

The Tidings

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From Emily Urfirer, Student Intern

Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA) is a special school that I am extremely proud to attend. Not only do I love the freedom it gives me, the responsibilities I have, and the art, but I am thankful for the large community aspect of my school. Our four mottos at SOTA are: Empathy, Thinking, Balance, and Community. I have always been encouraged not only to do well in school, but to get involved in my community doing volunteer work, getting a part time job, be a student teacher in one of our classrooms, interning, or traveling. At SOTA, the month of January is quite unlike that of any other school. We spend a month either taking a mini-term class, traveling to do service in a different area or country, or doing an internship. For the past couple years I have chosen to do an internship, as I had so many different ideas of what I want to do with my life, and no other ways to explore them as a high school student. This year I chose to intern with Pastor Jim Head-Carliss at Gig Harbor United Methodist Church (GHUMC).



I grew up going to GHUMC, but really started to get involved in the 8th Grade. I joined youth group, started going to retreats, and began my ever-growing relationship with God. Later I joined Tacoma United Methodist Youth (TUMY) team, and did a short internship with our former youth leader.

As I was thinking about what kind of career I am interested in, it occurred to me that I loved doing things for God! I loved the feeling of church and people who worked in ministry. I also loved reading the Bible, analyzing things and discussing them, problem solving, talking to people, and having a busy lifestyle. I realized that I would probably love working in ministry, so this is what brought me to this internship at Gig Harbor.

Although my internship only lasts 3 weeks, I have already learned so much about what it takes to be a pastor. I have experienced a wide variety of responsibilities such as district meetings, church meetings, creating the bulletin every week, writing sermons and prayers, as well as improving "people skills" and being a teacher. It seems that

the more I learn, the more I see how nicely my skills fit with the skills of a religious worker. This fact makes me absolutely certain that God is calling me to some kind of leadership ministry someday. One thing I have realized through my internship is that there are so many different ways to serve God, some I hadn't even heard of. It just goes to show that there is something for everyone in ministry and the church. I might not be a pastor someday, but there

are tons of other options for me. I just have to keep my ears and eyes open and see what happens!

So lastly, Thanks to everyone who has let me invade your meetings, D-Groups, parties, and other church functions. It is a pleasure to meet you all and work with everyone!

-Emily Urfirer



A Fresh New Taste

Lent is much more important and can take you much farther than your bellybutton, your favorite socks, or the dryer clean-out screen. The church season of Lent isn't fuzzy or soft. For Christians, Lent is spiritual spring training, a time to align your everyday life with your deepest and most heart-felt commitments.

Through prayer, self-denial, and over-the-top, generous financial giving Lent is an ancient season of turning your life around and getting yourself on track.

Originally 40 days long from Ash Wednesday (February 22nd this year) until the day before Easter called Holy Saturday (April 7th), not including Sundays, Lent is named after the Anglo Saxon word *lencten* which means long. It refers to the lengthening of daylight during the spring season in which Lent is practiced. Each spring, daring Christians commit to practice 40 days of prayer, selflessness, and generosity in order to shape their lives to be more like Jesus who lived 40 days alone in the wilderness, facing his own struggles and temptations in order to lay down his life and begin his public ministry.

This year I'd like to challenge you to make a tithe of your life. Lent is roughly a tenth of the year in length. Commit to join me during this holy season to live the following practices, one each week...

If you had only one message for your closest family and friends that you could leave behind when you die, what would that message be? Write it out in 25 words or less on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd).

Look at the message every day during Lent. Live that message this week!

If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or not, which side would get your money?

Live this week as if there is a God. Live this week as if your life is the only proof that someone else will have to make their decision. Make a real difference for someone else this week.

When you look at your face in the mirror each day, ask yourself what is it that you most like about yourself? What is it that you most want to change? This week, show off one good thing about yourself every day. And, dare to change one thing that isn't really who you want to be.

Is there any person in the world or any cause for which you would be willing to die? Do something outrageous to give yourself completely to this person and for this cause this week.

If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it? Do that this week.

These practices are a kind of tithe of your time, energy, effort, and relationships. If you don't already give God a tithe of your financial resources, then join me during the season of Lent to step-out in faith financially, too. Try calculating one tenth of your income for the season of Lent (about 1.5 months). Then give your tithe to the church. It'll change the way you look at money. It'll change your life. This is a simple way of aligning your heart and your resources. Jesus said it this way, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

However you practice Lent this year, do join me to practice it. It's just 40 days, short enough that you can do it but long enough to turn your heart and your life around. It is hard work but I promise you it's worth it. You are worth it.

Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us, a time to let the events get up and walk around in us, a time to intensify our living unto Christ, a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts, a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his word, a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us, a time to ponder and a time to wonder. Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

Ann Weems from Kneeling in Jerusalem



One of Your Partners Along the Way,

Pastor Jim

Worship in February and March 2012

Join us for worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Read the scriptures ahead of time. Pray for God to open your heart and mind and to give you the grace to change your life. Then, join us for worship as we learn to change the world around us and touch others with God's gift of love!

Are You a Fan or a Follower of Jesus?

February 5 th	Loving Jesus More than the Rule	Matt 23:1-11 and 23-28
February 12 th	Rely on the Spirit and Let Go of Yourself	Romans 8:9-17
February 19 th	Going All the Way with Jesus	Matt 7:21-29
February 22 nd	Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 PM	

Prepare Your Heart for Lent - Burning Palms and Placing Ashes on Foreheads

Living a Godly Life!

February 26 th	Putting It All Together: Time; Relationships Money and God	Matt 6:16-26
March 4 th	Time: Do the Most Important Things First	Luke 10:38-43
March 11 th	Relationships: Love Like There's No Tomorrow	1 Cor 13:1-13
March 18 th	Money: Put Your Treasure Where Your Heart Is	2 Cor 8:1-12 Mark 12:41-44
March 25 th	God: Who's On the Throne of Your Life?	Heb 10:22-25 Joel 2:12-13 Luke 10:25-27

“Equipping Excellent Leaders for Ministry”

Register online for the Seattle Tacoma Districts

Training Day, February 11, 2012!

Where: Puyallup United Methodist Church

Cost: \$12 per person

Online registration only!

Go to www.pnwumc.org/seatac to register.

The site provides all the pertinent information about the Training Day: workshops, lunch preferences, childcare and more.

Call the GHUMC at 253-851-2625 if you are unable to register on-line.

REGISTRATION CLOSSES FEBRUARY 3rd!



TACO FIESTA

February 26

11:30AM

The Congregational Care Team is hosting a taco luncheon after the second service. The luncheon is a fundraiser for the CCT to support on-going ministries within the church community including the Parish Nurse program and the pastor's discretionary fund. Come have a delicious taco meal with dessert and beverage. Suggested Donation \$3.00 for dos (2) tacos.

Young at Heart Luncheon

The February Young at Heart Luncheon will be held Monday, Feb 27 at noon. All are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and lunch. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Please bring your own table service. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office to register at 253-851-2625

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Group, Sund Room Meeting, Library up, Head's home el Choir Practice und Room</p>	<p>2 4pm Pieces of Love Quilters, Fellowship Hall <i>8-9pm A.A., Sund Room</i></p>	<p>3 9am Friends of the Trustees</p>	<p>4 <i>8-9am Professional Peer Support (closed), Library</i></p>
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Remember When...?

Who remembers the dedication ceremony of our present building? The church historian would like a "First Person" account of what they experienced that rainy day. History is not just facts, it is human relationships to the factual events.



We have many photos without identification of people. Here are some youth at the old church. Do you recognize any of them? Please contact me if you have a story to tell or you can identify anyone in this photo.

Lee Greenawalt (253-514-8393 or lgreenawalt@msn.com)

United Methodist Women

Creating Disciples and Transforming the World



The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

United Methodist Women got off to a busy start in the New Year. On January 3rd the officers and coordinators met at the home of Flora Gillette for the 2012 Program Planning Meeting. After the morning business meeting, a potluck lunch was shared. Vice President Laurie Winter then facilitated the scheduling of events for the 2012 UMW calendar.

The new calendar reflects the emphasis on creating disciples and transforming the world. Guest speakers from the United Methodist-supported missions, Tacoma Community House and Youthville will be hosted this year. Two special spiritual growth programs will be held: the Prayer and Self-Denial Service and the World Thank Offering. UMW also looks forward to inviting Youth Director Miri Sampson to speak about collaborating with youth. Special events such as the Rhododendron Luncheon, June Picnic and December Giving Party were also scheduled.

UMW will begin the year with a pledge service led by Nancy Elwood.. Members will have the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of mission and giving, and offer their pledges for the year. The original pledge service was cancelled due to the storm -- the new date and time to be determined.

