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A window to our activities, a reflection of what we're doing, and who we are. April 2010

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Come to Rocks & Ripples April 17th. For details check out page eight.


GOD NEEDS YOU!




To Carol Hickman, Steve Gerth, and many others! Why? Check out page eight and page ten!

Check out the anonymous poem on page eleven and feel the tug to your heart...remember what we are charged to be "making disciples one life at a time"

Maundy Thursday April 1st 7:30pm In the Sanctuary		Communion in the Upper Room
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	Good Friday April 2nd 7:30pm In the Chapel	Come hear in first person those who knew Jesus!
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Easter Sunday, April 4th 9:00am—Sanctuary 11:00am—Chapel Experience together "Christ the Victor"	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Prayer Focus:

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

Mark 16:6-7

PRAY:

- Praise God for the risen and victorious Christ
- Give us the courage and opportunity to share the gospel.

Coffee Chat:

June still has openings. The summer months are staffed by families and small groups. Would you like to serve but don't know what to do? Join our team Easter Sunday or May 23rd or help another team to see how to serve. You are welcomed and needed.



The Koinonians (an adult fellowship group) will be going to the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center, located at 8706 E. Upriver Drive. It enhances student learning through hands-on science exploration and birds of prey demonstrations.

Tour: They will watch the “HOOT” presentation, which is indoors and then will be touring the outdoor exhibits.

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Time: 2—3:30pm Meet at the church at :30pm if you wish to share rides.

Cost: \$3.-00 per person

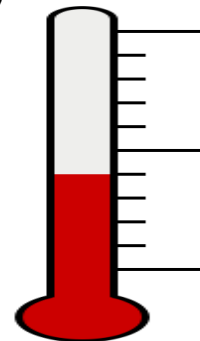
Dinner: The back room at the Timber Creek Grill Buffet for 4:00pm. It will be a no host dinner and the group will conduct their meeting at the same time.

If you have questions please call the Reynens at 928-5644.

April 18 and 25 Initial training for Ushers and Greeters after the 9 AM Service Anyone that Ushers or Greets should plan to attend one session. Would you like to Usher or Greet only a few times a year like during the summer months, for example? Or substitute throughout the year as needed? The teams would love to have you! Just call the church office and attend one of the training meetings in April. Another training session will be offered in the fall.. We hope to make training an annual event

The Financial Resources Thermometer For 2010 as of Feb 28

Budgeted Yearly Expenditures:	\$251,050.00
Monthly Revenue needed:	\$ 20,920.83
<i>Feb. Revenue:</i>	<i>\$ 17,675.84</i>
<i>Expenditures for Feb.</i>	<i>\$ 21,855.37</i>
<i>Revenue shortfall for Feb.</i>	<i>\$ 3,244.99</i>
<i>Expenditures, year to date</i>	<i>\$ 45,063.68</i>
Feb. General Fund Balance	\$ 2,837.57



To be on track to meet budgeted expenditures we need to have taken in 16.7% of the budget through Feb. Thanks to great January we stand at 16.8% at the end of February. Fortunately we went into February with a surplus in the bank. We still have some buffer going into March, but how we stand at the end of the month will depend upon our giving.

Most areas of the budget have spent less than 16.7% through February, with the exception of Physical Resources, but keep in mind that we expend more for energy this time of year, and the amount required so far this year is far under last year. We are also ahead on Apportionments because of some gifts that were designated for that part of the budget.

We are each a part of the equation that will determine whether or not we meet our budget obligations. Let us pray for the success of our church and that it will have the needed resources to be successful.

From Our Pastor David Johnson

Dear Friends,

As you know we are experiencing a transition here at Spokane Valley UMC. After eleven years Mary and I have made the decision to step out in faith and receive an appointment to the Oak Harbor UMC on Whidbey Island. At the same time we are excited that Mike & Missy Graef will be returning to Spokane to lead our church into the next phase of ministry. Mike comes having served on a staff, in a small church, in a large church for our conference and as a District Superintendent. His Heart is in making Disciples and for growing the local church.

