



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MESSENGER

(Disciples of Christ)

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Our Mission: "Honor God, strive to be more like Jesus, love and welcome all, bring others to discipleship, and put faith into action locally and globally."

Rev. David L. Carringer, Minister
Tamara Byrd, Children's Education Coordinator
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CHURCH STAFF:

LaRose Clark, Administrative Assistant
Sue Wilson, Office Assistant
Dani Layes, Music Coordinator
Cameron Layes, Pianist/Accompanist
Cathy Larrabee, Organist
Charlie Compton, Guitarist
Becca Koenig, Childcare Attendant
Bambi Compton, Custodial Service

CHURCH OFFICERS:

Lee Ann Hancock, Moderator
Ronnie Mock, Vice Moderator
Dixie Carringer, Secretary
Vicky Brooks, Treasurer
Linda Beck, Financial Secretary
Ruth Bosserman, Historian

MINISTRY CHAIRS:

Bob Packwood, Administration
Dani Layes, Nurture
Linda Beck, HOE
Dixie Carringer, Diaconate
Lee English, Elders
Sally Teichmer, DWM
Linda Mael, DWM

TRUSTEES

Ann Koenig, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone."

Ecclesiastes 12:13

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

News from the Pews

Congratulations Lee and Stamey English on celebrating your 60th wedding anniversary.

It has been reported that we are in need of a new sanctuary piano. The current one is fifty years old and is beyond repair. It has sticking keys, a mysterious hum and apparently won't stay tuned. Any suggestions for how to resolve this issue can be referred to the Administration ministry.

Phone Tree Update

Our phone tree continues to be an effective tool for sending out prayer requests and announcements about church activities. If you are not currently receiving phone tree calls, and would like to be included, please call the church office at 758-2943 and we will add your name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

****ANNUAL MEETING****

Our annual congregational meeting will be on January 24, 2010. It will start after worship with a potluck. Please all members plan to attend and bring something to share. We will be voting on a new budget and honoring many of our members, as well as reviewing the annual reports from our ministries. It should be an enjoyable experience.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. and
Idaho Human Rights Day 2010**

Our community will soon have the opportunity to participate in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr./Idaho Human Rights Day observance, to be held Monday, January 18, 2010.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Lewis Clark State College Amphitheatre where entertainment will be provided by the LHS Gold Voices and others. At 6:30 there will be a candlelight procession to the Activity Center on the LCSC campus.

The main event begins at 7:00 at the LCSC Activity Center with a program by the Spokane Community Choir, a mixed choir with members from various Spokane churches. Joining us again will be the Reverend "Happy" Watkins from the New Hope Baptist church in Spokane, who will present some of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King's speeches. Rev. Watkins is well-known and sought after throughout the Pacific Northwest as an orator of MLK's speeches. He brings alive the power and meaning of the late Dr. King., Jr.

The program will conclude by 8:30 making it possible for parents to bring school-age children.

Splinters from the Board

The board met on Dec. 13 and approved the 2010 budget to be presented to the congregation.

Ministry Reports:

Administration-Completed work on the 2010 budget and it is ready to be presented to the congregation at our annual meeting Jan 24th.

Nurture-The month of December was a busy month preparing for the annual Christmas program. Thank You to everyone for all of your

hard work and commitment. It was because of you that we had meaningful time of remembering God's gracious gift of his son to all of us.

Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism-The December meeting of the Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism Ministry was held on December 14. David reported that both the float for the Clarkston lighted Christmas parade and the hanging of the greens went very well. He appreciated having definite planning for both. Our thanks to everyone who turned out for both events, which made them go very smoothly.

