



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MESSENGER

(Disciples of Christ)  
June, 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  
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Ruth Bosserman, Historian

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### TRUSTEES

Ann Koenig, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### *News from the Pews*

**Brady Mock** will graduate from Charles Francis Adams High School, Clarkston, Washington, class of 2010, on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at seven o'clock in the evening at Adams Field.

You are invited to a graduation celebration honoring Brady and friends on Friday, June 4, 5:00 – 8:00 pm. at 1205 Second Street, Clarkston, by Beachview Park.

### CONGRATULATIONS



## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

PLEASE COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
GOD'S GOODNESS

**Cottonwood Creek Community Church** is having a Dedication Service on Saturday, June 5, to celebrate God's provision of our new church addition. We will have an open house beginning at 2:00 pm where folks can see the displays reviewing the history of God's work here on the creek and look over the new classrooms, bathrooms and enlarged foyer that was built this past year. A dedication service will begin at 3:00 pm followed by dessert social in the fellowship hall. We hope you will come and join us for this time of celebrating God's work. Contact the Church office at 208-836-5829 for further details.

*The following is sponsored by Grace Reformed Church*

## **What Muslims' Teach About Jesus Christ?**

The Rev. Kuldip Gangar of the Free-Reformed Churches will be in the Lewis-Clark Valley to teach on the Muslim faith's view of Jesus Christ. This is an opportunity to understand their position on the Founder of Christianity.

Pastor Gangar has served for over twenty years as minister of the Bellevue, Washington, Free-Reformed Church with an outreach to the Sikh and Punjabi populations in Canada. Presently his radio outreach is heard in seventeen nations across the globe. He is finishing up a Doctor of Ministry with Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA, and currently holds a Masters Degree in Comparative Religion.

Pastor Gangar will be teaching at the following local churches. The public is cordially welcomed to attend:

7:00 PM on Saturday 29 May at  
Trinity Baptist Church,  
9th & Sycamore Sts in Clarkston.  
509-758-6811 Pastor Doran Williams

9:30 AM on Sunday 30 May at  
Grace Reformed Church,  
11th & Diagonal Sts in Clarkston.  
509-758-0223 Pastor Paul Christianson

6:00 PM on Sunday 30 May at  
The Wesleyan Church,  
1108 Elm St. Clarkston. 509-758-6800  
Pastor Wilber Clark

## **Splinters from the Board**

**The Board** took May off. The church is humming along and we like to take a break once in while.

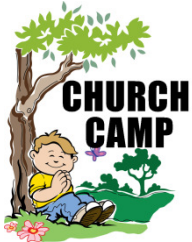
**H.O.M.E. ministry** assembled 25 cookies in a jar.

## **Words from the Pasture**

I attended the NWRCC Regional Assembly this past weekend. FCC had a strong presence there with 15 of our members in attendance. I was asked to create a presentation that would describe how our church pours itself out in mission. As part of it I offered the following; **Our members:** The most important manifestation of mission at FCC Clarkston is the myriad ways our members serve their families and neighbors. From caring for their children and grandchildren to helping their neighbors our members are pouring themselves out in mission. Examples of the efforts of our members are acts of mission such as; the member who helps her neighbor administer prescription eye drops and the youth who volunteer every year to pick up the trash on the city streets after the Christmas parade. We also have members who volunteer to drive people who are unable to drive to appointments, through a local initiative called "Interlink Volunteers". We also have several members who willingly help out with financial emergencies and hardships. Our members are involved in helping individuals transition into society and out of poverty through programs such as "Circles" and "Community on Call". Our church family pours itself out in mission everyday, as a natural outgrowth of their Christian witness to a hurt and broken world. My family and I are truly blessed to be a part of such a church as ours.

## **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.”*



### **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

Here is a sampling of what’s going on around our regional Community of Communities. To add your congregation’s story to this list, go to the website, [www.disciplesnw.org](http://www.disciplesnw.org) and click on the Connections tab. Please limit your news item to 2-3 sentences.

**All Pilgrims, Seattle** – Has announced the calling of Rev. Greg Turk to be their new pastor. Greg is already living in the area and will begin his ministry on April 25. Nina Merkle-Nestlerode has been serving as the Interim minister. She will complete her ministry and be honored on April 18, 2010.

**First Christian, Anchorage** – joined the Sacred Conversations event via Skype video-conferencing. Pastor Paul Boling shared how the congregation was continuing its work in New Beginnings and is currently nesting a Samoan congregation in their building.

