

Good Day, Horton Bay

Horton Bay United Methodist Church

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May & June 2011

Sharing the love of God so that all may continually grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Ponderings

How is it with you soul? This is a question that John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement in the 1700's, urged the first groups of "methodists" to be asking each other when they met. What if we revived this question to again become a spiritual practice within our lives together? Asking this question requires spending time listening and getting to know the other person. The question and resulting truthful answers also requires a growing relationship with each other. As we journey toward summer, I invite you to intentionally take time with one or more friends to ask each other this question, compassionately listen to each other, and discuss ways you can help each other's relationship with God grow more intimate.

Asking this question of ourselves is also a spiritual practice which can help us be real about the current state of our true self to ourselves. How would you answer the question? What intentional steps can you take in the coming weeks and months to grow your relationship with God? Consider asking this question on a weekly basis all summer and writing your answers in a journal. At the end of the summer you can then review your spiritual journey, noticing how your relationship with God has grown.

I encourage you to integrate the question, "*How is it with your soul?*" as a spiritual practice into your communal and personal life this spring/summer- watching how God works in you!

Grace,

Pastor Tim

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:30 AM

Children's Church during Worship

Alt Study Sun. at 9:15 AM & Wed. at 7:00

Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black



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The Hicks

We have all been following the many miracles and health issues of the Hicks family, our missionaries in Japan. Mari missed one chemo treatment before Easter because of a low white blood count, but was scheduled to continue after Easter. She will then rest briefly and move on to radiation combined with lower doses of chemo. Her tumor in her neck is nearly gone from all outward appearances. There have been many praises and miracles along the way. Copies of emails are on the bulletin board and we have been forwarding them to those on the prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the update list, please contact Doris Robinson as we will be out of town for most of May and Doris will be forwarding updates. In the last week or so Mari's brother died so their plate has been really full.

Church council has voted to take up a special offering to help the Hicks with some of their extra expenses. At the end of May we will have a bulletin announcement and a basket if you would like to donate. Please make checks out to HBUMC with Hicks in the memo line. Checks could be included with your regular offering as well.

Thank you for your help, Inge Ledahl

SPECIAL CEREMONY MAY 7, 2011

There will be a DEDICATION CEREMONY for the unmarked graves of two Civil War veterans, John Jacko and William Issacs, discovered two years ago in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Robert Finch Camp 14 of the **Sons of Union Veterans** will sponsor the event. Contact Commander Dale Aurand in Traverse City (231)941-1817 for information.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!!!

May Birthdays

- 2 Pat Hayden
- 13 Sandy Johnecheck
- 26 Jeannie Stetz

May Anniversaries

- 21 Tim & Paula Wright
- 22 Dave & Kathy Cadarette

June Birthdays

- 1 Don Anderson
- 2 Jim Ledahl
Ruth Skop
- 17 Tim Wright
- 18 Arlene Chellis
- 22 George Lasater
- 28 ↗ Delayne Johnecheck
↘ Inge Ledahl

June Anniversaries

- 8 Steve & Cindy Johnecheck
- 8 Greg & Liz Nortley
- 11 Vard & Arlene Chellis
- 11 Marv & Mary Jane Jewell
- 26 Jack & Chrissie Staats

A mother's thoughts on raising kids

If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!

"To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today."

"The right temperature in a home is maintained by warm hearts, not by hot heads."

"Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble."

"A child outgrows your lap, but never outgrows your heart."
-via *Gleanings*

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



To all who are a part of Horton Bay UMC.

Subject: Time of Sunday Morning Worship Service

As most of you know, our Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30am, and lasts approximately one hour, ending about 11:30 am. The service at Greensky Hill begins at 9:00am, ending about 10:00am. This allows Pastor Tim 30 minutes (sometimes less) to transition from Greensky Hill to Horton Bay.

The Greensky Hill Church Council has formally requested by letter that we adjust the beginning time of our worship service to 11:00am. The reason for their request is to allow additional time between the services, and thus enable the pastor to spend time with them following their service, instead of having to abruptly leave them in order to arrive at Horton Bay before 10:30.

Rather than include the letter from Greensky Hill with this newsletter, we have placed a copy on our bulletin board and encourage everyone to read it. We will be happy to provide a copy of their letter to anyone who requests it. Copies have been distributed to all members of the Horton Bay Administrative Council.

The Horton Bay Administrative Council has discussed this issue at length during our meetings on March 15 and April 26. Although we did not have total agreement on all facets, there is one point upon which we were united:

**THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE MUST INVOLVE OUR ENTIRE
CONGREGATION IN MAKING A DECISION.**

During our discussions we did arrive at two possible options:

- a. To adjust the time of our worship service to begin at 11:00am, and end at 12:00 Noon.
- b. To continue with our present time schedule (10:30-11:30) with Pastor Tim arriving between 15 and 30 minutes after our service begins.
- c. Option c? Here's where we're asking for your help. What suggestions do you have? If you have any ideas you would like to suggest, please e-mail them to me: jiledahl@racc2000.com and/or to Pastor Tim: wright.tim.b@gmail.com.

We will be on vacation and unable to respond until after May 22.

The Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00pm and will again discuss this issue. As always, Administrative Council meetings are open, and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Following the worship service on Sunday, June 19, we have scheduled a pot luck dinner, followed by a congregational meeting to discuss this issue. We will welcome everyone associated with Horton Bay UMC to this meeting and will look forward to hearing everyone's ideas.

We ask everyone to consider this question prayerfully, asking Jesus "How would you have me respond?"

Blessings to all,

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2. Call the Horton Bay United Methodist Church at (231) 582-9262 and leave your question/comment on the message machine.