The only other discussion involved a proposal by Pastor David for a dinner and auction to help raise funds for some of the programs the H.O.E. Ministry would like to fund during the upcoming year. He would like to have this take place in February. We are looking for a few major donations of auction items, as well as smaller items such as themed gift baskets. The event would be held at the church and be open to the public. Tickets would be sold in advance, since there are a limited number of seats available. A special planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, at 6:30 pm. If you know of something really special that could be donated for auction, please attend this meeting or let one of us know of your idea. The next meeting for this ministry is scheduled for Monday, January 11. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please join us at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

Thank you
Linda Beck, Chairperson

Words from the Pasture

January is a time for reflection and anticipation. Having just ended 2009 I would like to encourage everyone to reflect on the past year, specifically on your personal walk with God. Do you feel closer or further away from God

now than you did in Jan 2009? How did the events in your life this past year impact your walk? How well do you think we did in living out our mission statement, to:

“Honor God, strive to be more like Jesus, love and welcome all, bring others to discipleship, and put faith into action locally and globally.”

Given this reflection can you anticipate growing closer to God in 2010? If so, how is this going to happen? Let me encourage all of us to make a plan of how we will work on our relationship with God and our neighbors. A plan might include prayer, Bible study, worship attendance, community service etc. but regardless of these it has to include a willingness to embrace the teachings of Christ and an attitude of Love and mercy toward all.

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REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Disciples World to Cease Publication

From a recent press release: *DisciplesWorld*, the award-winning journal of news, opinion, and mission for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will cease publication after almost eight years. Citing declining subscription and advertising revenue, and charitable gifts, Publisher and Editor Verity A. Jones said the non-profit entity that publishes the magazine — DisciplesWorld, Inc. — is also dissolving.

Palestine/Israel With Global Ministries

Sandy Messick, Regional Minister, has recently returned from her 12-day trip to the Middle East. She was privileged to travel with five other Regional ministers and two members of the Global Ministries team. A blog was kept that documented the trip and is available online at: <http://bagmrnep.blogspot.com/>

A webinar presentation of the trip may be scheduled in early 2010. Details will be sent out as they become available. In addition, Sandy will be making presentations at various congregations and at the Common Table event in March and at the Regional Assembly in May. She looks forward to sharing this amazing trip with the Northwest Region. Katheryn Graham, one of the Regional Ministers in Kansas City, and a partner on this trip, shared the following prayer as one that summed up the experience: It comes from the World Council of Churches (Vancouver Assembly, 1983)

Love All People

*Eternal God, whose image lies in the hearts of
all people,
We live among peoples whose ways are different
from ours,
Whose faiths are foreign to us,
Whose tongues are unintelligible to us.
Help us to remember that you love all people
with your great love,
That all religion is an attempt to respond to you,
That the yearnings of other hearts are much like
our own and are known to you.
Help us to recognize you in the words of truth,
the things of beauty,
The actions of love about us.
We pray through Christ, who is a stranger to no
land more than another,
And to every land no less than to another.*

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

Dr. Joseph Womack is Named New NCU President

Eugene, Oregon----The Board of Trustees of Northwest Christian University (NCU) has announced Dr. Joseph Womack has been named the institution's 10th president. He will replace Dr. David Wilson, who announced last spring he would be resigning in June 2010 to spend more time with his family in the Midwest.

“We interviewed several very strong candidates who could have been successful at NCU,” said former Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller, a trustee and alum who led the national search committee. “In the end, Dr. Womack’s commitment to excellence, education, breadth of experience, and knowledge about NCU’s unique qualities and opportunities made him the hands down choice to lead the university into the next decade and beyond.”

Dr. Womack currently is the vice president for university advancement at William Jessup University where he is responsible for fundraising, marketing, communications, church and alumni relations, as well as community, media, and government relations. During his time at WJU, he has led the University in strategic planning leading to new academic programs, fundraising and enrollment goals, improvements to the WJU physical plant, personnel policies and policies related to student profile and retention goals.

He has also been responsible for leading the University’s physical relocation from San Jose to Rocklin, CA, raising \$36 million in capital and annual giving, and establishing and managing the WJU Foundation. Womack began his career nearly 20 years ago as an admissions counselor at NCU. Since then, he has held various administrative and operational positions at WJU and California Baptist University.

