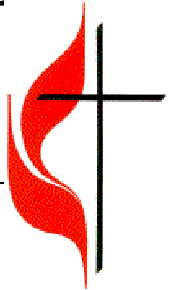


Joyful Notes
August 2008
“Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors”
LIFE OF OUR CHURCHES...
 Astoria and Warrenton United Methodist Churches



Special Worship in Astoria August 3

Over the past year, in a variety of ways, we have asked what is God putting on your heart as we think about taking the next faithful step into the future. How is God calling us as a church to be a blessing in the community and God’s kingdom? We will meet at 11 am in the Social Hall where we will worship, eat lunch, and have conversation to hear what God has placed on our hearts to share about our church. Plan to be out by 2 pm.

Astoria All Church Picnic and Day Camp Reunion August 24

Please join us for an all church picnic in the social hall right after worship August 24. We will barbeque hotdogs outside the 11th St entrance and have potluck salads and desserts. Special guests will be those who helped or attended day camp.

Astoria Choir Resumes August 27 All are welcome to join us at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Important September Dates for BOTH CHURCHES

September 7, 6:30 pm, All Church Conference Both Warrenton and Astoria churches will gather in Astoria for our annual all church meeting with District Superintendent Kate Conolly. Salary will be set for Pastor Judy and we will receive reports including those from trustees, membership, lay leadership, and lay speakers. Please plan to attend.

September 27, District Training Event for people on committees (trustees, treasurers, pastor-parish relations committee, NOW, administrative council), secretaries, volunteers and anyone else who is interested. We will carpool. The place and time will be announced soon. **The overall theme is “How do we take care of the business of the church in a competent, efficient, caring and welcoming way?”** Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

Astoria Garage Sale in October

Start saving your clean, good condition appliances, tools, and household items (no clothes) for the garage sale October 10 and 11. **No TV’s will be accepted!!**

Please note Astoria’s new e-mail address - effective now
 Our new e-mail address is office@astoriafumc.org
 Our new website is www.astoriafumc.org
 And don’t forget the Conference site: www.umi.org

Greetings from Day Camp!!

Day Camp is over and boy did we have fun!

I just wanted to take a few moments to thank all of you who played such an important role in making Day Camp a success. There are so many of you, I don't think I can name you all! But boy have I felt your prayers and I so appreciated all your gifts of time, money, and supplies. We are truly a blessed congregation, living in the Abundance that comes from the Spirit! Twenty-two children participated this year. They did so because of your generosity. We raised nearly \$1500 in sponsorships. You opened your hearts and you've made such a difference in the lives of 22 children and their families.

For those of you who volunteered during the week to be shepherds—Elizabeth, Molly, Robert, Sue, Judy, Steve, Candie, Chuck, Gloria, and Ali—you are truly beacons of light! Time and again I watched as you stepped in to do what was needed. You served with cheerful hearts and a smile. Those smiles will never be forgotten! Sometimes, we preach the gospel without ever saying a word.

Personally, I would like to thank all those who volunteered to be on the planning committee. I could not have done this work without you. For your presence in my life and your willingness to serve—Jane, Judy, the other Judy, Molly, Don, Anne, Elizabeth, and Gloria—it has been a real blessing to be this year's camp coordinator. May you know God's presence in all that you do.

Blessings,

Wende Oates Larsen (Day Camp 2008—Coordinator)

Please Pray for:

♥ Those with health concerns: Jim Spain, Delores Hodney, Ginny Bynum, Verna Davis, Todd Butler, Bob Butler, Priscilla Gauthier, Rose Marie Thompson's brother, our district superintendent Kate's mom All who are ill.

♥ Those who are mourning: the family of Bob Wilson

♥ The hungry, the homeless, those in prison, those living in violence, those in disaster areas

♥ The summer lunch program and volunteers. They desperately need help delivering the lunches. If you can help let the office know.

♥ Our churches – that we will be a blessing to God and the community

Special People

♥ All who supported Day Camp with prayers, service, and donations and attendance as campers.

♥ A special thank you to **Wende Oates-Larson**, our Day Camp coordinator.

♥ **Chuck Gunn, Harry Comins and Bob Gauthier** for fixing the Astoria roof.

♥ **John Oates Larson and Don Morden** for getting our new phone and internet systems set up.

♥ Those who visit, call or send cards to our shut-ins

♥ All who continue to send their weekly or monthly contributions even if they are gone over the summer.

♥ The many who volunteer as greeters, coffee hosts, nursery attendants, liturgists. See the volunteer wall to sign up. You are appreciated.

Book Nook

Nettie Blair, long-time member of both the Astoria and Warrenton Methodist Churches, has loaned us six books by Debbe Macomber. They are great for summer reading. The themes are about angels and Christmas stories. You can enjoy the holiday books now when you aren't as busy as we are in December. Look for them on top of the bookshelves. Thank you to Nettie for sharing these books with us.

A caution regarding our church directories

As a matter of privacy and respect for folks listed in the directory, please do not give out copies of the directory to people outside the church.

August Birthdays

6 – Trudy Anglim - **Happy 95th!**

15 – Pat Kujala

16 – Jill Norris

18 – Chuck Albright
James Swanson

19 – Bill Hill

20 – Rosemarie Thompson

27 – Bob Gauthier

27 Linda Salfen

30 – Tony Robinson

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

August Anniversaries

Brian & Jenny Bergman, August 1, 1998

Chuck & Molly Albright, August 7, 1993

Chuck & Uschi Gunn, August 15, 1981

Philip & Nettie Blair, August 21, 1954

Pastor Dave & Kathy Kinman, August 21, 1971

Jeff & Linda Salfen, August 25, 1970

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 2008					1 12 AA-W 5:30 Al-Anon/AA School of Christian Mission 7/31-8/3	2 9 am AA-W School of Christian Mission 7/31-8/3
3 9am Worship (W) 11am Worship (A) 3-6 Labyrinth walk at Grace Episcopal 6pm Al-Anon-W 6pm Al-Anon (W)	4 8am UMM-Andrew & Steve's Cafe 12 AA-W 12 Al-anon/AA (W) 7 NOW Council-L	5 12 AA-W 5:30 pm Al- Anon/AA (W)	6 12 Prayer L 12 Al-Anon-W 2 Bible Study (W) 5:30 AlAnon/AA(w)	7 7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous-L	8 12 AA-W 5:30 Al-Anon/AA (W)	9 9 am AA-W
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