



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MESSENGER

(Disciples of Christ)

May, 2010

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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:

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  
Anita Turner, Elders  
Sally Teichmer, DWM  
Linda Mael, DWM

### TRUSTEES

Ann Koenig, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 67:1-3

### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Our congregation has recognized the need for a shower to be installed in the church. It has also become readily apparent that we need to replace our sanctuary piano. Designated funds have been established to hold money donated toward these issues until we have enough to proceed. Please consider donating to these funds.

### News from the Pews



**Brady Mock** will be graduating from Clarkston High School on June 5. Brady will be attending Eastern Washington State University next fall.

**Cyndi Beeler** will be graduating from Northwest Christian University on May 8 with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries: Missions. Cyndi's address is 6512 Thurston Road, Springfield, OR 97478.

### Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,  
The beautiful prayer shawl pleased me so much! When I heard that the congregation passed the shawl and individuals blessed and prayed over it, I was touched beyond words!

Your love and prayers are getting me through this illness!

Lloyd Bosserman

Thank you for your continuing prayers!

Lloyd and Ruth

Dear Friends,

Thank you for this \$330.00 gift for Blankets+. You know well the difference this means, and I just read that blankets are part of the Church World Service response in China following the earthquake.

Lynn Magnuson  
Regional Director  
of Church World Service

A Letter of Appreciation,

I had the good fortune to attend your dinner and auction in March where I won the labor of two of your fine gentlemen, Pastor David and Justin Parks. This came as a blessing to me as they accomplished so many of my worrisome jobs willingly. Hopefully they enjoyed it half as much as I did.

Your dinner was delicious and auction fun. If you have another, I'll try to be there, God willing. Thank you to all for the good works you do for others.

Blessings!

Sincerely,  
Donna Myers

Thank You to Albert Maas and family for all the hard work in washing down the outside of the church and picking up the leaves in the parking lot.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **FAMILY PROMISE**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**

We will once again be hosting and need volunteers to spend the night at the church. Please contact Marcia Craddock if you're willing to help.

### ***"Cookies in a Jar"***

Wednesday, May 12, we will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. to assemble "cookies in a jar." The jars that we assemble will be used at our booth at Alive after Five. Everyone is invited to come and help.

### ***Church Cleaning Day***

On Saturday, May 15, there will be a cleaning day at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will concentrate on the basement of the church. If you can join us that day, your help will be appreciated. Please bring a sack lunch.

## **##Vacation Bible School##**

We are looking forward to another fun and exciting VBS this summer. We will be needing donations and volunteers, so please prayerfully consider how you might help. Contact Tamara Byrd to volunteer and for information on what needs to be donated.

### **Splinters from the Board**

**Hospitality, Outreach, Missions and Evangelism (H.O.M.E.) Ministry:** will be participating in "Alive after Five" again this summer. We decided that we would set up our booth in June, July, August, and September. This occurs on the first Thursday each month. We will be selling "cookies in a jar" and cotton candy provided by the Youth Group. We will be

having a work session to assemble the jars of cookie mixes.

Don't forget the first Sunday of each month is Birthday Sunday, as well as Food Bank Sunday. Don't forget your food items for the Food Bank.

Linda Beck  
Chairperson

**Administration Ministry:** The treasurer reported that our finances are in good order. This year our income has exceeded expenses two months and has not two months, which leaves little room for unplanned expenses. The pastor has been given permission to place up to two garden boxes on the church lawn next to the parsonage fence. Our designated funds for a church shower and new piano have been established. Donations are being received for both. It is hoped that the congregation will contribute to these funds.

**Nurture Ministry:** An adjustment was made in the order of worship. The Children's sermon was switched with the music ministries special. This will allow the children to hear more scripture read, but more importantly will allow them to leave the sanctuary immediately after the children's sermon, rather than waiting to sing. It is hoped that this will create a smoother flow to the worship service. We will be hosting a Vacation Bible School in the evenings during summer vacation. Dates TBA.

### **Words from the Pasture**

I am very grateful for the opportunity to be the pastor of First Christian Church in Clarkston. This opportunity really is a dream come true. I appreciate all the true Christian spirit that permeates throughout the members of our church. It has become apparent to me that every

active member of our church is doing their level best to willingly and faithfully follow the leading of God. We pray, study and worship God in every aspect of our life not just on Sunday morning. We are certainly not perfect, we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, but I don't know of one person in our church who is not praying for and/or helping someone other than themselves. We realize that ministry is not confined to the walls of our church, or only to the ministries sponsored or organized by our church. Rather we see ministry as an inevitable daily outgrowth of our willingness to follow Jesus in our daily lives. Our very belief in a living God and God's only son Jesus who is our savior demands that we not only state our belief but that it transforms our lives. Our compassion and loving actions on behalf of others is the true testimony to our faith. I am truly and abundantly blessed that all of you allow me to be your pastor.

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."*

**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY IS COMING,  
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***"POURED OUT IN MISSION"***

**May 21-23, 2010**

**North Hill Christian Church, Spokane,  
WA**

Let's all plan to attend regional assembly at North Hill C.C. in Spokane. Low cost accommodations are available at Camp Zephyr. It would be wonderful if we had a large contingent of our folks there. There will be programming for our children and child care will be provided. Please seriously consider attending the Assembly. It is shaping up to be a spirit filled life giving event. My family and I are going will you?

## ++GUEST SPEAKERS++

### **Eliacín Rosario-Cruz**

Named among the top 10 Next-Gen leaders to watch by Sojourners Magazine. Eliacín is part of the Mustard Seed House in Seattle and speaks on emergent church, intentional community and much more.

