



# The Circuit Rider

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## Christmas Parade

**December 5**

**Meet us at 3:30 to accompany our float**  
**(See page 4 for details)**

## Carol Sing

**December 6**

**4 pm and 6 pm**  
**In Wesley Hall**  
**(see back cover)**



## Prepare The Way

I am waiting for my parents and brother to arrive from Walla Walla for Thanksgiving. It is making me happy to think of their coming. I am “whistling while I work” to get the place ready for them. Yet, sometimes I can get a little frantic about everything being in its place. Last night I finally sat myself down and just rested. Slowly a warmth washed over me, and I was touched by a joyful peace, knowing we would be together soon. I realized that it doesn't so much matter how perfect the house is. What I needed to get ready was my heart-- to prepare myself to feast on their faces, listen carefully to their words and meanings, and to truly treasure the time we would have together.

It made me think about the Season of Advent (that we are entering this week) - a time of anticipating the arrival of the Lord. (It is an interesting waiting period—signifying preparing—in-part for the celebration of our Savior's birth at the manger, and in-part for Christ's second coming, bringing in the fullness of the Kingdom.) The prophet calls out “Prepare the way of the Lord!” Yet, just as getting ready for my family can find me too caught up on outward cleaning, so too, we certainly can get overly caught up in our outward preparations for Christmas—leading us to financial struggles, anxieties, and exhaustion. This is NOT what the season is to mean. Yes, we are to prepare, but this cleaning-out is more about the heart... so we can have a holy space to welcome the Lord into. And just as I needed to do last night, to sit myself down to pause and reflect, so we need to find some quiet time to search within. We are asked to take stock and toss-out that which gets in the way of honest love, deep listening, joyful generosity and delighting in the gifts that others are to our lives.

As I give thanks to God this Thanksgiving, I will endeavor to pay special attention to all the abundance in my life. And that will give me plenty of wonderful ideas on things I can share at Christmas.

You are an amazing group of God's Children!

Thank you for all the support you've given, the millions of rides, and the 1,000's of ways you've helped me and this congregation. Blessed Advent!

*Pastor Ann*

P.S.: WANT A GOOD READ? How about picking up our PUMC Charge Conference Booklet and discover all the exciting and wonderful ministries we are about, and hear from some very amazing brothers and sisters in Christ who are in our midst. (You can find a copy on the long table in the front hall or in the church office.)

“Thanks!” to all who prepared the reports.

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## THANKS

We have just completed another week of hosting families from Phoenix Housing Network. This time we housed 4 families with a total of 17 wonderful people who are all working hard to get back on their feet and on their own again. They are an inspiration.

We had about 39 volunteers throughout the week bringing home cooked dinners, helping with the children, staying overnight, setting out continental breakfasts and helping us set up and clean up. Jill Poleskie and Ann Freeman served as hosts to make sure everything ran smoothly each evening. What a great group of dedicated people! One of the dinners was brought by the Quilting Group. Their turkey dinner was fantastic and I am told they had a good time working together on it. This might be an idea for other groups in the future.

I wish you all could have seen the excitement as our families picked out quilts lovingly made by the Jane Harvey Circle. Smiles all around as they each hugged their very own beautiful quilt!

In the background but every bit as important was Pastor Shirley with room logistics, the office staff, Barbara and Pam, and Cliff, our exceptional custodian.

To all of you: We couldn't have done it without you. God bless each of you for you have shown gracious hospitality and have been a great blessing to those who were our guests.

You might want to mark your calendars now for the next time we host Phoenix Housing families: July 3-10.

*Betty Chamberlain*  
Site Host Coordinator

### What is the Ministries Endowment?

This is our newest endowment that was created when we received a bequest in 2000 not designated for a specific use. The Church Council and Endowment Committee formed a new Endowment Advisory Group that will meet only when a new gift is received and has no specified purpose for its use. The funds are used for any need approved by the Church Council.

The funds are invested in short-term assets of the highest quality and are available when the Church Council calls for funds.

## Youth Led Worship

Thanks to the YOUTH for leading a wonderful Worship Service on Sunday Nov. 22. The message was clear - We are all covered by HIS GRACE! It was so special to see and hear all of those Young People express their Faith each in their own voice. May we all continue to share HIS love with each of them as we grow in our own Faith.

*Ruth Tervol*

### Many Thanks!

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and prayers before, during, and after my surgery. Also, I would like to thank the Care Team for the wonderful meals. A special thank you to Pastor Ann for visiting me. What a caring church family you are.