The decision for us has been very mixed. We have grown to love so many of you deeply and it is hard to think about leaving. One of my strengths is as an achiever and a finisher and I feel unfinished here, yet I know the work of ministry is never done. Probably my deepest regret is that we as a church have not been able to change the 30 year 8% steady downward decline in attendance over the tenure of five different pastors. What I'm also painfully aware of is the DNA of our church that has developed over the years and is now a part of our family system as a church that we are not evangelists. And when we do reach new people they need to be socialized into doing ministry the way we have done it. I confess to getting caught into that system as well. This is not only what writers (Heifetz, Grashow, & Linsky) call an "adaptive challenge" for us as a congregation but for our United Methodist

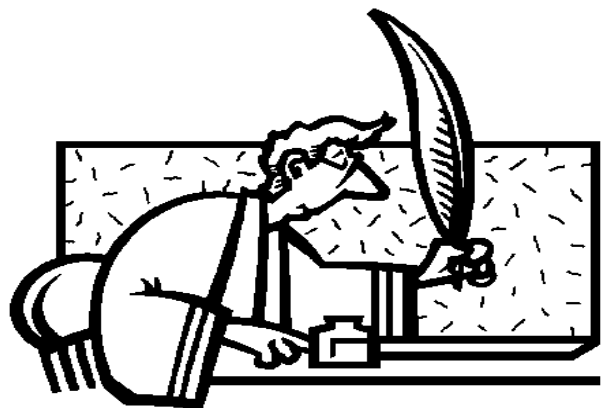
Church as a whole, and especially for United Methodist Churches in the Northwest.

In fact our bishop will be sharing on this same "Adaptive Challenge" concern when he is with us on Saturday April 17th from 3:00—7:00pm in our sanctuary as part of our District "Rocks and Ripples" training. You can sign up in the office—it's only \$15.00 and includes dinner.

On the up side what has encouraged me over and over and over is the spiritual growth I have seen in so many of you over the years. I could share story after story of how you have grown in your spiritual relationship and wisdom. Every day I find myself in conversation with and in observation of you who are growing and for that I am truly blessed.

May the grace of God continue to bless your lives.

Pastor Dave



STEWARDSHIP - Planned Giving

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder’ My affairs will be in order”

George’s family pastor

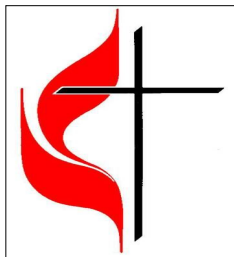
“George was only 47 on the afternoon he carefully pulled his car off the road, dialed home on his cell phone, and died before initiating the call. It was a severe heart attack. When I, George’s family pastor, sat down with his loved-ones that afternoon, I heard an all-too familiar story. George had never said a word to anyone about his wishes after death. No thoughts of a funeral or financial information of any kind. They had no idea where to start.” - *Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Gallen**

Helping to Prepare Our Loved-Ones

Certainly, most of us cannot anticipate our deaths. But, we certainly can *and should* share important end-of-life wishes and financial information with our loved-ones. The fact of the matter is that when *we don’t* do so, upon our deaths we risk throwing our loved-ones into chaos—when they really need comfort.

The **Information Checklist** can help you start putting your wishes—including supporting those church ministries that matter most to you—and resources in order. Those who love you will be very grateful when you do.

*Dr. Gallen is Executive Director of Preachers Aid Society; this vignette was adapted from his original story. This bulletin insert was prepared by the Northwest United Methodist Foundation. Please contact the Foundation for additional help and information at (800) 488-4179 or visit www.umfnw.org



Information Checklist

To help my loved-ones prepare for my death

MY BASIC INFORMATION:

- Date and place of birth
- Birth certificate location, number and locale of filing
- Social Security Number or Citizenship papers, and location
- Parents’ names, dates and places of birth, death, and burial
- Passport number, issue date, and location
- Names, addresses, and birthdates of children
- Primary care physician’s name and address
- Durable power of attorney for health considerations, and location.

MY FUNERAL WISHES

- Funeral or memorial service, including any prepaid arrangements
- Church or funeral home
- Cremation or burial
- The service; people to participate; my favorite Scripture and/or other readings; my favorite hymns, song, and/or other music
- Names and contact information of persons to notify
- Designations for memorial giving, including designee’s address

MY ESTATE

- Attorney, accountant, and insurance agent contact information
- LOCATION OF WILL and personal representative(s) named therein
- Accident and life insurance policies and carriers
- Pension plans, IRA contracts, or other plans “of value”
- Investment portfolio(s) and broker(s); annuities, CDs, savings bonds, and other cash instruments locations
- Employer benefits coordinator and contact information
- Military service number (if any), discharge date, and benefits
- Location of state and federal income tax filings
- Bank accounts and safe deposit box keys and location; safe combinations; location of vehicle and property
- titles, property deeds, and mortgage/loan documents; other items of value (e.g., jewelry and artwork), location and disposition
- Trusts and estates created by my will

