

# THE OLYMPIC NEWS

The Monthly Newsletter of the Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren  
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## Living the Word by Ken Rieman

I've had cause recently to reflect on the meaning of commitment. Most of you have heard the good news that Kate agreed to marry me! We'll be married on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in Kate's home town of Elkhart, Indiana.

I've also recently returned from our denomination's Annual Conference in Peoria, Illinois. While there, it became clear that our church stands on a threshold. Christianity is not what it used to be.

Most of us miss the way church life used to be at the center of the commitments of so many families. We miss the quiet Sundays spent with family. We miss the quiet Sundays spent with family. We miss the well attended weekday evening events. We miss having our Sunday Schools packed with children and adults. We miss overflowing our Sanctuary into the balcony during worship. We miss the days when members tithed 10% of their income as a part of their overall commitment to the church.

And while we may mourn the loss of some aspects of our tradition, there are things to celebrate as well. We celebrate the widening of the welcome which so many churches practice today. Women preach in our pulpits, and chair

our Church Boards. Those who have suffered broken marriages are not kept out of church leadership. Many of our churches now enjoy a taste of the ethnic and cultural diversity found in their neighborhoods.

And these changes reflect the transition that our larger culture is going through. Though the number of extra-curricular school activities continues to grow, most people have fewer commitments to churches and other social organizations. People have grown suspicious of institutions and centralized budgets. People are distrusting of authority figures and celebrate the independence and freedom which their automobiles and credit cards seem to provide. While people celebrate the diminished social stigmatization of divorce, they are increasingly entangled in pre-nuptial agreements and child-custody and support law-suits.

And when it comes to paying our taxes, we talk more about the unfair burden demanded by our government than about our commitment to the common good and maintaining the investment which our fore bearers made in the schools, roads, hospitals, and social security which we enjoy today.

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Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

Those who lived through the great depression and WWII learned how to “do without” and come together to overcome great diversity. Today’s younger generations exhibit a sense of entitlement. We may know that everything we buy will have to go on the credit card and get paid for one day, but we still want to own it now. We may know that we are consuming irreplaceable natural resources and permanently altering Earth’s climate, but we don’t want to cripple an economy dependent on the never-ending growth of consumption.

So I’m feeling like “commitment” lies at the heart of what I long for in my life. I celebrate finding a woman who wants to be in a life-long committed relationship with me. I celebrate belonging to a family of faith that has covenanted to continue the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, and together. I celebrate belonging to a world where so many people make great sacrifices every day in the name of liberating the oppressed, serving the poor, and healing the sick.

But I know that we will need to renew our commitment to each other as individuals, families, churches, and nations if we hope to weather the challenges we have loosed upon our world. I pray that the blessings we know in Christ will make of us a blessing to the world in which we work and play and worship and serve.

Ken Rieman

### **Secretary’s New Office Hours.**

Beginning in August Aimee Bisterfeldt will have new work days and hours in the office. The new days and times are as follows;

Tuesday from 8-12, 1-3

Thursday from 8-12, 1-3

The Volunteers will continue with the same schedule of working from 10-1 on Mon, Wed, and Fri. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to adjust to the challenges that we face in keeping the church office running.

## You'all come!

**The annual outdoor picnic at the Bowers is Saturday Aug. 20 at Noon come rain or come shine.**

Address:  
18417 100th Ave SE  
Snohomish, WA 98296  
Phone: 360 668 5256



Maps will be available in the office. If you need a ride, just let us know and we will arrange it.

Salmon and soft drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish to share. You might want to bring a lawn chair if you have one. Otherwise we will provide seating.

Jerry and Carol



The Choir will start its new season at a practice session on September 8, 2005, beginning at 7:30 PM, in the practice room at church. We will be singing a special song composed by a Brethren songwriter for the September 11 church service. Our choir is dedicated to worshipping God through song and fellowship and is open to anyone who would like to participate. If you like to sing, please come and join us on September 8.

## “Another Way of Living”

### An Introduction to Brethren Belief and Practice



A number of you have expressed interest in becoming members of our church. Some of you who are already members have also shared that you know very little about the history of the Church of the Brethren, but would like to learn more.