Blessings,

*Marilyn Sieveke*

### Change of Address

Jim and Ginny Christensen, MDiv  
ginny@ginnyc.net, Cell 253-682-9206  
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### Please Pray For Today's Youth

It is very hard to find jobs. There is hopelessness, being homeless and hard times. Please pray.

#### Say a prayer for...

Bev Dugan (Pat Vincent's former co-worker), and her mother, who is in the end stage of cancer  
Brandon, Dawn Frazer's relative, has H1N1 flu.  
Paul Marston, recovering from surgery  
Tom Quann, fighting cancer  
Jan Anderson in cancer treatment  
Allie Johnson at St. Clare Hospital  
Laura, June Coloff's sister, had kidney transplant  
Kay Smyth, fighting Leukemia  
Marjorie Hansen who has eye problem  
Aaron Henderson, recovering from head injury  
Conner Isom having surgery on his back

## Giving Tree Gifts Due December 6

It is important that the gifts you have purchased for our Giving Tree friends be returned to the Church on or before December 6. Gifts may be returned to the Giving Tree table on Sundays or to the Church office during the week. The gifts must be sorted and distributed to the agencies so that they may, in turn, distribute them to the recipients in a timely manner. If there are any problems with your gift selection or being able to have the gifts in by December 6, please call Betty Warner (848-7546) and she'll be glad to help you.



## Jane Harvey Circle Sharing

Please join us for a special evening. The Jane Harvey Circle will meet on December 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. We will be sharing Christmas traditions, having special snacks and hot apple cider, and bringing special gifts for The Family Renewal Shelter.

Here is a list of items the shelter is in need of and would bless them tremendously. If you have questions please call Ruth Tervol 253-845-8947.

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Laundry Detergent (Liquid HE only)
- Dish Soap
- Tall trash bags
- Dish towels (solid colors)
- Facial Care Sets (cleanser, toner, moisturizer)
- Nicer shampoo/conditioner sets
- Snack bars/boxed juice drinks (for women traveling with kids)
- Tampons (Super size)
- Bath towel sets (white only)
- Blender
- \$25 gift cards from Fred Meyer or Safeway.

If you cannot attend the meeting you may place your gifts in the red tub in the Narthex.

Thank you very much,  
The Jane Harvey Circle Leadership Team

## Unique Boutique Returns

**December 13 during Fellowship Hour**

Shop for handmade gifts from our Puyallup United Methodist artisans.

## Library Christmas Sale

Save on your holiday purchases by shopping at the church library sale during fellowship hour on November 29. Choose from a variety of new books for adults and children and fun stocking stuffers. You will also find used books and miscellaneous gift items. All proceeds go to new purchases for your church library.

## Christmas Parade

**December 5th**

Everyone is welcome to be in the parade. Let's meet on Puyallup's Main Street across from the Sounders Station no later than 3:30 pm. The parade is six blocks long and we sing "Joy to the World" and give out candy canes. The end is at Pioneer Park where we enjoy hot drinks, desserts and watch the lighting of the Christmas Tree. There is room on our float for anyone who cannot walk the parade route. Parking is limited so two thoughts: you can park at the church and carpool or be dropped off and have your driver park near Pioneer Park.

Great way to start the Christmas Season!

## Women's Book Club

Our next get together is December 17th. Join us at the cottage at 7 pm for fellowship and good discussion. We will discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. January selection is *The Dance of the Disident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd. Our meeting for January will be the 28th. We will go back to the last Thursday of the month following the holidays.

Bring a friend to share in our group.

## Children's Pageant

The Children's Sunday School classes are planning something special for December 20 during 9 and 10:30 am worship services.



