



**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

**CHURCH STAFF:**

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

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP:**

Lee Ann Hancock, Moderator  
Bob Packwood, Vice Moderator  
Janice Dumbauld, Secretary  
Ann Koenig, Treasurer  
Sue Wilson, Financial Secretary  
Ruth Bosserman, DWM  
Sally Teichmer, DWM

**MINISTRY CHAIRS:**

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

**TRUSTEES**

Stamey English, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

Hey everyone! Bring your **aluminum cans** to the parsonage next to the church. Place them in the green trailer in the driveway and I'll take them to be recycled and add the proceeds to the church coffers. D.C.

**News from the Pews**

Ashley Hastings writes “To you my valued supporters,”

Hi my name is Ashley Hastings. I am currently a senior at Clarkston High School. I am part of the Clarkston High School's FFA Chapter. This is my third year in FFA and my third year taking a lamb. I also have a rotational sow, a horse and a rotational ewe. My sow just had her second litter of piglets. She had a total of ten with one runt who was so small I took him home with me to try and help his chances at living. He weighed 8 oz. and fought to live for four days before sadly deciding couldn't fight anymore. Greatly I still have nine healthy piglets that are very energetic. My first ewe

died due to her being older and the babies draining too much from her before delivery. My second ewe didn't have babies either but I will still be showing her as my breeding project along with my fair lamb at the Asotin County Fair. This whole experience has helped me grow and has changed my outlook and respect for many things. It has also taught me to be very responsible and has grown my love for animals. I love being in FFA. I will be going to Lewis-Clark State College next spring with the goal of becoming a Veterinarian. And I plan to keep animals and agriculture a big part of my future. For this I'm asking for donations and/or sponsorship for the financial assistance with the care and upkeep of my animals and to help my last year be a little easier and one to remember. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please send your donations in care of Ashley Hastings to 2563 Suncrest Drive., Clarkston, WA. If you have questions, please contact me at (509) 751-6014.

Thank you for your support,  
Ashley Hastings

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Summer camp is coming, scholarships are available. So why not go. For many of us camp has been a life changing experience. Dixie and David are leading kids camp and we'd love to take a bunch of kids from our church with us to Kids and Jr. camp. It'll be great!!!



### **2009 Summer Camp Dates at Zephyr**

Kids (grades 2, 3) August 10 – August 13

Junior (4, 5, 6) August 10 – August 15

Chi Rho (7, 8, 9) July 20 – July 25

CYF (10, 11, 20, grads) July 20 – July 25  
(Chi Rho and CYF will run concurrently)

## **YOUTH NEWS**

The Youth Group continues on. Why do you come to church? Are you looking for something? Is it all about you or do you consider the other people who also attend our church? What do you think Jesus would say about how you live your life? Does it matter? The above are just some questions for your consideration.

### **Splinters from the Board**

The board voted to acquire the additional insurance coverage recommended by the Admin. Ministry.

It also voted to proceed with kitchen remodel.

It voted to withdraw \$22,000 from our CD held by the Church Board of Extension.

## **Ministry Reports-**

**Administration-**The Administration Ministry met April 9, 2009.

John Sullivan, our insurance agent, attended and discussed our current insurance coverage. John recommended that we add a Member/Participant Group Accident Medical Policy issued by Nationwide Insurance. With a premium of \$175/yr. The Admin. Ministry agreed to recommend this to the board.

Kitchen remodel bid is \$17,567.65. After discussion and review of the bid, the Administration Ministry agreed to recommend to the board that we accept this bid with provisions in the contract that state the beginning and end dates and penalties for failure to complete the job on time.

Sound system \$6,385.00. It was agreed that this item would be tabled and revisited at our next meeting.

Parsonage roof—tabled for next meeting.

Church van—tabled for next meeting.

The ministry recommended that \$22,000 be withdrawn from our account with the Church Board of Extension and placed in our Money Market account with Sterling Bank. This money will be used for the kitchen remodel with the remainder being accessible by our general fund for continuing regular expenses.

New staff positions were considered—Children's Education Coordinator, Youth Ministry Coordinator. This topic was tabled with the realization that as a continuing monthly expense, more regular income will be needed in order to implement the new positions.

Confluence Community Church use of facility—no problems.

