



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."

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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
Cathy Dunlap, Violinist
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, H.O.E.
Dixie Carringer, Diaconate
Anita Turner, Elders
Sally Teichmer, DWM
Linda Mael, DWM

TRUSTEES

Ann Koenig, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

"if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved."
Romans 10:9-10

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WE NEED A SHOWER AND A NEW PIANO.

The board has decided that the Church should raise funds to replace the sanctuary Piano and install a shower in the church. The Piano has been deemed beyond repair because of its age and the need for a shower has been established based upon our involvement in Family Promise and the frequency that people have approached the church in need of a shower while they are temporarily without a place of their own.

It is the hope of the board that our congregation will respond to these needs by

contributing designated funds for the purpose of installing a shower and buying a new Piano.

**CONFLUENCE COMMUNITY CHURCH
TO RENT THEIR OWN BUILDING**

For the past several months we have hosted the Confluence Community Church each Sunday evening. Following is an email that Rev. Jeff Pernsteiner sent to Rev. Carringer.

David-

I want to first express the incredible amount of gratitude I have for you and your church for your generosity towards us. We were so fortunate to have connected with you guys last year. You opening up your church to us has enabled us to do things we would not have been able to do. Just so you know people have been saved and lives have been changed because of your generosity. We had four professions take place in that building, and we have seen many

young families, who had been sitting on the sidelines of faith for so long, finally step out and decide they were going to make a difference for Christ. This wouldn't have been possible without First Christian Church.

I am writing to let you know we're going to be moving. Our ministry has grown to the point where we are now able to afford our own building, which will in turn give us opportunity to move our services to Sunday mornings. Being able to use your building on Sunday evenings has been wonderful, but we think this move will create some new gospel opportunities for us. Our new location will be up in the Orchards. We don't have an official move in date yet, but it's looking like mid to late March. To be safe, I think we'll just say March 28th will be our last Sunday at First Christian.

Thanks again for all your generosity. May the Lord richly bless your ministry. You guys rock!
Jeff

News from the Pews

!!Congratulations!!

To Ashley Parks on her "outstanding" during a recent singing competition in Colfax.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**"MARCH INTO FAITH"
DINNER AND AUCTION**

When: March 12, 6:30 p.m.

**Where: First Christian Church, 840 10th St.
Clarkston**

**Why: Fundraiser for local Outreach
Ministries**

Dinner and silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m.
Free admission to live auction beginning at
8:00 p.m.

SOME OF THE ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED:

- 25,000 air miles, enough for a round trip ticket anywhere Alaska Airlines flies
- Queen size hand made quilt
- "Glimpse of the Master" print by Judy Fairley
- Camping and Fishing gear from Black Sheep Sporting Goods
- Jewelry from Sweet Tea Designs (Texas)
- Remington Print
- Homemade cookies for a year and homemade ice cream for a year
- 4 hours labor from several youth volunteers
- Many, many, baskets of beautiful items for the ladies and big boy toys.

Tickets are limited so call the Church Office at 758-2943 to reserve yours now.

Godquest.com

2010 Youth Winter Retreats

Two winter retreats are planned for this month for the youth of our region. Chi Rho for 6, 7, and 8th graders will be March 5-7 at Double K in Easton, Washington. CYF for 9, 10, 11, and 12th graders will be March 19-21 at Koinonia, Cle Elum, Washington. If you are interested in going to either of these camps, please contact Fritz Sarbacher.



Mari de los Santos will be having a baby girl in April. We will have a baby shower for her on **Saturday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m.** at the church. All ladies are invited to join us to shower Mari with good wishes and gifts for her baby.

Splinters from the Board

The board has voted to establish a designated fund into which moneys designated for the installation of a shower could be saved until such time as enough has been raised to install a shower.

The reason that the board wants to install a shower in the church is because of an increasing awareness of the need. Over the last 6 months we have had three occasions in addition to Family Promise where the need arose to provide a shower facility to individuals in need. Two of the individuals are members of our church and the other occasion involved two young men who were biking cross country and camped on our lawn. Had we had a shower we would have been able to provide several days worth of showers.

Marshal Mangum, the contractor who remodeled the kitchen, worked up some estimates for installing showers and in conversation with him, the conclusion was reach that the most affordable solution was to place one shower adjacent to the bathroom in the "Worship and Wonder" room. This would take up some of the space in the room, as a result of squaring it off, but not much. It would be a one stall shower and a remodeled bathroom. Marshall estimated the cost would not exceed \$8,000.00.

In light of the above information, the Board has established a designated fund in which to deposit funds raised for the purpose installing a shower when enough money has been acquired.

Administration Ministry--As required by State regulations the church has entered into an elevator service contract with Thysson-Krupp elevator to provide the required annual inspection.

Clarkston Glass estimates the repair of the front doors will cost between \$400-\$500.

The front steps will be temporarily repaired at a cost of approximately \$500.00.

H.O.E. Ministry—The Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism Ministry is working hard to put together a great Dinner and Auction on March 12. Many other church members are helping with this project, and quite a few great donations are set to be auctioned that evening. Dinner and silent auction are scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm, with the live auction to start at 8:00. Dinner tickets are \$10 each for adults, and \$5 each for children, with special activities for the kids being planned. Members of the congregation are asked to sell the limited tickets to the dinner. Around 20 themed baskets are being prepared for the silent auction. The live auction will include (but not necessarily limited to) camping and fishing packages, "Glimpse of the Master" painting by Judy Fairly, cookies and ice cream for a year, four hours of labor of your choice, round trip ticket anywhere Alaska Airlines flies, Queen size hand made quilt, Jewelry from Sweet Tea Designs, Remington print, and more. Many thanks to all those putting together the baskets, and these wonderful gifts. We will be having one more meeting on March 3 with the auctioneer in attendance to make sure that everything will run smoothly.

