

*This is an excerpt from "The Amen Report"; a summary of events and actions taken at the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference held in June. Complete copies of "The Amen Report" are available in the Narthex.*

After four days of gathering for technical legislative sessions, enriching worship services, innovative and insightful lectures, and other special presentations, attendees of the 137th Annual Conference session gathered for Closing Worship as we celebrated the year's appointments and going forth into the world to share our ministry with others.

The Revs. Karen Davison and Earl Rice, on guitar and violin respectively, gathered the crowd with music. They performed their renditions of "Trading My Sorrows", "All Who Hunger", and "Cuando el Pobre". Also, the praise band consisting of young people from Beacon and Puyallup UMCs raised the audience out of their seats for more wonderful songs like "Friend of God" and "Here I Am to Worship."

Bishop Grant Hagiya addressed all appointed ministers from the PNWUMC as bearers of God's word tasked to 'lead the church in gathering Christ's Harvest.'

In response, the clergy announced, "Today we reaffirm our commitment in the presence of this congregation." Following this reaffirmation, the Superintendents of the PNWUMC read the appointments for their specific districts.

For the Pentecost Proclamation of the Scripture, the parable of the lost sheep and the parable of the prodigal son were presented (Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32). In a unique presentation, the Revs. Cecilia Clemons, Ralph Figueroa, John Mark Galang and Meleofa Finau read these passages in their own distinctive languages.

With the blessing of a significant number of children at Closing Worship, Bishop Grant held a Children's Moment preceding his Address. In connection to the day's scripture reading, he discussed the idea of losing some things special to us, along with the happiness in finding them. Bishop shared this is the happiness God has when finding one of us.

The Bishop's Address "Lost and Found (A Good Crisis is a Terrible Thing to Waste)" soon followed. He challenged our Conference to reach the root of our problem: "We've lost our sense of mission and purpose." Hagiya shared that until we find and internalize our mission and purpose, we will never come back "home".

He also shared that in order to be relevant, we must shift our Church's system to find new ways to capture a new audience with the "substance of our message". Daniel Pink's concepts of 'high-tech' and 'high-touch' were expounded upon. Hagiya shared that we are called to reach new people by utilizing technology via websites as the entry point for people. This leads to the 'high-touch' message of the Good News to this new audience.

Bishop Hagiya's closing message during this service challenged our Conference. He urged all of us to use our creative skills to be relevant, in order to thrive and survive. Paraphrasing our Bishop: if we are faithful, we will make it home. He asked of what ways have we worked toward feeding Every-Body: spiritually, physically, intellectually and emotionally. By finding our mission and vision, utilizing newer innovative ways to connect with people, and sharing our traditions and depth of our message, Bishop Hagiya concluded: "God won't stop the search until the last of us has come home."

By Jesse N. Love, Print & Publications Manager

*For more information on this year's Annual Conference sessions visit [www.pnwumc.org](http://www.pnwumc.org)*

**Silver Sages**

What: Annual picnic  
 When: Thursday, August 19, 2010  
 Meet at 10:45AM at the church to carpool  
 If driving yourself, 11:30AM at the park  
 Where: Warm Beach Community Park  
 Why: To have fun, food and fellowship  
 Who: Men and women, 55 years of age and older

There will be a charge, amount to be announced later, but the Older Adult Council will provide the food—fried chicken, salads and dessert!  
 Elaine Hilde, Chair, Older Adult Council, 387-5624

**Jamaa Letu News**

From Easter until mid-June the Pacific Northwest Conference had asked that church members donate their extra pocket change to Jamaa Letu I and II, the two orphanages we help support in the Congo. Like random acts of kindness this snowballed into an amazing outcome. Via "Jars for Jamaa Letu" our congregation donated \$854.02 and conference-wide, almost \$21,000 was raised! A check was presented at the Annual Conference this past June and it will be used for operating costs for the orphanages. Thank you all for your support! Barbara Shaffer has just returned from a trip to the orphanages and will give us a fuller report next month.

