August 2015

Thank you for supporting the work of the church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness as we pursue our mission:

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.”
**AUGUST SERVERS & SCRIPTURES**

**Sunday, August 2nd**
- **Assistant of the Day:** Ed Rogers
- **Usher:** Gary Archer
- **Greeter:** Joan Werner
- **Liturgist:** Ann Chandler
- **Coffee Hour:** Vivian Winters
- **Lead Counter:** Denis Plew
- **Assistant Counter:** Louise Ingebritson
- **Flowers:** Della Moore
- **Sunday School Teacher:** Summer Break
- **Scriptures:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
  Ephesians 4:1-16

**Sunday, August 9th**
- **Assistant of the Day:** Denis Plew
- **Usher:** Tura Yount
- **Greeter:** Barb Deycous
- **Liturgist:** Margaret Treiber
- **Coffee Hour:** Vivian Plew
- **Lead Counter:** Shirley Pederson
- **Assistant Counter:** Marilyn Grass
- **Flowers:** John Morris
- **Sunday School Teacher:** Summer Break
- **Scriptures:** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
  Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**Sunday, August 16th**
- **Assistant of the Day:** Lonny Hollem
- **Usher:** Bob Bluhm
- **Greeter:** Marilyn Bluhm
- **Liturgist:** Camille Price
- **Coffee Hour:** Tura Yount
- **Lead Counter:** Kathy Buhl
- **Assistant Counter:** Mary Morin
- **Flowers:** Della Moore
- **Sunday School Teacher:** Summer Break
- **Scriptures:** 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
  Ephesians 5:15-20

**Sunday, August 23rd**
- **Assistant of the Day:** Bob Bluhm
- **Usher:** Ann Chandler
- **Greeter:** Donna Anderson
- **Liturgist:** Vera Senn
- **Coffee Hour:** Mary Holleman
- **Lead Counter:** John Morris
- **Assistant Counter:** Margaret Treiber
- **Flowers:** Ann Chandler
- **Sunday School Teacher:** Summer Break
- **Scriptures:** 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
  Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sunday, August 30th**
- **Assistant of the Day:** Herb Reynolds
- **Usher:** Vera Senn
- **Greeter:** Mona Kaiser
- **Liturgist:** Camille Price
- **Coffee Hour:** Vera Senn
- **Lead Counter:** Mary Mantz
- **Assistant Counter:** Mona Kaiser
- **Flowers:** Francis & Joan Jensen
- **Sunday School Teacher:** Summer Break
- **Scriptures:** Music Celebration!

**Sunday, September 6th**
- **Assistant of the Day:** Mike Dell
- **Usher:** Lonny Hollem
- **Greeter:** Vivian Winters
- **Liturgist:** Camille Price
- **Coffee Hour:** Ann Chandler
- **Lead Counter:** Denis Plew
- **Assistant Counter:** Louise Ingebritson
- **Flowers:** Randy & Vera Senn

**Check out our new pull-out calendar on pages 6 & 7!**

**Maternity & Infant Closet Schedule**

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**Awards Winning Oregon Pianist in Concert**

The Ephrata United Methodist Church is pleased to present John Nilsen on Saturday, August 1st, at 3:00pm. There is no charge for the concert, just a free-will donation will be appreciated.

John Nilsen was born in Seattle, Washington in 1956. The Nilsen family moved to Portland, Oregon in 1960. Nilsen began studying classical piano from his mother at age six. Continuing his musical education, he began playing guitar at age fourteen. John moved to Ashland, Oregon in 1974 to attend Southern Oregon College (Southern Oregon University). Nilsen graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and was honored by the institution in 1995 in recognition of his outstanding achievements and dedication in the field of the performing arts with the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the most prestigious award bestowed upon Southern Oregon University graduates. Nilsen founded the Magic Wing recording label in 1987. The label has a catalog of fifteen successful titles, each with international distribution. Before founding Magic Wing, John recorded three successful solo piano recordings of LA’s Eagle Record, (1983-1985) and has had fifteen other CDs licensed in countries including Germany, Great Britain, The Philippines, Canada, Taiwan, Singapore bringing reported total record sales to one million copies sold. For nearly three decades John Nilsen has had two hundred compositions and musical arrangements receiving radio, TV and digital royalties via BMI, Sound Exchange and other royalty paying groups worldwide.

“John’s music has a magical quality to it. Each recording seems to be his best,” praises a long-time KINK radio DJ in Portland, Oregon. One of the Northwest’s largest selling musical artists, Nilsen has long been in the KINK stable of Oregon artists having a track on three KINK, Lights Out CDs and having done many in studio live performances...

Famed guitarist Guthrie Thomas is credited with launching Nilsen’s music career twenty-nine years ago. Thomas knew then what we know now, that Nilsen was a player and a talent. He invited Nilsen to record on his Eagle Records label in LA and there a career was born. With 240 annual performances and national tours of the United States, including performances in all fifty U.S. States, Europe and Asia, the rewards of his diligence are unimaginable. He has earned a devout following of listeners and with his international distribution, his popularity continues to grow.