Basement egress windows were discussed, but the ministry decided to wait until we receive guidance from the city before starting the project.

Consider how or if to buy any property adjoining the church property to the west of the church, across alley, that comes on the market.

At this point this is a dream, that we have no plans or ideas as to how to make it a reality.

**Nurture**-The Nurture Ministry met at 7:00 p.m. in March 16 in the Fireside Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Bosserman. David let in an opening prayer.

Concerns have been expressed about the instability of the flower stands when little children are gathered around them during the children sermon on Sunday mornings. Several ideas were given. David will try to solve this.

It was agreed that the baptistery curtain needs to be closed prior to the baptized leaving the water.

There were 164 persons present on Easter Sunday. Thirty-two of them were children.

Problems relating to homebound visits on Sunday were discussed. Lee called Evergreen Estates and asked if the kitchen help could remind folks to attend the 10:00 a.m. communion service that our church offers. They were agreeable, and this will help everyone remember to attend.

Under education, Fritz and Tamara will be going to Florida on vacation. They have good helpers to take over until they return. Jessica Byrum, and Judi Key have been ably assisting with Sunday School each week. Attendance has increased.

Charlie Compton is an accomplished guitarist who wants to be part of our music ministry. He has been asked to participate in our worship service on a continuing basis. This will be a new phase in our worship.

It was suggested that our hymns be sung at a faster pace. The Doxology should be joyous rather than dirge-like.

David asked how we liked having everyone greet those sitting close to them last Sunday. Then it was suggested that we could have Joys and Concerns one week and Greetings the alternating week.

Mother's Day, May 10, the Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism Ministry will be

presenting a special remembrance to the mothers that day.

Because David and the Elders are meeting on the first Sunday of each month, they are not able to attend the special birthday celebration that honors all members who have birthdays each month. It was decided to change the Elders meeting to the fourth Sunday so that everyone could be involved on birthday Sunday.

Dani announced that the choir will practice and sing through May.

Worship in the Park will take place on June 28 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a meal following service. The Church of God and Presbyterians will be joining us.

Dani announced the dates for Vacation Bible School will be July 6-10.

David asked if we could honor our new members at our January annual meeting. He would like it to be on a Sunday night with a catered meal and entertainment. The booklets with the annual reports should be put together and available two weeks earlier than this meeting so that they can be studied ahead of time. Folks can then bring any questions they have about our programs to the annual meeting.

The resignation of Ruth Bosserman, as chair of the Nurture Ministry was accepted. Ruth stated health concerns were the reason for the resignation.

Dani Layes agreed to assume the position.

Ruth Bosserman  
Nurture Ministry Chair

**Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism**- After deciding to continue with use, twenty-four bags for newcomers were assembled, using all the new testaments and brochures. Sue Wilson will purchase needed supplies plus bracelets to add to the bags. More of an effort will be made to catch all new arrivals.

Members from our church and neighboring churches attended the International Day Pancake Breakfast.

Food was donated by members of this ministry for a potluck in support of a work day at Trinity Baptist on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. A couple of our members participated in the work day. This is a bridge building opportunity to work with our neighboring churches.

April advertising included an ad for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Community Good Friday Service, Easter Party and the Passion of the Christ, and finally the Easter Service. All services and events were well attended.

Discussions about possibilities for new committee members brought two suggested people, who will be approached. Anyone who is interested in serving on this ministry is asked to contact Linda.

Family Promise training has again been offered for anyone involved in or interest in the program.

Vicky Brooks has agreed to coordinate our dinners at the Salvation Army. She will always need volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Mael, Chair

**Disciples Women's Ministry-DWM** met at noon on April 7 for their monthly luncheon, program and worship, and business meeting.

Mildred McDowell led the program entitled, "Listening for God's Voice" followed by worship and offering.

The business meeting followed, with Ruth Bosserman president. Following the minutes, treasurer's report and the correspondence, the nominating committee chair, Lela Martin, gave her report:

Co-presidents: Sally Teichmer and  
Ruth Bosserman  
Secretary: Karen Schmadeka  
Treasurer: Mildred McDowell  
Program Chair: Mildred McDowell  
Service and Projects: Linda Mael  
Sunshine: Sally Teichmer

Linda Mael is also our representative to the NW Regional meeting on May 16 to revise and update Disciples Women's Ministry.