## Lectionary

**November 29**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

**December 6**

Malaki 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

# November 29—December 12, 2009

Nov. 29 Sunday	Nov. 30 Monday	Dec. 1 Tuesday	Dec. 2 Wednesday	Dec. 3 Thursday	Dec. 4 Friday	Dec. 5 Saturday
<b>First Day of Advent</b> 9 & 10:30 am <b>Communion</b> <b>Worship Services</b> <b>Book Sale</b> 10:30 am <b>Handbells</b> 2 - 4:00 pm <b>Advent Workshop</b> 3:00 pm <b>Spirited Pens</b> Conference rm 4:00 pm <b>Youth Band</b> Sanctuary 6:00 pm <b>Youth Group</b> Wesley Hall	9:00 am <b>Connecting Ministry</b> Ann's Office 10:00 am <b>Staff Meeting</b> 6:45 pm <b>Holy Communion</b> Sanctuary 7:00 pm <b>Disciple I</b> Room 7 7:00 pm <b>Disciple II</b> Cottage	10:00 am <b>Quilters</b> Room 7 11:00 am <b>Yoga</b> Fireside Room 7:00 pm <b>Web Committee</b> Fireside Room 7:00 pm <b>Outreach</b> Room 7 7:00 pm <b>Men's Bible Study</b> Room 3	9:00 am <b>Maintenance Team</b> Fireside Room 9:15 am <b>Lectionary</b> Conference Rm 6:00 pm <b>Music Team</b> Sanctuary 7:00 pm <b>Jane Harvey Circle</b> Fireside Room 7:30 pm <b>High School J.O.Y.</b> @ Trackside Pizza	11:00 am <b>Yoga</b> Fireside Room 6:30 pm <b>Theology at the Pub</b> Milton Tavern 7:30 pm <b>Chancel Choir</b> Sanctuary	7:00 pm <b>Family Movie Night</b> <i>The 4th Wiseman</i> Fireside Room	4:00 pm <b>Christmas Parade</b>
Dec. 6 Sunday	Dec. 7 Monday	Dec. 8 Tuesday	Dec. 9 Wednesday	Dec. 10 Thursday	Dec. 11 Friday	Dec. 12 Saturday
8:00 am <b>Disciple II</b> Room 8 9 & 10:30 am <b>Worship Services</b> 10:30 am <b>Handbells</b> Room 5 4:00 pm <b>Youth Band</b> Sanctuary 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm <b>CAROL SING</b> Wesley Hall	9:00 am <b>Connecting Ministries</b> Ann's Office 10:30 am <b>Staff Meeting</b> 6:45 pm <b>Holy Communion</b> Sanctuary 7:00 pm <b>Disciple I</b> Cottage 7:00 pm <b>Disciple II</b> Conference Rm	11:00 am <b>Yoga</b> Fireside Room 7:00 pm <b>Finance Committee</b> Wesley Hall 7:00 pm <b>Men's Bible Study</b> Room 3	9:15 am <b>Lectionary</b> Conference Rm 12:30 pm <b>Epworth Circle</b> Fireside Room 6:00 pm <b>Music Team</b> Sanctuary 7:00 pm <b>Web Committee</b> Fireside Room	11:00 am <b>Yoga</b> Fireside Room 6:00 pm <b>Youth Band</b> Sanctuary 7:30 pm <b>Chancel Choir</b> Sanctuary	8:00 pm <b>South Sound Classical Choir</b> free concert Sanctuary	8:00 am <b>UMM Breakfast</b> Wesley Hall 9:00 am <b>Confirmation</b> carpool from PUMC 9:30 am Sumner UMC

# Youth News

## November 2009

**DV8 Junior High**  
Sun. Nov. 29, 6pm It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Xmas  
Sun. Dec. 13 6-8pm Youth Group Caroling

### **Confirmation**

Sat. Dec. 12 8:15am carpool from Puyallup UMC, to go to Sumner UMC. Bring your folder, Bible. We will return to Puyallup UMC.

**Se Luz Senior High**  
Sun. Nov. 29 6-8pm It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Xmas  
Wed, Dec. 2 7:30pm J.O.Y. @ Trackside Pizza  
Sun. Dec. 13 6-8pm Youth Group Caroling

### **Band**

Sun. Nov. 29 4pm Youth Band practice  
Thurs. Dec. 3 6pm Youth Band practice  
Sun. Dec. 6 4pm Youth Band practice

## Looking Ahead

Dec. 20 Youth Xmas Party @ Pastor Shirley's  
Dec. 27-30 Sr. High Winter Camp @ Lazy F  
registration forms available @ Youth Booth  
Feb. 6-7 Jr. High Retreat: Be Transformers Not  
Conformers @ Camp Indianola  
registration forms avail. @ Youth Booth  
Feb 26-27 30-Hour Famine  
May 29-31 CONVO: Anatomy of A Christian@ UPS  
Jun 26 - Jul 4 OR Jul 31 - Aug 8 Mission Trip 2010

## **YOUNG ADULTS\***

(ages 18-33 ish)

**Thursday, Dec. 3**

**6:30pm Theology at the Pub**

Join us @ The Milton Tavern, no host eats & beverages  
7320 Pacific Hw E (Hwy 99).

**Dec. 12**

**Christmas Cookie Decorating**

**Baby Shower**

**At the Windsor Home**

**April 16-18 Young Adult Retreat (YAR)**

Hang out for a relaxing and fun weekend at Lazy F Camp.  
Put it on the calendar and count on it.