Living our Faith - Thoughts from Lay Leader Wey Simpson

*"...equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, **the body of Christ**, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ...there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness, righteous, holy and true."*

From Ephesians 4

We enter a time of transition in Spokane Valley United Methodist Church. Change is always a challenge. Each of us will face this time of adjustment in our own way. How we do it, however, can have an impact on how we emerge as a church into the future.

In searching for a Biblical truth about the Body of Christ, which is how the Holy Word describes the Christian Church, I came across the letter written by Paul to the church at Ephesus. I have excerpted a few lines from the fourth chapter that seemed appropriate.

Perhaps now is the time for each of us, myself included, to examine where we are in our spiritual journey and if along the way we have accumulated some dross that needs to be burned away. It is easy to slowly slip into habits and attitudes that are not supported by the teachings of Christ. We don't like the way someone conducts themselves. We have a different view of how something should be done. We question someone's motives because we don't agree with them. You know what I mean. The list of things we grasp and then cling to might fill a book. Then we let these negatives grow, too often we fertilize them ourselves, until they control our actions, our thought and worst of all our words. In the season of Lent, which ended with Easter, we are called to be introspective. To unmercifully examine ourselves, our actions, our motives, to look at what drives us and then to assess where that is taking us. Often, if we are brutally honest with ourselves, we will not like the picture that emerges.

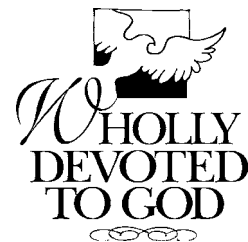
Even though Lent is past, if we haven't gone through this exercise, it is never too late. Today is a good day to start.

I believe that one reason we allow ourselves to slip into this pattern of negativism is that we fail to hold ourselves responsible for what we do, think and say. I know that in today's culture a lot of folks don't feel they have to accept responsibility for their actions or anything else. The thought never even occurred to them. In a culture where "I" comes first in the alphabet, all else become unimportant. Yet, the truth is, each of our actions has consequences. Those consequences can come back to have an impact on us. But, too often those consequences damage someone else. When that happens, can we justify what we have done in light of what Christ taught us?

Have you ever been the victim of gossip? Have you ever been stung by someone's criticism? Have you ever had your motives miss-judged? Has someone ever turned their back on you because of who they assumed you are? It can be devastating to be so treated. We need to ask *'have I been guilty of the same things?'* There is no need for any of us to be on either side of this equation. We have a guide book that outlines the path Christ wants us to follow. Why is it so hard to incorporate these rules of life into our everyday actions? Could it be that in spite of all we have learned that we still want to be in control.

As we go through the next few months of bidding Pastor Dave and his family farewell and opening our doors to a new pastor, I pray that we may each consider where we are, what we do and how our acts affect others.

For one, I intend to begin a study in depth of my spiritual life, how I am living, how what I do may impact others and how it may affect my eternal salvation. How about you?



Senior & Junior High

THANK YOU to all of the wonderful people that supported the Auction on March 20. The funds will help many Children and Youth attend camp this summer. What a wonderful way to support SVUMC's Children & Youth Ministries. All of the Children and Youth say **THANK YOU!** *Big hoorays to Nancy Larson, Jenny Hoene and Jennie Tulodziecki for all of their hard work!*



You must bring your completed Camp Registration Form and deposit on Sunday, April 18th. If you are requesting a scholarship for CONVO, registrations should have been turned in to Kyra by the end of March! This is the only day you can submit information for a Camp or CONVO Scholarship. You may turn them in after first service in the Welcome Center or after second service on the second floor across from the elevator.



SVUMC's Mahan Memorial Scholarship forms are available. They must be completed and turned in to the church office no later than April 23rd.

TEEN CHOIR will be singing on Sunday April 18!



Be sure to save the date, **Bloomsday 2010** will be on Sunday morning May 2nd. Time for the Youth and adult volunteers to do the water stations! We will be leaving the church at 5:30 a.m.