Nilsen has appeared with such luminaries as Jose Feliciano, Jesse Colin Young, David Foster, Alex De Grassi, Kenny G and many others. His recordings are featured on over forty musical collections and samplers throughout the globe, including a Rhino Records Sampler. Extensive radio play furthers Nilsen’s ever-growing audience. As Chicago radio personality Rick O’Dell observes, “John is one of our show’s most requested and talked about artists.”

Like many artists, travel, outdoor activities and family are rich sources of fuel for Nilsen’s creative drive. Yet, it is the intense clarity with which he is able to translate his experiences into music that distinguishes him. Nilsen brings us songs of life. From the bustle of a French café to the torrent of a raging stream, Nilsen’s music inspires us to look more carefully, to feel more deeply and to celebrate this life of ours.

Come join us and enjoy John’s musical talent.

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Ephrata, WA 98823
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August Greetings,

I would first like to start by saying “Thank you” for all your help and all your hospitality in making Jim and I feel at home here in Ephrata. We are enjoying getting to know each of you.

Even though it is still summer, church life continues. God has blessed each of you with special and unique gifts and talents. I am enjoying getting to know each of you and learning why God has placed each of you here at UMC of Ephrata.

As we move forward in ministry together, I ask that we be in prayer as we consider how God is calling UMC of Ephrata to be active here in Ephrata. I ask that we be in prayer as we work together to build the Body of Christ to be there in this town for you and those seeking God’s love.

As we serve others, please take time to refill yourself with the love of God, the peace of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**Spiritual Growth items:**
Each Sunday there will be a Children/ Youth bulletin. The bulletin follows along with the scripture and sermon theme or text. The bulletin includes coloring, drawing, and puzzles. Also, included in the bulletin is a “At Home” section. The “At Home” section has been created for the purpose of providing further learning at home. Plus, they can be great family projects. The Children/ Youth bulletin is for all of us. Adults you are welcome to take one as well either for yourself or for someone you know that might like to receive the interactive bulletin. Coloring and puzzles is not just for kids.

**Wednesday Reflection:**
On Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10 am in the Fireside Room, you are welcome to join me for some Reflection time. A light refreshment will be served. Come be filled with the Holy Spirit of love and kindness. This will be a time where we can gather and reflect on a passage of scripture. Included in the reflection time will be either music, poetry, or other forms of media. This is another way for me to get to know you. I look forward to spending Wednesday mornings with you.

I am working on a time to meet in the evening for those who cannot meet during the day. Have a fantastic August. If you are on vacation during August, I look forward to hearing your story or stories of any adventures you have had.

On Sunday, August 30, during the 10 am Worship service we will be celebrating music. Music is an important part of the Worship service each Sunday. I have noticed how many of you enjoy music and have music a part of your every day life. Each week several songs/ hymns have been added to the list of favorite songs/ hymns board in the church lobby. Thank you for sharing your favorites. Many of the songs/ hymns that you have been listing will be included in the Worship service on August 30th. Come and join us, on Sunday, August 30 to singing praises to God and declare your love of God through music.

Blessings,

Pastor Harriet
Is any one of you in trouble?  He should pray.  Is anyone happy?  Let him sing songs of praise"  
James 5:13

One of the most wonderful gifts we are given is the gift of prayer.  We can pray for one another in times of need as well as times of celebration.

To join the phone prayer chain contact Dee Gray at 754-3218.  To join the email prayer chain, email Sheryl at sheryl@umcephrata.org

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- **Prayers for Health, Healing, and well-being**
  - Bog Craig
  - Baby Sergio
  - Vivian Winters
  - Vonn Cabe
  - Leslie Hovland
  - Dee Gray
  - Florence Parker
  - Maxine Lyerly
  - Andrew
  - Kitty Potter
  - Dorothy Downing
  - Omar Pederson
  - Sara McLain
  - Drew Sato
  - Steve VanEss

- **Prayers for Those Suffering From Long-Term Health Problems**
  - Bob St. Clair Jr
  - Dee Gray
  - Bill Lowry
  - Ruth Walker
  - Hazel Scoby
  - Susan Smith
  - Mary Baird
  - Dick Hoyt
  - Ed Sivula
  - Doug Jensen
  - Ron Gardner
  - Steven Grass
  - Shirley Morris
  - Ervin Gans
  - Brian Davisson
  - Trevor Middleton
  - Renee Muse
  - Richard Hart
  - Orin Smith
  - Justin Townley
  - Bill Nelson

- **Prayers for Pregnant Moms & Their Babies**

  Because of our Maternity Closet and our concern for moms and babies, we are asking for the congregation to pray for those whose due date is near and also pray for God’s precious little ones:

  - Rosa
  - Shelby
  - Joy
  - Emily, 4 weeks
  - Justice, 2 months

Please let us know if someone should be added or taken off our prayer list by contacting the church office: 754-4664.  Also contact the church office if you know of someone in need of a visit by our Congregational Care Team or Pastor Harriet.