### **John Bristow**

Pastor, teacher and story-teller, John engages audiences in intensive study of the core values within Jesus' ministry: the basis of the church's programs and lifestyle at Country Homes Christian Church in Spokane.

### **Sandy Messick**

Regional Minister of the NWRCC, Sandy's emphasis is on building connections with congregations, embracing the diversity of the Region and members, and the commitment to pouring ourselves out in mission.

### **Bob Shebeck**

Executive for Mission Interpretation and Constituency Relationships, Bob is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has been working for Global Ministries since Nov 2002.

### **Pre-Assembly Mission Event**

1:00 - 5:00 pm on Friday before opening worship at Zephyr Camp and Conference Grounds.

### **Children's Program & Mission**

Planned programming for pre-registered children ages Kindergarten to fifth grade is scheduled. The times are Saturday from 9:30 - 12:00 and 1:30 - 4:45. A mission project, putting together packets for homeless people in the Spokane area is scheduled to involve this age group in our "Poured out in Mission" theme.

**Donations of** Toothbrushes • Tooth Paste • Gum • Granola Bars • Instant Oatmeal Packets •

Throat Lozenges • Band Aids • Packets of Hot Chocolate • Individual Drink Mix Packets are needed.

### **\*\*REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY\*\***

**\*\*MAY 7\*\***

### **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."*

**May 2-8 has been designated Christian Family Week.**

**Please pray this prayer for all the families in our church and in our Valley, as well as families everywhere.**

### ***Prayer for Families:***

Gracious God, who created the families of the earth, we commend to your care all the families of this congregation, all of the families of this community, and all the families of this world. We pray this day that each home may be a home where peace is practiced. We pray for those homes where there is no peace – where there is danger, violence, hurtful words, and unceasing activity. We pray for children, youth and adults. We pray for parents, stepparents, and foster parents. We pray for those who are single and

those who are married. We pray for those in caring relationships and for those who feel they have no one who cares for them or loves them. May your grace be present to all. Grant us wisdom to see peace in our homes, in our communities, in our country and in our world. Grant us courage to work for peace in our home, in our communities, in our country and in our world. Grant us hope so, when we see only the mean actions of others, we remember your presence and the promise of peace. *Amen.*

## **New Church Count At 657; Pentecost Special Offering May 16 & 23**

Disciples are helping to share the witness of Christ by supporting the growth of new churches throughout the United States and Canada. Through the New Church movement, 657 new churches have been started since 2001, a benchmark that puts Disciples well on their way to start 1,000 new churches by 2020.

The Pentecost Special Offering helps support the new church movement. That offering will be received in most Disciples congregations on Sunday May 16 and 23. Monies collected through the offering are divided between New Church ministry and the region where the giving congregation is located. The portion that goes to New Church Ministry is used to support the wider church in recruitment, training and coaching of new church pastors.

### **ARE WE TOO SERIOUS?:**

One Easter Sunday as the minister was preaching the children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?"  
"I know," one little boy exclaimed, Pantyhose."

*The above appeared in the Idaho Senior Independent, Apr/May 2009 addition.*

### **SCHEDULES, FACT AND FIGURES April Attendance and Offerings**

	Attendance	Offering
March 28	79	\$2,066.21
April 4	131	\$6,207.31
April 11	86	\$3,436.29
April 18	88	\$1,001.55
April 25	90	\$1,113.50

#### **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 May***

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

May 2:	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
May 9:	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:23-29
May 16:	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
May 23:	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 (25-27)
May 30:	1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39 Psalm 96 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Linda Mael
- 12 Wanda Goold
- 24 Wyatt Byrd
- 26 Robert Packwood  
Dawn Dixon
- 29 Rick Kramer
- 30 Karen Schmadeka  
Ashley Parks  
Micheal Maas

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

- 31 Becca Cable  
Billy Jo Dynes

**Our Partners in Service for Jesus**

This month your offerings helped support the following ministries:

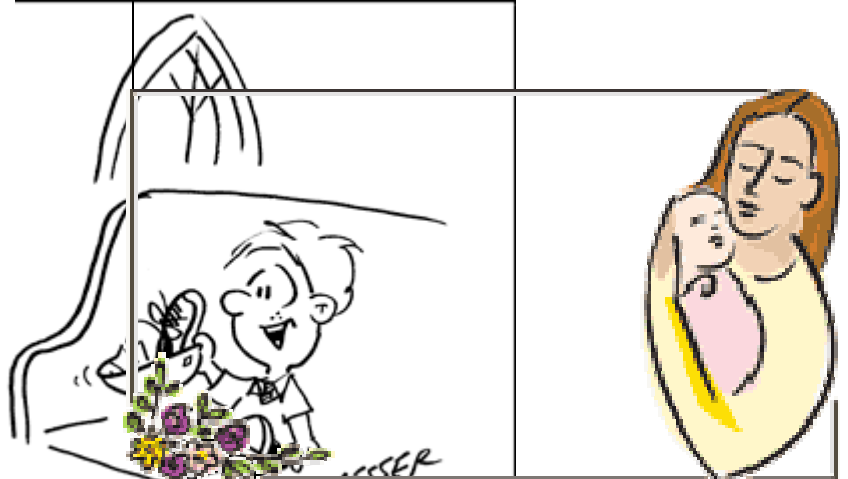
- Disciples Mission Fund
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- Northwest Christian University
- Zephyr Conference Center
- Asotin County Food Bank
- Interlink
- Snake River Community Clinic
- VALCAN (Valley Christian Aid Net)



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"I learned to tithe my shoe!"