There will be a Ladies' Tea from 9:00 to 3:00 on May 2. Helene Wilson, Regional Disciples Women's director, will be with us. Invitations have been sent out to 16 churches. All women of the church are invited. Linda Mael is in charge of this event.

Marcia Craddock reported on the proposed renovation of the church kitchen. There will be a new dishwasher, stove and oven to replace the two ovens, hot water heater and garbage disposals. It is proposed that this project be completed by the end of May, in time for our next Family Promise guests. This has to come before the board for approval later this month.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Ruth.

Ruth Bosserman  
Co-Chair of DWM

### *Words from the Pasture*

We at FCC Clarkston do a lot in service to God.

#### **We in service to God:**

Feed the Hungry-Salvation Army, Asotin County Food Bank.

House the Homeless-Family Promise.

Help people with other needs like bills, transportation, odd jobs or temporary accommodations-VALCAN, Pastor's fund and interlink.

Provide free medical care-Snake River Community Clinic.

Assist people and offer support to local people in times of Crisis-VALCAN

Support programs for retired persons-VALCAN

Support Higher education-NCU, LTS and through DMF

Support emergency relief-WOC

Support a network of homes for the elderly through-DMF, Disciples Benevolent Services.

Support global ministries-DMF  
 Support homeland ministries-DMF  
 Support our regional ministries-DMF  
 Support our Church Camp-Zephyr  
 Have opened our church to the Girl Scouts.  
 Allow a new church start to use our building.  
 Make our facilities available for special events  
 and projects for our members and friends.  
 Host a weekly Pastor's prayer group.  
 Hold a weekly Bible study in our church.  
 Have our Youth Group meet here weekly.  
 Maintain an office that is used daily.  
 Continue to provide worship and spiritual  
 leadership to our congregation on a continuing  
 basis.

We do all of this in support of our Mission  
 Statement. To **“Honor God, strive to be more  
 like Jesus, love and welcome all, bring others  
 to discipleship, and put our faith into action  
 locally and globally.”**

We can do more or we can do less, either way it  
 depends on us to enter into prayer and look for  
 the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and then decide  
 what we want our church to do and what we  
 want it to be and then to use our time, our  
 talents and our treasures accordingly. God will  
 love us regardless. D.C.

### **REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS**

The region is holding a special regional  
 assembly on May 16 at Englewood CC in  
 Yakima, WA, to consider the following items:

- **The RISE Ministry Plan**
- **Becoming a Global Mission Region**
- **Report from the Regional Minister  
 Search Team**
- **And Celebrate the Ministry of  
 Rebecca Hale**

Also, Rebecca Hale will report on her  
 pilgrimage to the Dominican Republic and  
 Haiti.

### **GENERAL CHURCH NEWS**

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 semi-monthly e-mail news briefs of events and  
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#### ***Scripture Passages for the Sundays in May***

Read ahead, pray and ask questions  
 of the pastor.

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| May 3:  | Acts 4:5-12<br>Psalm 23<br>1 John 3:16-24<br>John 10:11-18                       |
| May 10: | Acts 8:26-40<br>Psalm 22:25-31<br>1 John 4:7-21<br>John 15:1-8                   |
| May 17: | Acts 10:44-48<br>Psalm 98<br>1 John 5:1-6<br>John 15:9-17                        |
| May 24: | Acts 1:15-17, 21-26<br>Psalm 1<br>1 John 5:9-13<br>John 17:6-19                  |
| May 31: | Acts 2:1-21<br>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b<br>Romans 8:22-27<br>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 |

#### **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\*

**Our Partners in Service for Jesus**

This month your offerings helped support the following ministries:

- Disciples Mission Fund
- 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

**SCHEDULES, FACTS AND FIGURES**

**April Attendance and Offering**

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Money given to support our ministry</b>
April 5	105	\$3,484.99
April 12	165	\$2,582.65
April 19	86	\$1,816.05
April 26	110	\$1,181.91

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Hap Spring
- 4 Linda Mael
- 12 Wanda Goold
- 20 Kevin Simons
- 24 Wyatt Byrd
- 26 Robert Packwood  
Dawn Dixon
- 28 Kelli Allen
- 29 Rick Kramer
- 30 Karen Schmadeka  
Ashley Parks



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