



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
Fritz Sarbacher, Youth Ministry Coordinator

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
Elders
Sally Teichmer, DWM
Linda Mael, DWM

TRUSTEES

Ann Koenig, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

News from the Pews

We have started a drive to collect items for hygiene kits to be sent to Haiti, we are also collecting monetary donations for Haiti to be forwarded to Week of Compassion. In addition to this we have moved up our annual Church World Service blanket drive. If anyone would like to help please contact Linda Mael or Sue Wilson for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DINNER AND AUCTION

The H.O.E. ministry is planning to hold a dinner and auction on March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The proceeds will go towards funding our outreach efforts through Family Promise, Salvation Army, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group and our pastor's discretionary fund.

For more information and ways you can help contact the pastor.

Splinters from the Board

There was no board meeting in January. Instead we had our annual congregational election of servants and our annual congregational meeting.

For the last several years we have selected an unsung hero from among our members. This year's selection was Mildred McDowell. We have recognized the quiet service Mildred has offered over the many years she has been involved with our congregation. Some highlights were her long service as our nursery attendant, her involvement as a DWM officer, her willingness to serve communion to our home bound and as a faithful participant in our church's prayer group. Thank You Mildred for all your hard work.

At the congregational meeting we unanimously passed a budget for 2010.

The last Sunday of December we elected the following people to serve in the capacities listed;

Elders terms ending Jan 2013

Marcia Craddock, Karen Schmadeka and Rie Walker.

Deacons terms ending Jan 2013

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

Trustee term ending Jan 2013

Ann Koenig

Officers terms ending Jan 2012

LeeAnn Hancock-Moderator

Ronnie Mock-Vice Moderator
Dixie Carringer-Secretary
Linda Beck-Financial Secretary
Vicky Brooks-Treasurer

H.O.E. Ministry--This month the Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism Ministry hosted a special meeting, inviting several others to join us. Pastor David then introduced an idea that he'd been cooking up. This was the inception of the Dinner and Auction that will be held March 12 at the church. Those attending included Pastor David Carringer, Dixie Carringer, Vicky Brooks, Suzy Ward, Sue Fuqua, Linda Beck, Marcia Craddock, Linda Mael, Dani Layes, Sue Wilson, and LeeAnn Hancock (hope I didn't forget anyone). After presenting the concept and explaining the purpose of the funds to be raised (split between Family Promise, the Salvation Army kitchen, Vacation Bible School, the Youth group, and the Pastor's discretionary fund), it didn't take long for everyone to make suggestions and commitments for items to be auctioned. A few large valued items would be needed for the live auction, and several themed baskets for the silent auction. Everyone got involved and many basket themes were selected by some of those in attendance. It was also suggested that we have some kind of entertainment - i.e. dinner music playing in the background, probably from the Fireside room.

A follow-up meeting was scheduled and held on January 20 where it was reported that an auctioneer has been confirmed, as well as some of the auction items donated. Sue Wilson had the tickets already printed up and handed out to several people to sell. Seating would have to be sold in advance as seating will be limited, and this will help us to know exactly how much food we will need. A menu has been determined as well. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, that will include a special kid's menu and special activities just for them. We will meet again on February 17 at 6:30 pm to finalize most of the plans.

In addition to this, the Food Bank Sunday for January netted 80 pounds of food items for the Asotin County Food Bank.

Remember, if you would like to participate or feel you could make a contribution to this ministry, please feel free to join us at any time.

The next Food Bank Sunday and Birthday Sunday will be February 7. Don't forget your non-perishable donations - bring them to church and the children will gather them for the basket.

Respectfully,
Linda Beck, Chairperson

Words from the Pasture

The Lenten season will be starting on Ash Wednesday Feb 17. Within our Disciple of Christ tradition this season has not been historically observed and so I thought a few words on the season would be appropriate. First I'd like to explain what Lent is. From the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America I offer the following as an explanation. "Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at the Great Vigil of Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Though not biblical, Lent has long been a tradition in the Christian Church, and it is thought that the tradition of the 40 days recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). Lent is considered a time of penance and discipline. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. On this day, Christians focus on their complete sinfulness and the necessity of Christ's suffering and death to insure their salvation. Ashes are referred to many times in the Old Testament as signs of sorrow, mourning, humility, and repentance, and on Ash Wednesday they are used to remind people of their mortality -- that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). The Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday begins the last week of Lent, known as Holy Week. During this holiest time of the church year, the worship services relive the final week of our Lord's human life. Holy Week includes Maundy Thursday, when Christians observe Christ's "Last Supper" -- the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion -- and the mandate to serve one another in love. Good Friday commemorates the imprisonment, trial and death by crucifixion

of Jesus. Lent culminates on Saturday evening of Holy Week in the Great Vigil of Easter, when Christians gather in darkness, light new fire, and celebrate the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies in the resurrection of Christ.” I think of Lent in this way. I think of it as a time to reflect upon my life. Upon what do I think and profess as important compared to what I have spent my time, energy and resources on, by which I demonstrate what I truly believe is important. So I ask myself, are my actions drawing me closer to God and do they demonstrate my insistence that “I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and my personal Lord and Savior.” Or are they a hindrance and a barrier to my relationship with and service to God.

