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MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS SENT

Sid Olson, Bookkeeper

Giving statements have recently been sent to all who have pledged for 2008 and have contributed at least \$50 to date, with actual giving shown through June 30th. Statements have also been sent to all who have not pledged but who have contributed \$50 or more through the first half of the year. Please take a look at where you stand in regard to your contributions to date.

For pledgers, we have balanced your contributions between the operating and capital accounts for those who pledged to both. If contributors overpaid their operating pledge and underpaid their capital pledge, the excess amount was transferred to satisfy the capital pledge and vice versa. However, when there is an excess in both pledge areas, the excess amount was ascribed to the operating budget. If your wishes are otherwise please let our bookkeeper, **Sid Olson**, know.

Thanks as always for your generous support.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Brooke Johnson and Mark Boyd

We are excited to offer Vacation Bible School this summer:

August 3rd, 10th, 17th, and at the All-Church Retreat,
August 22nd through 24th, at Pilgrim Firs.

Leave your children after the 10 a.m. service and come back to pick them up at 12:30 p.m. Or stay with us and join in on the fun! All children are welcome (but kids under six should bring an adult).

Become a member of a tribe of Israel at the "Jerusalem Marketplace." Explore the culture and traditions of Jerusalem of Jesus' time through arts and crafts, games, and food. Each week, we'll put a different gospel lesson in context, so come as often as you can, but don't stay away if you have to miss

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Summer Worship Services

July 27

10:00 AM.

"Pictures of God's Realm"

TEXTS:

Genesis 29:15-28 • Psalm
105:1-11, 45b • Romans 8:26-
39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Family Style Worship

- ⊕ Linnaea Arnett, piano
- ⊕ Herb Jones, vocals

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service ~ Prayer

August 3

10:00 AM.

"Table of Plenty"

TEXTS:

Genesis 32:22-31 • Psalm 17:1-7
• Romans 9:1-5
• Matthew 14:13-21

- ⊕ Communion
- ⊕ Food Bank/Other Bank
Sunday

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service ~ Labyrinth



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALL-CHURCH RETREAT is August 22, 23, 24 at Pilgrim Firs. Our

theme is "Handle with Care". We will explore how we care for the earth, our communities and our selves. Plenty of fun and sun for all ages. Pick up a brochure in the narthex or see **Mark Boyd**. Scholarships are available.

GET IN ON THE ACTION! TAKE A TURN AT THE CAMP QUIXOTE HOST TABLE. Call **Janna Anderson** at 413-0129 or from our website, www.theunitedchurches.org, scroll down to Camp Quixote Host Table Calendar, find an open slot, and send an e-mail to TUCOcamp@gmail.com with your shift. You'll be glad you did!

YOUTH NEWS

Senior Highs gather August 3rd, 17th, & 31st. Mark your calendars as we will be planning trips and adventures. On August 17th we head for the Olympics. Be sure to join us this summer for food, fun and faith.

Middlers have changed the Wild Waves date to August 9th. Also mark your calendar for August 12th, and August 26th when we are playing Laser Tag.

Middlers continue to serve at the Salvation Army kitchen on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We help

out by serving food, cleaning tables, washing and bussing dishes, as well as eating great food.

SUMMER CAMPS ABOUND

Because we are a Federated church, UCC & Presbyterian, we have twice the options for summer camps. There are camps at Sound View and Buck Creek, as well as Pilgrim Firs and N-SID-SEN, for all ages.

Family Camp is July 27th through August 2nd at N-Sid-Sen. See **Mark Boyd** for details on this and other summer camps. Camperships (scholarships) are available as needed.

STILL ONLY 2¢

Carolyn Lehman,

Mission, Peace & Justice Ministry

The MPJ Ministry is reviving the **2¢-A-Meal Program** to help the hungry of our area and the world. To do this we encourage those who are arranging meals here in our church to have our large glass jar available for us to put our change. It will accumulate and be used for hunger needs.

We encourage you at home to do the same and see how the pennies accumulate and you can share with others. Everyone can help the "Hungry"....a penny at a time.



THANK YOU, MUSIC LOVERS!