For evolving calendar and updates through facebook (PUMC  
Young Adults), become a friend of Monte Windsor:

monte@montewindsor.com

For event addresses contact the church office 845-0547

## **Send Christmas Cheer PUMC Military**

### Deployed:

(son of Jim Gisselberg) still in Iraq; he should be home in November for mid-tour R&R leave.

Address: CW2 Adam Bercot  
A Co, 2-227 AV  
Unit #5011  
Camp Taji  
APO AE 09378

Benkert, David (grandson of Kay/Merritt Smyth): getting promoted on Nov 1 to rank of Specialist; is at Ft Lewis, scheduled for deploying to Iraq in December.

(son of Dave/Jean Boyles)

Address: CPT Brian Boyles  
3215 Canterbury St, Apt #12  
Manhattan, KS 66503

(grandson of Freddie Ivy)

Address: PFC Taylor Bradley  
C/Co 73rd Ord Bn  
Ft Gordon, GA 30905

(grandson of Shirley Brown) possible deployment in March to Iraq.

Address: SPC Jason Brown  
517 Layton Lane  
Enterprise, KS 67441

Ryan Estes (son of Wendy Parlari) stationed at Everett Naval Air Station; out at sea for next 9 months, sailed out Sept 8 for the Persian Gulf, but was diverted to assist with Samoa relief efforts.

(cousin of Steve Roberts)

Address: SPC Kyle George  
11003 130th St Ct E  
Puyallup, WA 98374

(son of Jim Gisselberg) returned to Huntingdon, England from deployment to Iraq.

Address: SSGT Leif Gisselberg  
PSC 47 Box 1187  
APO AE 09470

(sons of Dave Kacoroski):

Jared Kacoroski at Ft Benning, GA and could be deploying anytime.

Loren Kacoroski will report to Ft Lewis in December.

### Send Christmas Cheer, cont'd.

Kelly Kindig (grandson of Jean Kindig) is now closer to home; he was re-assigned to Ft Lewis in September. (son of Becky McCord) Baumholder, Germany.

Address: SGT Joe McCord  
A Co, 1-6 IN BN  
CMR 405 Box 4260  
APO AE 09034-4260

(son of Randy/Kitty Peacock)  
Address: SA James Peacock  
320A Dewey Ave  
BEQ 6301  
USS Cole  
Great Lakes, IL 60088

### CHRISTMAS CARDS



Jessica Proffit (daughter of Mary Jane Baska) returned to Ft Lewis from Iraq deployment in early September.

Steve Sequeira (son of Dave/Laura Sequiera) at Camp Pendleton, CA; possible deployment to Afghanistan in April.



### CHRISTMAS Living Nativity

This year's Living Nativity is 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, and Sunday, December 13, at Epworth LeSourd UMC, 710 S. Anderson, Tacoma.

### Poinsettia Orders

Advent and Christmas are right around the corner. It is a tradition here at PUMC to decorate the Church and Sanctuary with beautiful live Poinsettias for this joyous & holy time of year.

Individuals are welcome to give a donation of \$10.00 in honor or memory of friends and/or loved ones which helps cover the cost of the Poinsettias. A list of donors and memorials will be printed in the Christmas bulletins.

Donations will be accepted in Wesley Hall after both services on November 29, December 6 and 13. Order forms will be in the bulletins on those Sundays.

### Poinsettia Form



I am enclosing a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Poinsettias.

Please mark the memo line on your check "Christmas Flowers", made payable to PUMC.

Please print your information:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and 6pm**  
**The Carol Sing**  
**in Wesley Hall**

The music program's Christmas gift to the congregation, the annual Carol Sing, will be held on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> with two showings, at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Tickets are *free* and will be available in Wesley Hall during coffee hours – please help us plan for dessert by picking up tickets for you and your guests. Childcare for little ones 4 years and younger will be provided.

The theme of this year's program is "**Caroling Around the World**" and will feature performances by the men's and women's ensembles, the full Chancel Choir, and the handbell choir of songs from other countries and traditions. There will also be plenty of traditional carols with audience participation, led by the Music Team – something for everyone!

**WE NEED YOUR STORIES!** We would like to feature stories from our congregation who have family heritage from other lands – why, that would be everybody! If you have a strong family tradition that plays out in your house every Christmas, we would love to know it and share it during the Carol Sing. Please contact Amy Wertz or Pat Vincent with your stories, through the church office, or by email at [pbvincent@comcast.net](mailto:pbvincent@comcast.net).

See you all there.

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