair

## GREENING CONGREGATION NEWS

### WEDNESDAY OUTDOOR WALKS- 10AM

Walks start promptly at 10:00AM. Steady rain cancels. If more info, please call Marilyn May at 425-271-8226, 206-617-2443 (cell) or e-mail [M.J.May@comcast.net](mailto:M.J.May@comcast.net).

**6/1- Cedar River Trail** to lake, meet at Renton Library

**6/8- Heritage PK**, 233 Union Ave. NE, meet at covered area.

**6/15- Soos Creek Trail** going south, meet at Gary Grant PK, on SE 208th St. about 5 blocks east of 132nd Ave. SE

**6/22- LK Wilderness PK**, meet- church at 9:30AM to carpool

**6/29- Coulon PK Trail**, start at Kidd Valley.

### HIKE - SAT, June 18 - 8AM

Area/ details of hike announced later. Meet at church at 8AM to carpool. Dale Peterson 425-271-5878

### CHILDREN'S CREATION CARE-

**Fun outdoor activities with nature on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** after the children's message. Mark your calendars and be sure children wear "all weather - OK to get dirty" clothes and shoes June 26, July 24, and August 28.

**Volunteer helpers always appreciated.**

### CHURCH FOREST/WETLANDS

We are busy all summer planting and caring for native plants in our 2 ½ acres of forest/wetlands!

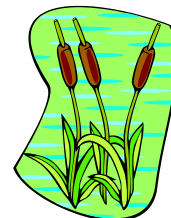
**We would love your help this summer!**

There is something for all ages & abilities.

Call Sharon Kenyon 425-271-2080 (H),

425-306-7089 © or email

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We now have about 200 species of native plants!

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#### Pastor Joyce's Office Schedule:

Office Hours: 9:00-12:00 Monday thru Thursday

Appointments & Visitation: 1:00-4:00 Mon -- Thu

# June 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 Wednesday Walk - Cedar River Trail  5:30 English Class - M7 7 Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	2  7 AA - M7 7 Trustees - parlor	3 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	4 8:30 Christian Ed 10 Vocal Rehearsal - Sanctuary  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Confirmation Retreat - Vashon</div>
<b>5 SENIOR RECOGNITION &amp; CONFIRMATION</b>  9:30 Worship w/ Youth Focus - Sanctuary & Sunday School	6 5 Renton Community Supper - Salvation Army 5:30 English classes - M7 6:30 Cub Scouts - N5 7 Scouts - Sanctuary, Narthex, M7 7 Worship Committee - Parlor	7 9:30 Bible Study - Parlor  7 AA - M7 7 Membership & Evangelism - Parlor	8 10 Wednesday Walk - Heritage Park  5:30 English Class - M7	9  5:45 Yoga - Narthex 6 Finance - Parlor 6:30 Cub Scouts - N2 7 Church Council - Parlor 7 AA - M7 7:15 Yoga for the Rest of Us - Narthex	10 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	11
<b>12 COMMUNION Day of Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship - Sanctuary 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Breakfast Club Potluck Feast 11:45 Youth Council 1 Ice Cream Social 1:30 Concert/Hymns 5:30 Youth End-of-Year BBQ	13 5:30 English classes - M7 7 Scouts - Sanctuary, Narthex, M7 7 Visioning Team - Pastor's office	14 7 AA - M7 7 SPRC - Pastor's office	15 10 Wednesday Walk - Soos Creek Trail  Pack 455 using MPR 5:30 English Class - M7	16  6:30 UMW Salad Supper - Parlor 7 AA - M7	17 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  6 Spring Vocal Voice Recital - Sanctuary  <b>6-11 PARENTS NIGHT OUT - MPB</b>	18 8 Church Hike
<b>19 Father's Day</b> 9:30 Summer Worship - Sanctuary 9:30 Sunday School  Noon - Pizza with the Pastor at Roundtable Pizza	<b>20 EPISTLE DEADLINE</b> 5:30 English Class - M7 6:30 Woodside HOA - N2 7 Scouts - Sanctuary, Narthex, M7	21 7 AA - M7	22 9:30 Wednesday Walk - Carpool to Lk Wilderness Park  5 Renton Community Supper - Salvation Army 5:30 English classes - M7	23  5:45 Yoga - Narthex 7 AA - M7 7:15 Yoga for the Rest of Us - Narthex	24	25 8-5 <i>Chatelaines Car Wash - upper parking lot</i>  Sr. High Departs for Work Camp until July 2
					<b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Pasco) thru Sunday, June 26</b>	
<b>26 Creation Care Sunday</b> 9:30 Summer Worship - Sanctuary 9:30 Sunday School <i>Guest Pastor Rod Haynes preaching</i>	27 5:30 English Class - M7 6:30 Woodside HOA - N2 7 Scouts - Sanctuary, Narthex, M7	28 7 AA - M7	29 10 Wednesday Walk - Coulon Park Trail	30  5:45 Yoga - Narthex 7 AA - M7 7 UMW Book Club - N4 7:15 Yoga for the Rest of Us - Narthex		

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June 2011

**Join Us for Summer Sunday Worship at 9:30 am**  
Nursery & Sunday School for Children age 4 yrs. - 6th grade

*Our **Summer Sunday School** schedule will begin soon and we need one (or more) people to coordinate this program. We also need teachers! Our 9:30 a.m. summer worship services officially begin on June 5<sup>th</sup> and run through September 4<sup>th</sup>. The children attending this program are age 4 through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The coordinator(s) would need to do the following:*

- 1. Beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> (or earlier)\*, publicize needs for summer Sunday school teachers (Epistle, morning announcements, etc.)*
- 2. Make a sign-up poster for the 12 summer Sundays with 2 teachers for each Sunday. (June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will be “covered” by the regular Sunday school teachers.)*
- 3. Stand by the sign-up poster after the services, answering any questions. (For volunteers who would like to see curriculum “ideas”, these are available.)*
- 4. Reminder calls to volunteers.*

*We have over 20 dedicated volunteers on our Christian Education Team. We hope that you will consider this very special opportunity to be a part of our children’s lives at Fairwood Community United Methodist Church.*

*\*June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will be “covered” by the regular Sunday school teachers.*

*Please contact Carol Colborne [cecolborne@yahoo.com](mailto:cecolborne@yahoo.com) (253) 277-3948 if you are interested or have any questions.*