2010 is coming up in May over Memorial Day Weekend at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. All registrations should have been turned in to Kyra by the end of March! Look at the column to the left for scholarship information. Craig & Tracey Partridge will be the chaperones this year.

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April Schedule:

04/04 **Easter Sunday!**
Sunday School for Junior & Senior High @ 9:00 a.m.

NO YOUTH GROUP!

04/07 DEEPER @ 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Teen Choir @ 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

04/11 Sunday School for Junior & Senior High @ 9:00 a.m.
UMY at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

04/14 DEEPER @ 5:30 p.m.
Teen Choir @ 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

04/18 Sunday School for Junior & Senior High @ 9:00 a.m.
UMY at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

04/21 DEEPER @ 5:30 p.m.
Teen Choir @ 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

04/25 Sunday School for Junior & Senior High @ 9:00 a.m.
UMY at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

04/28 DEEPER @ 5:30 p.m.
Teen Choir @ 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Children's Sunday School

Thank You...

to all who helped make the Fudge Easter Eggs and supported the Children's Ministry with your orders. The children did a wonderful job selling.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryleigh Skiles for being the top seller!

Camp Registration April 18th One Day Only..... After both services!

You must bring your child's **registration form & deposit** to the church Welcome Center after worship on this day in order to be considered for a camp scholarship. Pick up your registration form in the Welcome Center. With the purpose of drawing children & youth to a closer relationship with Christ, the Nurture & Education Team of Spokane Valley United Methodist Church has set for the following policies for the distributions of camp and/or youth Convocation scholarships:

1. Active children are those who participate in 50% of children's programming from September to June. These children will be able to apply for a full Residential Camp or a Day Camp Scholarship.

2. Active Youth are those who participate in 70% of Youth programming from September to June. These youth will be able to apply for a full Residential Camp or a CONVO scholarship.

a. Full scholarships for active children & Youth may be up to full costs minus camping deposit.

3. Active children or Youth (described above) can apply for extra help in paying

their camp tuition, including deposit. The rules are as follows:

a. Up to five extra scholarships can be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

b. Recipients of these scholarships must complete 20 hours of volunteer service as coordinated by the relevant children and/or Youth staff member to be completed before the day of the event.

4. Partially active or non-active children, Youth, and/or friends who do not participate may receive a ½ scholarship, less the deposit only the first year they apply.

5. Special circumstances may be brought before the Nurture & Education Team for consideration.

Spend Your Bible Bucks.....We are having our Bible Buck Sunday, **April 25th**, from 10:20 a.m. -10:40 a.m. The children can redeem their Bible Bucks upstairs across from the elevator. Marlene McCoy will be by the glass case where the prizes are on display.

Teacher Appreciation....

The Nurture and Education would like to honor all those who have helped all of our Children, Youth and Adults grow in Christ. We are making a donation in your names to UMCOR.

Looking to Lend a Hand...

The free lunch Sunday is looking for some helpers to serve and clean up. What a great opportunity to work with your children side by side to help feed those in need. If you are interested please see Stephanie Fisher to sign up.

April Schedule

<p>4/01 7:15 p.m. Nursery 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>4/11 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nursery 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Kids Zone</p>	<p>4/25 Teacher Appreciation 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nursery 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Kids Zone 10:20-10:40 a.m. Bible Bucks</p>
<p>4/02 7:15 p.m. Nursery 7:30 p.m. Good Friday</p>	<p>4/18 Camp Registration One Day Only 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nursery 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Kids Zone</p>	
<p>4/04 Happy Easter!!! 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nursery 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Kids Zone</p>		



COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SVUMC Coordinating Council Excerpts from Feb. Minutes

Those attending were Wey Simpson, Stephanie Fisher, Caron Glotzbach, Jerry Larson, Allen Sehestedt, Kyra Straub, Pastor Dave Johnson and Mary Jane Waters.

Wey Simpson served as interim chair.

The Council went over the church calendar through June making additions, subtractions and changes.

Wey asked the Ministry Teams to report on their activities.

Congregational Care has invited the leaders of each of the weekly usher and greeter teams to meet with them and discuss making sure that new ushers and greeters are aware of the guidelines of these services. A workshop is also being discussed for all ushers and greeters in an effort to energize those who take part in these services. The team has also had refrigerator magnets made giving the location of the church and times of worship services, they are being given to visitors and new members. Members may also purchase them for their own refrigerator.