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Generous contributors at the Dixieland service gave \$676 toward the Greater Olympia Jazz Society music scholarship.

Patrons of the Music and Arts Event Series contributed \$984 at the Charlie Albright concert on June 26.

Thank you, music lovers!



Vacation Bible School

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a week or two.

Help us plan by registering your children after service on July 27th. Or e-mail Brooke at Pascalwills@aol.com. Also please contact me if you would like to help out, by volunteering your time or your Jerusalem memorabilia. We are also in need of a pop-up canopy or two.

EVENTS AT CHURCH Thursday, July 24 - Saturday, August 9

Thursday <u>July 24</u>	Sunday <u>July 27</u>	Monday <u>July 28</u>	Tuesday <u>July 29</u>	Wednesday <u>July 30</u>	Thursday <u>July 31</u>	Friday <u>August 1</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday July 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday July 26</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Musicians rehearse</p> <p>10:00 Family Style Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship Fireside Room</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Camp Quixote steering committee, Social Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel ~ Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Planet Percussion, Rm #106</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Room #106</p> <p>5:30 TUCO Band, Sanctuary <i>New Instrumentalists Welcome!</i></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>6:00 p.m. VOICE Articles due</p> </div> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Planning, Room #106</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Camp Quixote Steering Committee, Fireside Room</p> <p>7-9:00 p.m. Drum Fun, Room #106</p>	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>ONGOING EVENTS <i>All Are Welcome!</i></p> </div>	<p>5:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk, Social Hall</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday August 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday August 9</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday August 3</p> <p>COMMUNION FOOD BANK/ OTHER BANK</p> <p>10:00 Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Fireside</p> <p>11:00 Vacation Bible School, Social Hall</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Senior Highs, Social Hall</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Camp Quixote steering committee, Social Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel ~ Labyrinth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday August 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Planet Percussion, Room #7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday August 5</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Panorama communion and Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Room #106</p> <p>5:30 TUCO Band, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Congregational Life Ministry, Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Administration Ministry, Library</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry, Room #106</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday August 6</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Planning</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Christian Education Ministry, #106</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Camp Quixote Steering Committee, Fireside Room</p> <p>7-9:00 p.m. Drum Fun, #106</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday August 7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Mission, Peace & Justice Ministry, Library</p> <p>7:00 p.m. TNSCC Theology of Natural Sciences and the Continuing Creation Ministry, Chapel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday August 8</p>
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>PICK-UP CHOIR, August 10</p> <p>ALL - CHURCH RETREAT, August 22-24 at Pilgrim Firs.</p>						



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JUST WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

Karen Eitrem, Stewardship

Each year our church contributes to the operating and administration costs of our two denominations. Known as *per capita* costs, the amount is determined by the number of declared members of each denomination. This year the cost is \$30 per member.

The U.C.C. funds are sent to the Pacific Northwest Conference to help support retired pastors in the Conference and conference activities. Presbyterian funds are used by the Presbytery of Olympia and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for administrative costs and missions.

As is our tradition, we ask that if you are able you consider paying your own *per capita* costs. As of the middle of July, Sid reports that we are at about 43% of our budgeted amount of \$5000. By paying your own *per capita* costs, you are helping keep our Mission, Peace and Justice Ministry budget healthy and focused on missions. Please return your *per capita* gift during the month of July.

Warm thanks to all of you who have already made your *per capita* contribution, and thanks to all for your faithful and generous stewardship and support!

PRAYERS FOR

- ✦ **Anne Fritzel** on the death of her mother.
- ✦ **Gordon Corin**, St. Peter Hospital, hip replacement surgery on the 18th.
- ✦ **Mary Webster**, Panorama C&R, comfort care.
- ✦ **Mrs. Son, Kim Jung's** mother, on hospice care.
- ✦ **Dorothy Blanchard**, now at Roo-Lan.
- ✦ **Billie-Gwen Russell** and her mother who lives in Grand Junction, Colorado, now under hospice care. Also for Kirk and Billie-Gwen's daughter Nellie.
- ✦ **Susan Thomas**, at home on hospice.
- ✦ **Margaret Lundberg**, healing from knee surgery.