**Handbell Choir**

- Beginners: grades 2-4
- Intermediate: grades 5-8
- Advanced: grades 8+
- Adult: 18 year +

The children work on Christian ministry and come from various churches.  The cost is minimal. Tell relatives, friends, and neighbors that lessons begin in September.  There are openings now for this fun activity.  For more information, please call Darla at: 509-246-8013.

**UMW Brunch**

A “Welcome Brunch” for Pastor Harriet Wilkin will be held on Monday, August 17th, at 10am.  Harriet will tell of her childhood and her journey to Ephrata.

The United Methodist Women invite the women of the church to the gathering at the home of Dolores Pheasant.  Let’s also help the gals (Linda Bryant-Smith & JoAn Isaman) making the layettes for Samaritan Hospital.  The nurses give them to the new moms who need some help (about 12 per month).  Please bring a receiving blanket for this project.  It can be homemade or store bought.  Another choice to bring would be a newborn-size onesie.

**Basin Youth Bells**

Basin Youth Bells, taught by Darla Grubb, meets at UMC Ephrata and keeps the bells at our church during the school year.  Darla is hoping there would be interest among our congregation to have a group of 4th graders to adult bell ringers to meet on Wednesdays, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.  This group could play once a month or so for church service. If you read music you can play bells!  Her regular classes are:

- **Beginners:** grades 2-4
- **Intermediate:** grades 5-8
- **Advanced:** grades 8+
- **Adult:** 18 year +

In lands I never saw -- they say
Immortal Alps look down --
Whose Bonnets touch the firmament --
Whose Sandals touch the town --
Meek at whose everlasting feet
A Myriad Daisy play --
Which, Sir, are you and which am I

~Emily Dickinson~
THE ART OF EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME
The Power of Music
Ideas on Outreach and Hospitality From Church Consultant Mary Scifres
“O sing to the Lord a new song!”
(Psalm 98)

Sing a variety of songs and use diverse musical styles in worship

Nothing touches the soul in quite the same way as music. For some, music soothes and calms the soul. For others, music is a venue to energize and inspire us. For others, music offers an opportunity to build community as we sing and make music together. For others, music challenges us and makes us think differently as we reflect on the lyrics or a complex musical passage. For others, music is just background noise to help pass the time. Each of these persons is in worship with you every week. Many of us find music serving each of these roles in our individual lives throughout the week. No wonder our musical tastes are so diverse!

Knowing the various impacts that music can have on our lives, worship designers usually incorporate a variety of music into their worship plans. Undoubtedly, each of us will like some musical choices and dislike others. Another way of expressing our extravagant welcome is to welcome into worship a diversity of music, musical styles, and poetic content (the lyrics).

My son prefers electric guitars and techno music. My husband prefers acoustic ballads. I most often listen to popular rock. Yet somehow, we manage to travel together with the stereo blasting as we share our diverse musical tastes.

Worship can be the same eclectic experience of inclusion and extravagant hospitality when we allow diverse music into our worship settings. Welcome the unfamiliar sounds. Relax into the beloved songs. And rejoice that you are welcoming the stranger when you include their music in your midst.

Things to do and/or reflect about for the month of August:

1. Create a list of the top ten things that you do that you do because you just feel that it is the thing that you are supposed to do – no matter what. You haven’t been asked to do these things, you just do them because.

2. Create a list of those things that you are grateful for this summer or what blessings did you experience this summer?

3. Crafters/Quilters: You might be able to create a quilt with the above suggestion from the craft project. If you do, please take a picture or bring into the church so we can see!

4. Create a painting, quilt, and drawing, write a poem or song, or create flower arrangement that includes one or more of the following: “Unity, love, ‘One in the Spirit,’ gifts, working together, building community, and connections (Ephesians 4).” Take a picture or bring into the church during the month of August what you have created.

Who am I?
Who am I? Place my name from the list below in the spaces provided next to the character description.

Names to choose from to fill in the blanks:

Moses       Samuel     Josiah
David        Daniel      Young Girl from Israel
Jesus        Joseph

1. ____________ I had a beautiful coat and my brothers were jealous.

2. ____________ I grew up in the Pharaoh’s palace, so when it came time to bring God’s people out I knew how to go through with the rescue plan that well even at first I was hesitant as an adult to listen, trust, and obey God, but I did as God instructed.

3. ____________ As a boy God called me.

4. ____________ I as a boy was given a great job. Nobody thought I could do it, but I did take out that big guy.

5. ____________ As a slave girl, I helped my master heal from leprosy.

6. ____________ I was 8 when I became king. Later I made sure that those who were working on the temple were paid for their work and supplies.

7. ____________ As a young man I began obeying God. I found favor in the king’s eyes and I began interpreting dreams for the king.

8. ____________ I was a precious gift to my mother. Later in my young life I was not yet considered a “teenager,” but I sure upset my parents, for they could not find me. I was sitting with the teachers of the temple. Read the exchange between myself and my parents in Luke 2: 48-52. Do you understand what I was saying? There is a lot more to my story. If you have figured out who I am, who I was as a child, then you know the rest of my story.

(Answers on page 10)
# August Calendar

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