Kyra Straub noted the Sweetheart's Dinner was scheduled for 21 Feb.

Finance Chair Allen Sehestedt reported the church year ended in a positive financial position. At the end of January the general fund had a positive balance of \$6,027. The Finance Team is also studying the possibility of making it possible to give through Electronic Fund Transfers.

Jerry Larson of Physical Resources said that the west wall to the Fellowship Center had been replaced and new toilets had been installed in men's and lady's restrooms.

Children's Program Coordinator Stephanie Fisher said there was need for teachers for the 9 a.m. Sunday School, as classes need to be divided. Orders for the fudge eggs will be taken beginning 21 Feb.

The Vision Team is working to complete the Mission Field Assessment requested by the Conference, according to team chair Caron Glotzbach.

Pastor Dave said the Nominations Committee is working of

filling the leadership positions for Staff Parish and the Coordinating Council. He also read from a letter from the Bishop in which he expects churches to:

- 10% net increase in attendance
- 5% net increase in professions of faith
- 2 new outreach or evangelism programs to neighborhood or community.
- 100% payment of Apportionments.

The Council took part in a follow-up exercise in when each member chose five areas in the church was doing its job well, the choices to be in order of ranking. The top five were

- Provides Compelling Worship
- Provides a chance to grow with others
- Helps to develop a personal relationship with Christ
- Provides strong programs for children
- Helps me understand the Bible in depth.

While the results of the exercise did not mirror the one done previously on the question what do we need most, there was a strong correlation between the two responses. The Vision Team will assess the results of the two exercises as a guide to future programs and projects.

It was reported that in recent special offerings, \$1,761 went to Haiti relief, \$252 for the Souper Bowl, \$200 to Interfaith and \$125 to Valley Partners.

A discussion was held on the "Passionate Worship" chapter of Bishop Robert Schnase's book "Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation." Wey asked each team to consider where their mission field could help enhance our worship experience.

The question was also asked, "What can we do to energize the Sanctuary Update.

**Due to newsletter deadlines, these minutes will always be one month behind.



Two vacancies that have existed for ministry team leaders have been filled.

Stephen Gerth has accepted the appointment and has been approved by the Coordinating Council to serve as the lead for Staff-Parish Relations. Carol Hickman will assume the lead for the Coordinating Council. We now have a full slate of leaders for our ministry teams. Lay Leader Wey Simpson said he welcomed them to the leadership team and thanked them for their willingness to serve Spokane Valley as together we strive to do God's work.

Rocks and Ripples—Inland District Leader Training and Inspiration

April 17th 2010
2:30pm - 7:00pm
Spokane Valley UMC
\$15.00 (with or without meal)
\$20.00 at the door

Come hear **Bishop Grant Hagiya** speak on "**Adaptive Leadership**"
Take part in one of the many Workshops offered such as:

Disciple-Making 101 office to reserve your place today!
Vital Roles of S/P-PRC
ERT for Local Disasters
Discipleship through Faith
Advocacy...and many more. Sign up in the Church

Exercise daily – walk with the Lord

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Camp Registration Day April 18th 2010

Following each service in the Welcome Center

You must bring your child's **registration form & a \$50.00 deposit** to the church on this day only in order to be considered for a camp scholarship. With the purpose of drawing children & youth to a closer relationship with Christ, the Nurture & Education committee of Spokane Valley United Methodist Church has set forth the following policies for the distributions of camp and/or CONVO scholarships

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2. Active youth are those who participate in 70% of youth programming from September to June. These youth will be able to apply for a full Residential Camp or a CONVO scholarship.
 - A. Full scholarships for active children & youth may be up to the full cost of the tier 1 price minus the \$50.00 camping deposit. Remember if you choose the tier 2 or 3 price on your registration form you will be responsible for the difference.
3. Active children or youth (described above) can apply for extra help in paying their camp tuition, including deposit. The rules are as follows:
 - a. Up to five extra scholarships can be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
 - b. Recipients of these scholarships must complete 20 hours of volunteer service as coordinated by the relevant children and/or youth staff member to be completed before the day of the event.
4. Partially active or non-active children, youth, and/or friends who do not participate may receive a ½ scholarship, less the deposit only the first year they apply.
5. Special circumstances may be brought before the Nurture & Education committee for consideration.