I challenge all of us to give these questions serious reflection during this upcoming season of Lent. D.C.

REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS

A Note from the Regional Minister, Sandy Messick:

I stand in awe of the generosity of the congregations in this region as you respond to the needs in Haiti. To date, you have told me of approximately \$15,890 given by our congregations in special offerings or special board designations, plus I am aware of several congregations collecting supplies and making kits for Church World Service. And I know there is much more being done and given within our region. Thank you!



Chi Rho-6, 7 and 8th graders, March 5-7, 2010@Double K, Easton, WA.

CYF-9-12th graders, March 19-21 2010@Koinonia Campgrounds, Cle Elum, WA.

2010 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY



May 21-23, 2010

North Hill Christian Church, Spokane, WA
Please consider attending. We would like to carpool and travel together to Spokane. There will also be low cost accommodations offered at Zephyr Camp and Conference grounds in Lake Liberty. I hope for several of us to be able to attend, stay at Zephyr and travel to and from the assembly together.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

From the President of Disciples Home Missions

Ready. Get Set. Go. These three describe where the church is today. Four words explain it all. If we can get these four words right -- okay, these two words and one phrase -- then maybe the church can find its way on this new frontier.

The church has been under the same management for more than 2,000 years, something no governmental or business enterprise can claim. It has been laying its foundation, expanding its outreach, adapting to cultural and demographic changes throughout the world. As I see it, the first and foremost role of the church has been completed. It has laid its foundation. It has made itself Ready. Do not let anyone tell you that the church has arrived. It has not. It has just taken its first step. Two additional steps remain. Thus all the confusion about where the church is in its journey.

Before the church can ever Go, the fourth of the four words, it must Get Set. It must prepare itself for this grand mission to which it has been called. We are living in this Get Set time, in this middle time, where God is calling the church to get the Spiritual Enrichment Training it needs to propel it to the Go. This middle stage of the church's life is an important one. In this Get Set stage, the church is in formation and re-formation.

The bricks and mortar of the Ready stage have given way to the need for spiritual provisions that will nourish the church on its continuing

journey. Study, prayer, fellowship, song, and service are the areas the Master wants to master in us so that we can truly Go where God calls. So, like the novitiate, the whole church is in this time of spiritual preparation. It is a time of questioning and learning, stretching and growing, listening and strategizing. It is a time where we can be appropriately tooled in knowing the word, interpreting the word, living the word, and doing the word. No one of these can stand alone.

So, my fellow Disciples, let's Get Set for what it is God has in store for our future!

Get Set-ing-ly yours,
Ron Degges

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am – Christian Education for everyone
11:00 am – Worship

FELLOWSHIP

There is always a time of Fellowship in the Hospitality/Elders' Room, next to the Sanctuary, immediately following worship.

* An Elevator is available*

Scripture Passages for the Sundays in February

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

- Feb. 7: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
- Feb. 14: Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
- Feb. 21: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
- Feb. 28: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

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Our 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 College
- Pension Fund of the Christian Church
- Snake River Community Clinic
- VALCAN (Valley Christian Aid Net)
- Zephyr Conference Center

SCHEDULES, FACT AND FIGURES

January Attendance and Offerings

	Attendance	Offering
January 3	77	\$2,547.40
January 10	72	\$5,278.18
January 17	81	\$1,758.87
January 24	74	\$ 956.05

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lela Martin
- 2 Doug Eatmon
- 4 Suzanne Ringo
- 5 Charlie Compton
- 7 David Koenig
- 12 Maxine Nasland
- 15 Sue Wilson
- 17 Savannah Carringer
- 21 Martin Dixon
Fritz Sarbacher
- 25 Nick Spring
- 26 Cathy Wilson
- 27 Bill Teal
- 28 Ronnie Mock

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 22 Chet and Lela Martin

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Ronnie Mock
Suzanne Mock
Briana Mock
- 21 Wayne Teichmer
- 27 Suzanne Ringo