“NCU is ready to take the next step forward in its journey to be recognized among the best Christian colleges in the Western United States,” Womack said. “I am looking forward to working with NCU’s faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters to build on a great tradition of excellence in Christian higher education.”

Womack earned an Ed.D and M.Ed. from Azusa Pacific University (2009 & 1998), a bachelor’s degree in radio, television and film from Texas Christian University (1991) and an

associate degree in biblical studies from NCU (1989). He and his wife, the former Kristine Rhee (NCU ’89) have four sons: James, Benjamin, Daniel, and Andrew.

Dr. Wilson will continue as NCU’s president until Womack begins work June 1, 2010. He will be officially installed as president of NCU during ceremonies in the fall.

Northwest Christian University was founded in 1895 by pastor-educator, Eugene C. Sanderson, and named Eugene Divinity School. Through a series of name changes and a merger, the college became known as Northwest Christian College in 1934. On July 1, 2008, the name officially changed to NCU.

NCU Trustees serving from the Northwest Region are: Roger Davidson, Marvin Eckfeldt, Bill Jennison, Bonnie Haddow and Jim Treece.

Scripture Passages for the Sundays in January

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

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| Jan. 3: | Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18 |
| Jan. 10: | Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 |
| Jan. 17: | Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11 |
| Jan. 24: | Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21 |
| Jan. 31: | Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30 |

SCHEDULES, FACTS AND FIGURES
December Attendance and Offering

	Attendance	Money given to support our ministry
December 6	77	\$3,921.37
December 13	77	\$2,926.91
December 20	90	\$2,381.30
December 27	75	\$1,454.29

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am – Christian Education for children and adults.

11:00 am – Worship

Fellowship

There is always a time of Fellowship in the Fireside Room, immediately following worship.

* An Elevator is available*



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Summer Ziegeldorf
- 2 Sandy St. Amour
- 3 Timothy Beeler
- 10 Shirley Denham
- 20 Eric Goold
- Beth Shirley
- 21 Millie McCallum
- 23 Jessica Byram
- 25 Winnie Packwood

JANUARY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Myrton Foredyce
- 11 Paula Lautenschlager

Partners in Service for Jesus

This month your offerings helped support the following ministries:

- Asotin County Food Bank
- Disciples Mission Fund
- Interlink
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- Northwest Christian University
- Snake River Community Clinic
- VALCAN (Valley Christian Aid Network)
- Zephyr Conference Center

Newly Elected Church Officers

On Sunday, December 27, we elected new church officers. New and returning Board members, Elders, Diaconate and Trustees are as follows:

Board

- Moderator—Lee Ann Hancock
- Vice-Moderator—Ronnie Mock
- Secretary—Dixie Carringer
- Treasurer—Vicky Brooks
- Financial Secretary—Linda Beck

Elders

- Term ending January, 2013--
- Marcia Craddock
- Karen Schmadeka
- Rie Walker
- Term ending January, 2012—
- Suzanne Mock
- Bob Packwood
- Winnie Packwood
- Anita Turner
- Term ending January, 2011—
- Ronnie Mock
- Dani Layes
- Lee Ann Hancock
- Janice Dumbauld
- Tom White

Diaconate

Term ending January, 2013—

- Vicky Brooks
- Fritz Sarbacher
- Loren Dale
- Bambi Compton
- Becca Koenig
- Rickie Parks
- Ashley Parks
- Cody Riggs
- Aaron Riggs
- Rick Kramer

Term ending January, 2012—

- Linda Beck
- Helen Bowden
- Cathy Dunlap
- Ashley Hastings
- Linda Mael
- Mildred McDowell
- Iva Peer
- Sally Teichmer

Term ending January, 2011—

- Amber Dixon-Skelton
- Jo Epperson
- Anita Turner
- Dixie Carringer
- Sue Fuqua

Trustees

Term ending January, 2013—

Ann Koenig

Term ending January, 2012—

Bob Packwood

Term ending January, 2011—

Ronnie Mock



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