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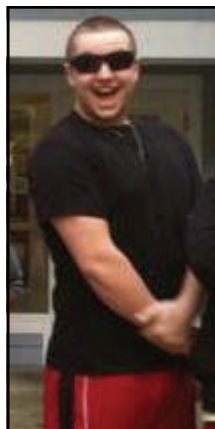
Hello Friends!

I hope you are doing well and that you enjoyed/ managed the crazy snow storms. Neil (my husband, the Southern California native) was absolutely shocked by the amount of snow. Watson, our puppy loves the snow and is just too cute for words frolicking around in it. That is all that is new with us, but there are lots of new and exciting things happening in Youth Ministry here at our church!

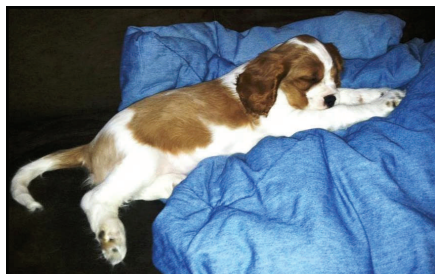
We are in the midst of lots of planning. We are planning spring retreats, summer camp, a summer mission trip, local service opportunities, "lock-ins" and discipleship groups. If any of these things interest you, please feel free to contact me and we can get you plugged in!

A very exciting new thing in the life of Youth Ministry is our wonderful intern! Mickey Martin will be interning with me for 10 weeks as part of a class he is taking at TCC. I am thrilled about this opportunity to partner in ministry with Mickey. He has shown great leadership and commitment to the mission of our church and I am thrilled he has asked to do his internship here with us!

Blessings to you!
Miri



Mickey Martin—you see him on Sundays in the Penitent Band



Watson—puppy love!

Celebrations In February

Happy Birthday



- 1 BONNIE SCHROEDER
- 2 BO GREENFIELD
- 2 MILTON DAVIS
- 4 JENNIFER BEYERS
- 6 MARILYN HENRICKSON
- 6 VERONICA LINKE
- 8 BOB KOEHNKE JR.
- 10 DARRELL MEDCALF
- 10 CHRIS ALESHIRE
- 11 KJELENE MARTIN
- 11 MERYL MARTIN
- 11 JOAN SCHAEFFER
- 14 HILARY MOSICH
- 15 ALEX FORDYCE
- 15 GRETCHEN WILBERT
- 16 RUTH DUTTON
- 16 BETHANY BENNETT
- 19 KELLY MARTIN
- 19 JOHN MOSICH
- 19 DAN STOICAN, JR.
- 20 MAIZIE BICOUVARIS
- 20 JARED DEWALT
- 21 BOB SAXTON
- 22 BARB HARDER
- 22 HANK SANDSTROM
- 23 THOMAS PURBAUGH
- 23 TRICIA JUSTICE
- 24 JAMES MACDONALD
- 25 KATIE SAUL
- 26 JOYCE CADMUS
- 26 LIBBY WITTER
- 27 GENE PEARSON
- 27 TOM GREENFIELD
- 28 LISA ENLOW

Anniversaries

- 8 MATT & SANDI MATTILA
- 12 ED & DEANIE ADAMS
- 14 MARK & LESA LECLAIR
- 14 STEVE & ELAINE ODOM
- 14 SUSAN & JOE LAMBORN
- 16 MARTIN & AMBER SKRIVANICH
- 17 JOHN & CHERI WINDEN
- 20 MATTHEW & KRIS UNDERWOOD



If you do not see your name here but would like us to celebrate with you, please call the office.

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CHURCH OFFICE OPEN: M—F, 9AM—4PM (NOON LUNCH HR)

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:00AM & 10:30AM

9:00am Contemporary Worship with The Penitent Band

10:30am Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir

NURSERY CHILDCARE AVAILABLE 9:00AM & 10:30AM

FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE AT 10:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00AM & 10:30AM

9:00am Godly Players & Godly Explorers (CHILDREN)

9:00am All Things Considered in Light of the Gospel (ADULTS)

10:30am Godly Players & Godly Explorers (CHILDREN)

10:30am Lectionary Bible Study (ADULTS)

SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP WITH MIRI SAMPSON

6:30-8:00pm Mid/Senior High Youth

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Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. Render your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2:12-13