Remember the next Birthday Sunday and Food Bank Sunday, March 7. Bring your non-perishable food items in bags for the kids to pick up from the aisles during the service.

Linda Beck, Chairperson

Nurture Ministry--Charlie Compton has been asked to be responsible for special music at least once a month this year.

Vacation Bible School will be held this summer in the evening. The exact date is pending. Volunteers are needed to help.

Words from the Pasture

Christ calls us to a life of service that values God and neighbor even above our own lives.

In Genesis 2:15 it says “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it.”

God created humanity to serve God. I would like to argue that to be human is to live in service to God. In fact I would like to take it even further and say that the only way to be truly human is to live in service to God. To live a life of independence from God and all others, to live only to satisfy ourselves is not human but is rather inhuman and forces us, whether we believe it or not, to serve the powers of the world and not the Kingdom of God. I believe this is the true dichotomy of our existence. That we are faced with a very real daily choice, to satisfy only ourselves and our needs and thus serve the world and by extension all things opposed to God or to answer the call that God has issued through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” And to “love your neighbor as yourself.” Thereby serving our creator. To be human is to serve God. The more human we become the more service we give to God, the less we serve others the less human we become.

Let me know what you think.

D.C.

REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS

“Called by God’s grace to do together that which by God’s design cannot be done apart, and led by the movement of the Spirit of God.”

THE CORE VALUES OF THE NWRCC

LIVING FORWARD

- We celebrate that God is always doing a new thing

- Our faithful response is to continually be open to new ways of being church together
- Though we honor and celebrate past traditions, we are not bound or limited by them.

GOD CENTERED, SPIRIT LED

- We recognize that God is in our midst, shaping and forming our life together
- We intentionally seek opportunities to listen anew for the Spirit’s direction through prayer, worship, study of scripture, and the collective wisdom of the gathered community.

DIVERSITY

- Diversity is a gift from God that must be nurtured, cherished, and encouraged as God’s truth is usually too much for any one of us alone.
- We are committed to acknowledging, healing and reconciling our brokenness and the wounds of the past.
- Knowing our oneness in Christ, we commit to be open, receptive and inclusive of all people.

COMMUNITY

Through our understanding of the Region as an interconnected community of communities:

- We are committed to increasing our connection and availability for joyful interaction.
- We are learning with God’s help to love one another through dialog, forgiveness, learning, and mutual support

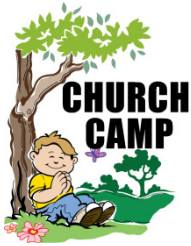
JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

- We are sent out by God to minister in Christ’s name
- We are called to engage in intentional acts of justice and mercy
- We are prepared to see the presence of Christ in everyone on earth.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

“Christian unity is our polar star.” – Barton Stone, one of our founders, stated

- Our unity is a gift from God that we celebrate as we gather with joy around the one table
- We recognize that our regional community is part of a wider community that includes not only Disciples but Christians and people of faith throughout the world.



Summer Church Camps

Mark your calendars for summer camp at Zephyr campgrounds:

Kids Camp (entering grades 2 and 3) July 13 – 16

Junior Camp (entering grades 4, 5, and 6) July 13 – 17

Chi Rho Camp (entering grades 7, 8, and 9) July 19 – 24

CYF Camp (entering grades 10, 11, 12 and new grads) July 19 – 24

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

“We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”

Missionaries Share Their Experiences Following Haitian Earthquake

Patrick and Kim Bentrrott, Global Ministries missionaries in Haiti, spoke to numerous staff and community persons on Feb. 10 at the Disciples Center in Indianapolis. The Bentrrotts were in Haiti on Jan. 12 when a massive earthquake shook the country. Kim is a physician and teacher and is partnered with the National Spiritual Council of Churches of Haiti (CONASPEH), a grass-roots organization of Protestant churches and organizations that also

assists with community education and health care. Patrick advises CONASPEH on theological education and diaconal projects and programs. The Bentrrotts recently returned to the United States but hope to return to Haiti in the next several months.

To see photos from their presentation, go to: snurl.com/docbentrrottgallery. To read the Bentrrott’s blog of their life in Haiti, both before and after the earthquake, visit: www.kimandpatrick.blogspot.com

**SCHEDULES, FACT AND FIGURES
February Attendance and Offerings**

	Attendance	Offering
January 31	90	\$1,081.88
February 7	73	\$1,450.78
February 14	89	\$4,344.92
February 21	89	\$1,080.10

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 Hospitality/Elders’ Room, next to the Sanctuary, immediately following worship.

* An Elevator is available*

Scripture Passages for the Sundays in March

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

March 7:	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
March 14:	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 21:	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
March 28:	Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Lee Ann Hancock
- 5 Chastin Spring
- 8 Thomas Parks
- 10 Dan Peer
- 13 Myrton Foredyce
- 15 Dorothy Craig
- 18 Tim Klodt
- 23 Jasmine Carringer
- 27 Brandon Mock

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Ronnie and Suzanne Mock
- 21 Mike and Wanda Goold

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Denise Kuntz
- 22 June Litchfield
- 23 Dane Bacon
- Kayla Bacon
- Jasmine Carringer
- Savannah Carringer
- Nadine Johnson
- Colben Klodt
- Landon Klodt
- 28 Sue Wilson
- 30 Maureen Callahan
- 31 Hank Craddock
- Marcia Craddock

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Our Partners in Service for Jesus

This month your offerings helped support the following ministries:

- Asotin County Food Bank
- Church Finance Council
- Interlink
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- National Benevolent Association
- Northwest Christian College
- Pension Fund of the Christian Church
- Snake River Community Clinic
- VALCAN (Valley Christian Aid Net)
- Zephyr Conference Center