If you are a returning camper you should receive a brochure and registration form with prices from PNW. They are also available in the church office. **Please note: Twinlow Day Camp Registration Forms are different than the PNW Residential Camp Registration Forms.** If you want to use your scholarship for CONVO let Betti Gieser or Kyra Straub know when you turn in your CONVO registration form.

UNITED METHODIST WOMENS INFORMATION

April 22nd Executive Board Meeting in the Fireplace Room at 9:00am

Circle Meetings:

April 12th ESTHER Circle in the Fireplace Room @ 12:30pm
April 12th REBEKAH Circle @ Jessie Morris/Pat West @ 11am
April 20th PRISCILLA Circle—Circle @ Ruth Murray @ 11:30am
April 21st MARY Circle—in Fireplace Room @ 5:30pm
April 21st RACHEL Circle in Fireplace Room @ 12 noon

UMW READING PROGRAM

“Who Stole My Church: What to do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century” by Gordon Mac Donald

Rev. MacDonald gathers a small group of church members to discuss issues brewing beneath the surface of their congregation. This book is a fictional story that reflects the all too real situation in many church communities today. The book discusses how a church with traditional vs. contemporary congregations within one church can work through their problems successfully. Both parties must sit down face to face and discuss the issues and spiritually compromise through give and take for a successful outcome.



SPECIAL EVENTS:

April 26th Bible Study @ 9am in
The Fireplace Room.

April 29—May 2
UMW Assembly in St. Louis

Looking Ahead....

Coming In Worship – April 2010

April 11, 2010

**Energy: The Exodus Journey - Part 1: Feel the Burn
Exodus 3:1-14**

Moses—he could claim a somewhat dysfunctional start to life; he made some unwise decisions in his young years; and in midlife he used every argument he could think of to counter God's request to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. Yet God stuck by his desire to use this imperfect individual for a major task at hand. God may be calling you at a time when you feel unworthy or incapable or totally lacking in the skills to be in relationship with him or to accomplish the task to which he's calling you. But with the great I AM standing with you, the past is written off and you're headed for a life of home and of purpose—a life where feeling the burn feels so good.

April 18, 2010

**Energy: The Exodus Journey – Part 2: Feel the Power
Exodus 4:29-5:1, 6:1-8**

The hardened heart of Pharaoh was responsible for putting the people of Egypt through ten devastating plagues as he resisted letting the Israelites leave their place of slavery. Are you allowing plague after self-inflicted plague to come upon your life by choosing to continually challenge or reject God's plan? Is it possible that your stubbornness and

rebellion and hard heart might keep you from realizing God's amazing grace? If a sinful, human heart doesn't respond by humble faith to God's Word, it cannot be transformed by God's grace. Coming to God on his terms means starting to live the kind of good life God desires for you.

April 25, 2010

**Energy: The Exodus Journey – Part 3: Feel the Rush
Exodus 14:1-13**

Attitudes of fear, sarcasm, and imagining worst case scenarios—all can be the response when we feel our backs against the proverbial wall. It was so for the Israelites as they found themselves up against the Red Sea with the Egyptians bearing down with the intent to re-enslave them. For us, in coping with the circumstances of medical concerns, vocational concerns, relational concerns, or whatever, we need to follow the biblical mandate of staying focused, standing firm and expecting God to help. These disciplines set you up for forward movement in your faith walk. As God honors that faith, you find that with each succeeding back-to-the-wall experience, you are more confident in leaning into him, God parted the waters for the Israelites and he desires to do the same for you.

We Celebrate:

- Susan & Ricky Lehman and team for our Rummage Sale for Haiti—\$331.00.
- Ricky Lehman—Receiving his Boy Scout Eagle Award
- One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering—\$755.00
- Nancy Larson, Jennie Tulodziki and the auction team helping raise \$5300.00 for children & youth.
- Brenda Danner & Craig Partridge for hosting our Upward Volunteer Luncheon on March 21st.
- Heidi Reynen and all who made Palm Sunday a heart-felt experience of worship.
- Carol Hickman our new Coordinating Council Team Leader.
- Stephen Gerth our new Staff-Parish Relations Team Leader.
- Kay Fischer for coordinating the Inland District Lay Speaker Worship Training on March 13th & 27th.
- Brian White and the Twinlow Camp Board for hosting the Camp Representative Luncheon in our Chapel on March 20th.