On Sunday September 11th, Pastor Ken Rieman will begin a new Sunday School class for prospective members and those interested in learning more about how the Church of the Brethren understands what it means to follow Jesus in our day to day living. The class will meet from 9:30-10:30am each Sunday for the fall quarter. All are welcome!

## Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar

### AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS: CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

#### Week of Aug. 7

Pray that our congregations would be places that offer hospitality to those who are visiting and that have a passion for connecting with the people and neighborhoods around them.

#### Week of Aug. 14

Thank God for all the volunteers who carry out the tasks, large and small, of our congregations, enabling mission and ministry to happen and extending the church's outreach.

#### Week of Aug. 21

Pray for members of the General Board's Congregational Life Teams as they travel and provide counsel and resources to congregations to enhance their life, ministry, and witness.

#### Week of Aug. 28

Give praise for vital, vibrant worship, saying thanks for the gifts of music and the Word that allow us to celebrate Jesus Christ in community.

## OLYMPIC VIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY Sunday Schedule Beginning Sept. 11

INFANT AND TODDLER – Room 103  
9:30 – 10:50 Volunteers available, contact Kathy Edmark  
10:50 – After Worship Aimee Bisterfeldt / Trained Youth

PRESCHOOL - Room 101  
9:30 – 10:00 Mary Kissinger  
10:00 – 10:30 Music  
10:30 – After Worship Mary Kissinger

KINDERGARDEN - Room 101  
9:30 – 10:00 Mary Kissinger  
10:00 – 10:30 Music  
10:30 – After Worship Part of 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Program

GRADESCHOOL 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades - Room 109  
9:30 – 10:00 Activities with Patti Berg  
10:00 – 10:30 Music w/ Lenore Unger and Kathy Korf  
10:30 – 10:55 Snack & Activities w/ Kathy Edmark  
11:00 through Children's Story – Sanctuary with family or an adult  
After Children's Story until After Worship  
K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School – Room 111 with Kathy Edmark  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday School – Room 109 with:  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Goldie Barnes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Sharon Haley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Kathy Edmark  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Patti Berg  
YOUTH 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 211  
9:30 – 10:30 Sunday School with Roger Edmark  
10:30 – 11:00 Assist with ushering, childcare, etc.  
11:00 – After Worship Sanctuary (if not assigned to a specific task)

Preschool through Children are using Faithweaver curriculum.



# PENTECOST

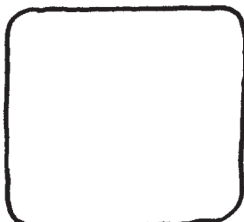
Reading from the Bible

Acts  
chapter  
2

LANGUAGES I CAN SPEAK

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

(CONTINUE OVERLEAF)



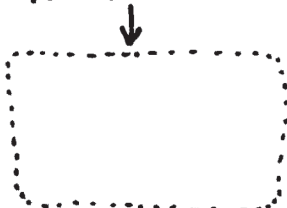
FIRE

Things that fall over when it's windy

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

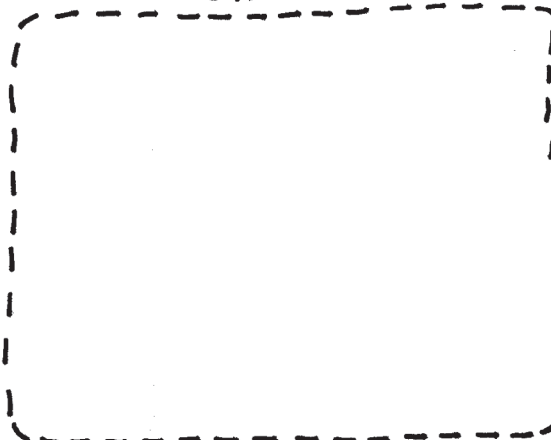
Why the hurricane sound, fire and different languages?

your ideas here



What seemed to be tongues of fire came to rest on each of them... A sound like a violent gale... they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in languages from all around the world...

OR



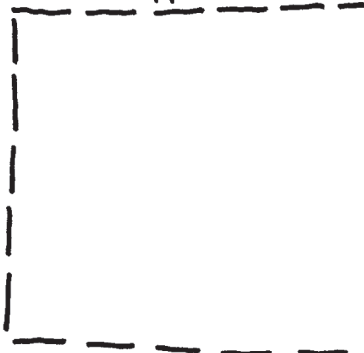
How do you imagine the scene?