**Comunidad Cristiana, Tacoma** – is expanding their building space and taking over more of their current rental space. They are now welcoming families from the Ft. Lewis area and are starting a Sunday afternoon service in English.

**Opportunity Christian, Spokane** – has a new website: [www.opportunitychristian.org](http://www.opportunitychristian.org).

**United Church, Moscow** – celebrated the ordination of their new pastor, Jodie Tooley, on Saturday, May 1, at 2:00 p.m. Jodie was ordained by the American Baptist Church. Sandy Messick was present representing the Northwest Region and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## **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.”*

### **Witnessing the Resilience of the Haitian People**

*Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), reflects on her experiences during a recent trip to Haiti.*

A memorial service for people who died. An anointing for some who were injured yet live. Visits to House of Hope children now meeting under tarps - and to a local church that has become the center of a village of makeshift tents. Highlights of our post-Earthquake trip to Haiti.

We were Global Ministries executives, Cally Rogers-Witte and David Vargas; Latin America and the Caribbean Executive, Felix Ortiz; the GMP (General Minister and President) of the United Church of Christ, Geoffrey Black; and me, Sharon Watkins, Disciples GMP.

At first glance, Haiti is pretty much exactly what you’d think. So much destruction of buildings - random almost - one still standing, another just beside it in ruins. The scope of the overall damage - like it was in New Orleans - is beyond what the camera can convey.

But a second look shows Haitians standing proud. Commerce continues - even in front of rubble and collapsed buildings, merchants set up shop on the sidewalks of Port au Prince as they did before the earthquake. Cars by law must be

clean. Work crews are everywhere with shovels, wheel barrows, pick axes, cement trowels, brooms. Rebuilding has begun. It's going to take a long time. But our partner, Jerode Guillomettre of the SKDE (Christian Center for Integrated Development) says Haitians are up to the task. He said he, in shock, couldn't pray for three days after the quake. But when the prayer finally came, it was "Thank you." Thanks to God that not everyone died. Thanks for the faithfulness of the Haitian people to be revealed singing, praying, praising God even in the aftermath of disaster. Thanks for the opportunity to build a new Haiti.

That same faithfulness was apparent at a memorial service for those lost at the Port au Prince headquarters of CONASPEH (National Spiritual Council of Churches of Haiti) our Global Ministries partner which is an umbrella organization of 6700 local churches - most of them very poor. We sensed their faith as survivors told their stories, as we prayed together and anointed them, praising God for the gift of life and hope in Jesus Christ.

After the service we met children who are the child sponsorship children that Disciples and UCC can support. We met more children at the two House of Hope locations now operating under tarps. House of Hope, set up to bring a future for child domestic laborers, is now reaching out to all who come from the neighborhoods around the tarps. The goal is to give normalcy and joy to children traumatized by the earthquake, to get them ready to start back to school.

It's good to partner with these fine teachers and administrators who so obviously care for the children. My heart soared as I heard the children sing, saw them laugh, inspected their handiwork: embroidery and wood carving out under the tarp. And listened to the beautiful melody of the Haitian National anthem sung by a young soprano who could have a future in

music - accompanied with energy by all those sweet children's voices. Those children are part of our child sponsorship program as well.

At one of our CONASPEH churches we visited a kind of "shanty town" made up of tents that can hardly bear the name: hand cut tree branches stuck in to the earth, with whatever kind of fabric or sheet or blanket that could be scrounged up to stretch in between. The congregation itself is now meeting under a large tarp. Surrounding that tarp are about 400 makeshift tents - the daytime homes of some 1000 of Haiti's poorest people following the quake. I say daytime home, because at night - for security in numbers and safety in the arms of the church - they come under the church tarp to sleep.

We met the pastor - looking tired but smiling - as he moved among his expanded congregation there on the church grounds.

We marveled at the faithfulness of the church - on the ground and around the world - joining hands to be the good news that God loves the world and God wants God's children to live in abundance, to be a movement for wholeness, a sign of God's inbreaking reign into the world.

We joined in Guillomettre's prayer: "Thank you." Thank you, God, for the work of the churches of Haiti. Thank you for the partnership of churches around the world, for our own Week of Compassion, first responder in times of disaster and partner in longer term development assistance. And thanks for the long-term church-to-church relationships cultivated and nurtured through our Global Ministries partnerships, supported through Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) as we walk with partners, offering critical presence over the long haul.

It will be a long haul in Haiti, but we will be there through our prayers, through our gifts, through our advocacy, for a strong, prosperous Haiti. Following the lead of the Haitian people

themselves, we will walk together as partners, in the name of Christ. May it be so.