**5th Thursday Outing**

July 29th, Thursday, Skagit Valley Farmland

8:45AM Meet At Church, Leave at 9:00AM

We will tour Golden Glen Creamery. Then a stop in the village of Edison to browse shops. Lunch at Rosabella's Garden Bakery (on your own). After lunch a short distance to Padilla Bay Research Center, where we will see a short film and view the exhibits. On the way back to church we will stop at Snow Goose Produce for ice cream, arriving back at SUMC approximately 4:30 to 5:00PM. Cost, \$3.00 which includes gas and donation to the Research Center. A MODERATE AMOUNT OF WALKING; WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES. BRING A LIGHT JACKET AND A TOTE BAG. WE WILL HAVE A COOLER FOR ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE KEPT COOL. **PLEASE PAY BY JULY 25th.**  
 Emma Lou Meicho, 387-0138

**Stanwood United Methodist Church - KISS Group Social Outing**

(This is the monthly social group for ages 40-60+)

What: **Fair Parade + Shuttle to the Fair + Afternoon at the Stanwood Fair**

Come and join us for any or all of the activities listed below. If you need someone to pick you up at your house call: Lucy Armstrong 425-923-3051 or Caroline Stuart 425-210-4865. If you would like to meet the group at the Fair, times and places to meet are listed below.

When: August 7, 2010 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM- or later for some?

Where: **Parade - 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Instructions: Meet in the parking lot of the Stanwood Middle School  
 Bring a folding chair (we will have a few extra) and perhaps a beverage and/or snack.

Where: **Stanwood High School (Shuttle to Fair) – 12:15PM**

Instructions: Meet at the shuttle stop to ride together to the fair. If you want to drive to the Fair and park on your own, meet us at one of the meeting places.

Where: **Stanwood – Camano Community Fair Arrive 1:00 PM (or so) - Gathering Places**

Most of us will shuttle together to the Fair. When we arrive more than likely we will break off into groups to go see our favorite exhibits and/or indulge in our favorite Fair foods.

In order to coordinate our group we will do a group event and check in to make sure everyone is OK and having a good time. These are the places we will meet. Some may want to leave earlier and others may want to stay later to participate in other entertainment events. Some people may want to skip the parade and simply meet us at the Fair at one of the meeting places.

**2:00 PM – Viking Main Stage – Illusionist – Brian LedBetter**

**3:00 PM - Viking Main Stage - Seattle Firefighters Pipe & Drums**

**4:00 PM - Viking Main Stage (Final Meeting Place)**

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|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Nikki Myron    | 10. Joy Repphun      | 18. Jonne Hanson      |
| 2. Nancy High     | 11. Arlene Niegemann | 21. Stephanie Amtower |
| 3. Leslie Whaley  | 12. Kristen Johnson  | 22. Dan Sailer        |
| 4. Mary Lee       | 13. Larry Riddle     | 23. Laura High        |
| 5. Emily Harpel   | 14. Rosie Roth       | 24. Nancy Olson       |
| 6. Bill Jones     | 15. Frances LaCroix  | 25. Leslie Eagon      |
| 7. Pauline Mooney | 16. Ramie Randall    | 26. Arlene Maxfield   |
|                   | 17. Jessica James    |                       |



**Birthdays**

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:

**August 16 at Noon**

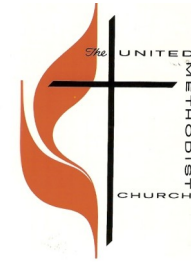
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# The Messenger

July 22, 2010

*The mission of Stanwood United Methodist Church is to love an honor God by committing our lives to Jesus Christ and inviting others to this commitment.*

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#### Summer Worship Hours

8:30AM	Contemporary Worship Service with continental breakfast
10:00AM	Blended Worship Service
11:00AM	Fellowship Hour

#### Every Sunday a Food-Donation Sunday

Thanks to all who have donated food recently. One hundred twenty-five pounds of food was taken to the Food Bank last week from SUMC!