I spend time listening to \_\_\_\_\_ but I would prefer to listen to \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak to \_\_\_\_\_

what happened before this story?

What happened next?



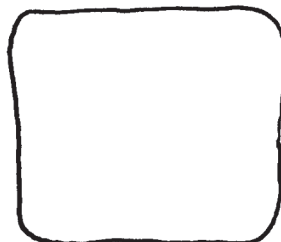
My name is

I prefer:

Flying a Kite

sailing

Chasing leaves



My hair on a windy day

MARKS OUT OF 10

Ornate fireplace

Fire alarm going off

Fire Engine

Firefox

Bonfire night

I would like it if the spirit helped me to...



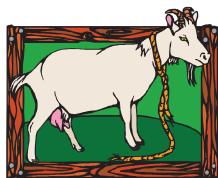
## For the Summer...Sermon Talk-On.

11:15 to 12:00

Pastor Ken will host a sermon talk-on to follow coffee hour in room 110. Participants will discuss ways that the sermon theme and scripture texts engage current events and our personal lives. All are welcome. On the Sundays when Ken is out of town the Guest Speaker may be leading the Sermon Talk-On. Please listen carefully to the announcements on each Sunday to hear if this will be taking place.

## Save Your Pennies

Vacation Bible School children have started a missions project- "Pennies for Kids". They are saving pennies to send to Heifer Project Int. to buy a goat or "kid" for a family in Africa. That family in turn, pledges to give the first female offspring to reach maturity to another family to keep the gift going. In V.B.S. they were touched by the story of Bernice, a young girl of 9 whose family received a goat. The sale of milk enabled her to go to the local school for the first time. We hope to collect \$120.00 in pennies before the November Bazaar. Save your pennies if you can help. The children will collect our pennies once a month during children's story time in church.



## THANKS EVERYONE!

Many, Many thanks to everyone who gave their time and talents to making this years Vacation Bible School a success. There was music, laughter, prayer, Bible stories, craft projects, special snacks, mission planning and a safari to the Woodland Park Zoo. The children learned the Lord's prayer and the themes were played out in a variety of ways using animals

Special thanks to:

Roger & Kathy Edmark -zoo leaders & Bible story leaders

Jim Barnes & Harumi Flesher - music leaders

Marilyn Griffin & Jerry Bowers - mission center leaders

Patti Berg & Cathy Oberg - craft center leaders

Goldie Barnes & Kathy Korff - pre-school and kindergarten leaders

Jana Helmuth, Jean Erickson and Geraldine Campbell - snack center leaders

Gracie Edmark - registrar

Pastor Ken, Sharon Haley, Willie Mooyman, Elizabeth Guevara- adult helpers

The teen helpers and everyone who provided supplies, funds for supplies, zoo coupons and Denny animal masks. And a special thank you to the children and to the parents who brought them. If I missed your name, please forgive me. It was a great event.

Carol Bowers, director

## Monthly Shared Prayer Requests

### In our community...

For **all those who are traveling**, that they may be safe during travel and that they may return feeling rested and in good health.

For the **Russell family**; **Sandra** who is not doing well anymore and is struggling with pain, nausea and stress, **Ron** who is having health problems and **Keith and Sandra's Son-in-law** who also has health concerns. For **Nole Ann Horsey** who is being treated for breast cancer.

For **Ruth Stephen's** who is receiving long-term in-house hospice care.

We celebrate improved mobility and strength for **Alvida Fite's** but continue to pray for more relief from her back pain..

For **Louise Bisterfeldt, Tim's grandmother** who is undergoing treatment for colon cancer.

For **Michael Rogers, Lew Fortin's Nephew**, who underwent neck surgery on May 4<sup>th</sup>, his prognosis is unclear until recovery progresses.

For **Lenore Unger** who continues to build up her strength and thanks everyone for their cards and prayers.

For **Chris Pride** who is recovering from heart valve surgery. She thanks everyone for their prayers but requests no visitors.