**WEEK OF COMPASSION**  
**Nashville Update**  
**On the Ground**

People from across the Nashville metro area and Middle Tennessee have been greatly impacted by the devastating floods a few weeks ago. Disciples congregations were not spared, as you know. The Christian Church in Tennessee office was ruined, several Disciples churches experienced severe flooding, and every single one of our churches has had members affected.

But while everywhere we turned there was incredible damage, there was also amazing work being done by our Disciples congregations. Disciples-led grassroots feeding programs are ensuring that people who lost their homes can count on a decent meal. Alameda Christian Church, New Covenant Christian Church, Woodmont Christian Church, and Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos de Cristo have reached out to meet the needs of their communities. Eastwood Christian Church kept the doors of its daycare center open longer, and employed additional caregivers, so that parents could join in the immediate relief efforts.

Vine Street Christian Church and the Disciples Divinity House of Vanderbilt University have also been hard at work-- gutting flood-damaged homes and cleaning out the ravaged regional office.

The Middle Tennessee churches are mounting a response, reaching out to their communities, and are eager to welcome volunteers to help rebuild homes of people who lost everything in the floods. Every church is ready to offer its skills, resources, and connections. Bellevue Christian Church and Eastwood Christian Church have each graciously offered their facilities to become mission stations for flood recovery

efforts. We will rebuild Nashville, one neighborhood at a time. What better way to reach out with Courageous Compassion than to contribute to the rebuilding?

We give thanks for you all -- daily. Thanks for your hope, commitment, and continued work. Let's see what we can do to make a difference in Middle Tennessee and around the world.

Brandon Gilvin

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

|        | Attendance | Offering   |
|--------|------------|------------|
| May 2  | 81         | \$3,184.49 |
| May 9  | 79         | \$1,836.15 |
| May 16 | 74         | \$1,383.04 |
| May 23 | 75         | \$ 948.00  |

**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 in the basement immediately following worship.

\* An Elevator is available\*

***Scripture Passages for the Sundays in June***

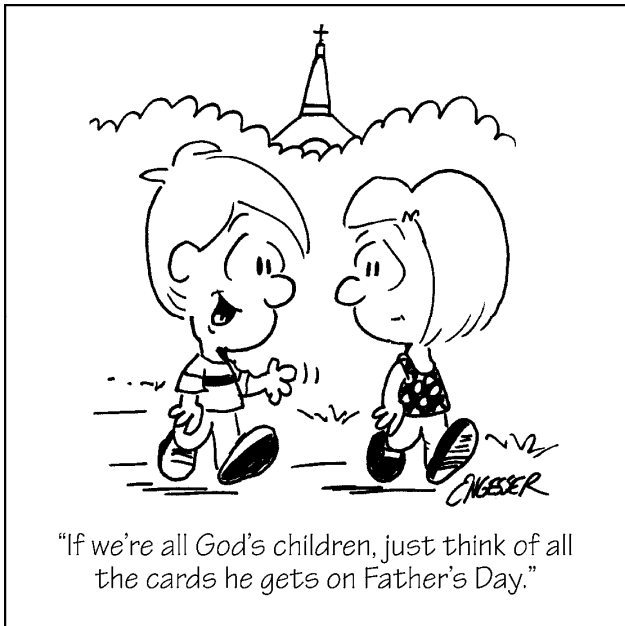
Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

- June 6: 1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)  
 Psalm 146  
 Galatians 1:11-24  
 Luke 7:11-17
- June 13: 1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a  
 Psalm 5:1-8  
 Galatians 2:15-21  
 Luke 7:36—8:3
- June 20: 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a  
 Psalm 42 and 43  
 Galatians 3:23-29  
 Luke 8:26-39
- June 27: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
 Luke 9:51-62

**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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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 8 Samantha Ziegeldorf
- 13 Vie Davis  
Suzanne Mock
- 14 Jo Epperson
- 15 Glada Thayer
- 16 Mary Jo White
- 17 Briana Parks
- 18 Marcia Vowell
- 19 Carolyn Cain
- 26 Ashley Hastings
- 27 Jerry St. Amour

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Bob and Winnie Packwood
- 16 John and Lee Ann Hancock
- 18 Lloyd and Ruth Bosserman
- 21 Doug and June Litchfield
- 29 Clint and Pamela Beeler

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Christy Davis
- 13 Brady Mock  
Brandon Mock
- 30 Ruth Bosserman