Magnets

Members of the Congregational team are selling magnets of the church for only \$1.00. Look for Brenda Anderson, Bea Wilson, Mary Jane Waters, Sherri Robinson, Carol & Richard Wallace, Nancy Moore, or Jim Picken and get yours today. The magnets are also being shared with our church visitors.

Another memorable Auction!

Our 19th annual Auction "Twinlow Building on the Memories" was indeed blessed by God once again this year. We were able to raise over fifty-five hundred dollars. I want to thank everyone who gave of their time, those who gave generous donations and those who came out to bid on our great items making this event a success. It takes a committee to put on a program of this size. You know who you are and I say THANK YOU Nancy Larson Chair

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
 9:00 Adult Bible Study - Fireplace Rm
 9:00 Sr. High Sunday School - Rm 109
 9:00 Jr. High Sunday School - Rm 114
 9:00 Kids' Zone - Rm 210
 10:15 Fellowship Time - Rm 115
 10:30 Adult Bible Study - Fireplace Room
 10:30 Senior Christian Singles - Rm 201
 11:00 Sunday Celebration - Chapel
 11:00 Kids' Zone - Rm 211
 6:00 - 7:30 pm Youth Group - Rm 125 *See Dates on Youth Page & Calendar

Spokane Valley UMC's Mahan Memorial Scholarship 2010 Academic Year... This scholarship is available to students attending school during the 2010-2011 academic year. Scholarships will be for a minimum amount each of \$800.00. **Applications are available in the church office.** Applications must be received in the church office by April 23, 2010.

I know I'm comfortable
 With the Idea of god
 With the Idea of religion
 in Sunday school I learned
 about god and religion
 in media I learned
 about god and religion.

There was Jesus.
 There was God.
 There was Satan.
 And there was an angel with
 wings

But even with all of this knowledge
 With all of these believers
 It's hard to believe
 I want to believe
 I long to believe
 And sometimes I do.
 But as much as I try
 To fully believe
 I can't

So why am I that way?



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| | 4/12 Pam Overbeck |
| | 4/13 Susan Prince, Carissa Peden Long |
| | 4/14 Edwin Brown |
| 4/2 Ali Norris | 4/15 Michael Mackin, Austin Jamison |
| 4/3 Pat Porter | 4/16 Betty Taylor |
| 4/4 Barbara Brewster, John Duffey | 4/18 Ruth Reynen |
| 4/6 Mindy Hall, Robin Cole | 4/19 Donald Gump, Jennifer Mills
Isaiah Colgrove |
| 4/7 Eva Burma, Georgie Batton
Florence Husa | 4/24 Zachary Harvey |
| 4/8 Dorothy Wigen, Jim Freeman.
Kaylee Mc Leslie | 4/26 Bud Cain |
| 4/9 Bradley Pope, Emily Getz | 4/27 Phyllis Novich |
| 4/11 Gerald Bafus | 4/30 Kelli Gieser |



4/3 Carol & Bob Hickman

4/9 Jean & Wey Simpson

4/20 Susan & Patrick
Schrader

4/6 Mary & Leland Miller

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Bob Dale: Custodian
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Kyra Straub: Youth Ministry
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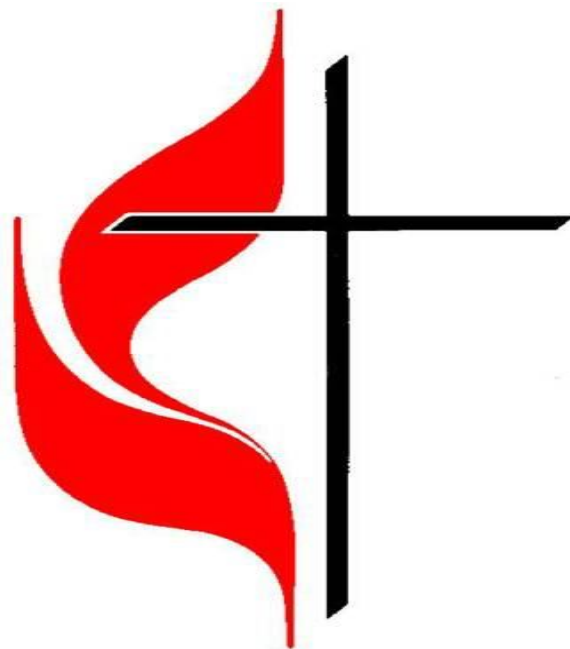
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Memory Verse

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:18