For **JoAnn Shoemaker's niece Kim Cogger** who is struggling with a very difficult recovery from a series of abdominal surgeries.

For **Eileen Birky's sister, Karen** who is hospitalized with pneumonia which she caught while receiving treatment for her cancer, and for **Eileen's mom** who also has cancer.



### *This Month we have prayed for:*

**Bill Case** as he underwent tests and heart monitoring. Bill is back to his normal routine.

**Kathy Ice** who dealt with pancreas problems. All is well for now.

**Ken Rieman and Roger & Kathy Edmark** as they travel and participate on our behalf at Annual Conference in Peoria IL. They are back and gave a report during the service on July 24th.

## Camp Koinonia Summer Camps

Camp Koinonia's Mission is to provide a place of quiet beauty set apart for fellowship and service that is a living example of our responsibility for the stewardship of God's creation.

### Summer Camp Rates & Dates

Kids Camp: 2nd & 3rd Grade\*

Camp Begins: 8/7/05 at 5:00pm

Camp Ends: 8/10/05 at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$120.00 ☺

Junior Camp: 4th & 5th Grade\*

Camp Begins: 8/7/05 at 5:00pm

Camp Ends: 8/13/05 at 10:00am

Cost: \$130.00 ☺

Middle School Camp: 6th thru 8th Grade\*

Camp Begins: 8/14/05 at 5:00pm

Camp Ends: 8/20/05 at 10:00am

Cost: \$135.00 ☺

High School Camp: 9th thru 12th Grade\*

Camp Begins: 8/14/05 at 5:00pm

Camp Ends: 8/20/05 at 10:00am

Cost: \$135.00 ☺

### Family Camp:

Camp Begins: 8/21/05 at 5:00pm

Camp Ends: 8/25/05 at 12:00pm

### District Conference:

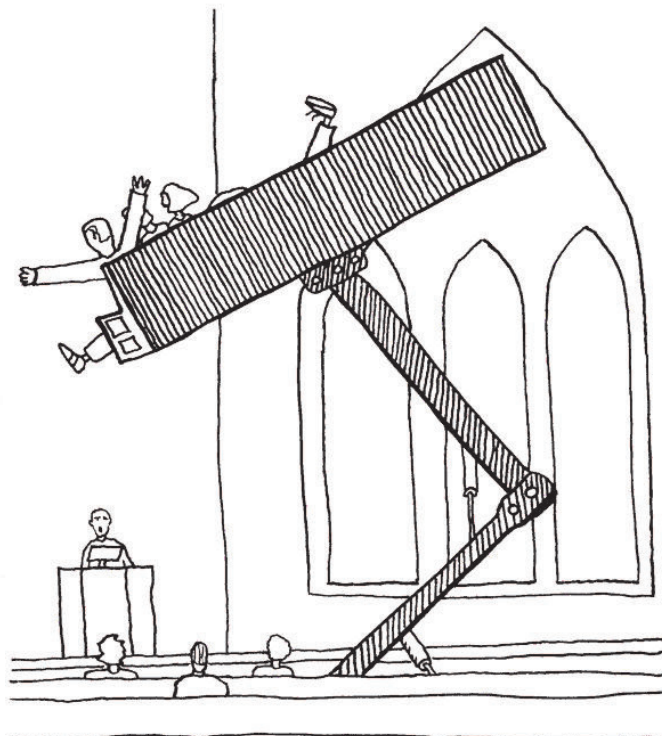
Camp Begins: 8/26/05 at 3:00pm

Camp Ends: 8/28/05 at 1:00pm

\* All age levels are based on grade completed

☺ Scholarships available

Check with the office or your Sunday school teacher for Camp brochures to get registered for Camp this summer! Or call Camp Koinonia at 1-509-674-5767



SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED  
CHURCH TO BE MORE EXCITING

## OV Book Club

Please join the Olympic View Book Club for this months meeting. The Books for August are: "Understood Betsy" by Dorothy Canfield-Fisher and "Flight of the Goose" by Leslie Thomas. The club will meet on August 26th at Carol Landis's home. Pick up these books at your local library or bookstore and plan to attend the book clubs monthly meeting!



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We welcome you to our services.

**No Sunday School during Summer**

**Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

**Children's Church 10:00 a.m.**