Normally, every month with a fifth Sunday has been designated as a food-donation Sunday with all food going to the local Food Bank but every Sunday can be a food-donation Sunday. Hopefully we can all get into the habit of bringing a can or box from our pantries as you get ready to leave for church. Items can be deposited in the big wooden box to the right of the fireplace in Wesley Hall or given to the ushers. Several of our members volunteer at the thrift store and food bank and can tell you the need is greater than ever. Thank you for caring and sharing.

Dear Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I was surprised, happy, and very pleased to receive the lovely prayer shawl Pastor Dan brought.

The shawl is absolutely gorgeous! Royal blue is my favorite color. And the shawl is a work of art!

I've loved the shawl for two reasons. First, it is big, and covers either my shoulders or my legs, which were greatly impacted by my accident.

Reason two is that the shawl is warm and cozy. Christ's love and care are knitted within.

Thank you for a most lovely gift. I shall use and cherish the shawl, remembering your love, kindness and wonderful support.

Frances LaCroix

#### Missions Committee to Meet

Members of the committee are asked to meet after second service on Sunday, August 1 at approximately 11:15AM.

#### 5th Thursday Outing—Thursday, October 14, 2010

##### Picasso Art Display

Seattle Art Museum. Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musee National Picasso Paris, an exhibit of more than 150 works of art from paintings and sculptures to prints, drawings and photographs. "A once-in-a-lifetime chance to view these important objects." Tickets not available til August 1st. If you have an interest, please sign-up on sheet provided in the narthex. Questions on these outings, call Emma Lou Meicho, 387-0138.

#### UM Men

The United Methodist Men recently asked the congregation to complete a survey and indicate if they needed assistance with repairs, gutter cleaning, transportation, etc. The men have responded to 8 requests for help. This is entirely a volunteer effort on behalf of the men and they are not compensated in any way. They will continue to provide help with tasks. Let Kenneth Taylor know your needs at 387-9540.

#### A Visit With Pastor Dan

Each week Pastor Dan visits parishioners. If you know of someone or would like a visit yourself, please contact the church office to make arrangements at 629-9555.

#### All Invited to Our Annual BBQ!

Our annual neighborhood BBQ will be Friday, July 30 at 5:30PM. We are inviting the community so be sure and tell your friends and neighbors about this fun event. Members of the congregation are asked to bring a generous side dish, salad or dessert to share with our guests. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the fixin's. We will have a classic car show also, so spread the word; over 160 turned out last year for a great evening and more are expected this year.

#### SUMC Women Cooking Up A Cookbook!

We need your favorite recipes from everyone in the church—women, men and youth! The categories are: Appetizers and Beverages; Main Dishes; Soups and Salads; Breads and Rolls; Vegetables and Side Dishes; Desserts; Cookies and Candy; Gluten-Free and Sugar Free. Proceeds will go to our Mission projects.

Recipes must be turned in by September 15, 2010 so our cookbook can be ready by December. Put your recipes in Georgi Proulx's mailbox at church or email them to her at georgip@hughes.net. Be sure and include your name with each recipe. Stories or anecdotes about your recipe are also wanted. Recipe submission forms are in the office.

#### Trustee News

##### Mini-Bus

Still looking for drivers - the next driving class will be in the next couple of weeks. Qualifications: Age 25-74, no moving violations in the last two years and \$25,000 personal liability insurance.

##### Vehicle usage

Both the van and the mini-bus will be used by the 5th Thursday group on July 29—great!!

##### Tasks

We have many tasks waiting for volunteers: Parsonage fence panel; install rubber strip under parsonage garage door; cabinet installation, conference room; bell tower bird screens; Wesley Hall, fireplace fan replacement-to name just a few.

Thanks to Bob Cole for installing an outside light fixture for the parking area at the parsonage.