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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

LIBERTY POLE — Sun. Worship 9:00 AM — S6759 Hwy. 27 — (608) 675-3630

VIROQUA — Sun. Worship 10:30 AM — 221 S. Center Ave. — (608) 637-3551

December 28, 2008

Christmastide

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOMING WORDS

(please sign the attendance sheets)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord, he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Our Heavenly Father, we adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose word is truth, whose spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and the knowledge of whom leads to eternal life. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) the Apostles' Creed Hymnal No. 881

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Hymnal No. 895

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 3:13-27* pew Bible pg. 756

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 12:3-13* pew Bible pg. 1378

*HYMN "Many Gifts, One Spirit" No. 114

SERMON "What Are Our Gifts?" Joanne Hornby, Lay Leader

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*CLOSING HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 430

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

Hymnal No. 898

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you to Joanne Hornby for preaching and for writing today's worship service!

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

USHERS John & Rita Burckhardt David & Lorna Peterson

ACOLYTES volunteer volunteer

LITURGISTS Cyndy Hubbard Cavan Fang

GREETERS David & Lorna Peterson

Last Sunday's attendance: cancelled 54

Last Sunday's offering: \$3189

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THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are given in memory of Lloyd Zitzner, by his family.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS today are given in memory of Don Farrington, late husband of Dolores Hornby Farrington, by family friends Swannie and Jack Kingslien.

CALENDAR

next Sun.

Epiphany Sunday, and communion

Proverbs 3:13-27

- ¹³ Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴ for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.
- ¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
²⁰ by his knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.
- ²¹ My child, do not let these escape from your sight:
keep sound wisdom and prudence,
²² and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.
²³ Then you will walk on your way securely
and your foot will not stumble.
²⁴ If you sit down, * you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
²⁵ Do not be afraid of sudden panic,
or of the storm that strikes the wicked;
²⁶ for the LORD will be your confidence
and will keep your foot from being caught.

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,^{*}
when it is in your power to do it.

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Romans 12:3-13

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. * ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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