



# 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  
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### CHURCH STAFF:

LaRose Clark, Administrative Assistant  
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Cathy Larrabee, Organist  
Charlie Compton, Guitarist  
Becca Koenig, Childcare Attendant  
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### 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, HOME  
Dixie Carringer, Diaconate  
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Linda Mael, DWM

### TRUSTEES

Ann Koenig, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

"If we really meant it when we called Christ 'Lord' and loved everyone and shared what we have with them, the whole world would soon be filled with a sense of the presence of God wouldn't it?"

John Killinger,  
*If Christians Were Really Christian*

### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

I was curious about where the active participants in our church live, because many Disciple churches around the country and our region are finding that their congregations no longer live in or feel connected to the neighborhood in which the church building is located. This can have significant impact on the ministry of the local church. So here's a breakdown of where our families reside, divided into four groups based on the four geographic locations in our valley.

Lewiston: 7 family units with 17 individuals.

Lewiston Orchards: 14 family units with 18 individuals.

Clarkston: 47 family units with 91 individuals

Clarkston Heights: 13 family units with 25 individuals.

As you can see, approximately 2/3 of the individuals who participate in our church live within the downtown Clarkston area where our building is located.

### *News from the Pews*



***Congratulations to Lloyd and Ruth***  
Lloyd and Ruth Bosserman celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 18. They were married June 18, 1950, in Clarkston.

They are active members of First Christian

Church. Lloyd was church treasurer for about fifty years and Ruth directed the choir for 23 years. They both served as elders. A family celebration marked the day of their anniversary.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**THE CARRINGER'S WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE OVER TO THE PARSONAGE AFTER CHURCH ON THE 4TH OF JULY FOR A BBQ, SWIMMING, YARD GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP, TO CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE.**

### Splinters from the Board

We are starting a Free Community Supper this fall. The meal will be offered every week and will consist of Beans and Cornbread. Everyone will be welcome and the hope is that our church members will not only serve but sit down and eat with folks from outside of our church family.

We also decided to make a new sound booth a priority of the administration ministry. It will consist of a counter on which will be placed the sanctuary computer, light switches and sound equipment. It will be placed in the back of the sanctuary where the sound cupboard is now.

Vacation Bible school "Journey to India" was a great success. We had 30 children register and 15 volunteers. Thanks to Tamara for organizing it and all the volunteers who made it happen.

Worship in the Park was a very deep and meaningful time of worship. We joined the 1st Presbyterian, 1st Church of God and Trinity Baptist for a day of worship and fellowship. A free will offering of \$1000.00 was collected for Interlink volunteers. The highlight of the service was the preaching of Chaplain Bill Shirley from St. Joseph hospital and the fifteen

piece praise band, which included a harmonica, brass section and a violin along with the more traditional drums, keyboard, guitar and bass. A big thank you to Beth and Bill Legg from 1st Pres. For organizing the band and arranging the music.

### Words from the Pasture

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."-Matthew 25:32-40

I have been struck lately by just how much we are living out this passage in the life of our church. I was reflecting the other day that it was sure nice that our homebound members were always being visited by their friends from the congregation and how that kept the members of our family connected even when they aren't able to attend worship. This thought led me to think about the cards that are written and given to us on our birthdays, anniversaries and other special events. Then I thought of all of our people involved in feeding the hungry, visiting

those in jail and prison, working in hospice, volunteering for Vacation Bible School, providing shelter and on and on the list goes. I truly believe that God looks down on us all and smiles. I know my heart is filled with a warm feeling of Love and respect for our congregation when I think of the good works our faith leads us to do.

Thank you everyone.

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.”*

#### 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

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Here is a sampling of what’s going on around our regional Community of Communities.

**Edmonds Christian** – On May 16, 2010, the congregation of Edmonds Christian Church voted to conclude the formal ministry of that congregation. As a result of that vote, the church leadership will be working with the Northwest Regional Christian Church, the Board of Church Extension, and the Christian Church Foundation to determine how best to use their remaining

assets to further the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This process will include setting up a trust fund that will be intended to nurture new Disciples of Christ ministries in the area. This trust fund will be financed by transfer of their current financial assets and by the proceeds of the eventual sale of the church property.

The congregation will continue to worship together until a sale of the church property is finalized. One of the leaders of the congregation writes, “We have faith that after this final sale is completed the individual members of Edmonds Christian Church will continue to do the work of Christian ministry in our communities and in whatever church they may eventually call home, and that the wise use of our remaining financial assets will plant new seeds of ministry throughout our local area.”

**Country Homes Christian, Spokane** – John Bristow will complete his ministry at the end of June and celebrate his move into retirement. John and Christy will remain for a time in the Spokane area while John continues to teach at Gonzaga University. The congregation has called Roger Lynn to be interim pastor beginning August 1, 2010.

**Creston Christian** – honored their former pastor, Don Hoffman, with the Honored Ministers Pin during the clergy/family breakfast at the Regional Assembly.

**First Christian, Olympia** – has called Amy Walters to serve as their pastor/pastor developer. She will spend 25% of her time pastoring the present congregation and 75% working to establish a new Disciples congregation in the Olympia area. She will begin her ministry this summer.

**Lake City Christian, Seattle** – celebrated the installation of their new minister, Mary Olney-Loyd on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

**All Pilgrims, Seattle** – will celebrate the installation of their new minister, Greg Turk, on Sunday, July 18, 2010

**University Christian, Seattle** – pending final approval by the Commission on Ministry, will celebrate the ordination of Jamie Haskins on Sunday, July 25, 2010

**First Christian, Coeur d’Alene** – continues to reach out to its community by providing Bags of Love (sack lunches) and the Chaplain’s Table of Hope (Saturday morning breakfast).

### **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.”*

**From: Ron Degges, President of Disciples Home Missions  
June 20, 2010**

We contemporary Disciples live in the midst of a dilemma. From the perspective of some television ministers, the church is all about selling prosperity. You know the tag line: believe in God, pray, do not question, live a good life, and all will be wine and roses for you, your family, and your congregation. The prosperity gospel adherents portray themselves in a poised, polished, and sophisticated manner, and their message as the gospel truth. Well, it is anything but the gospel truth.

These preachers parade up and down their altars testifying to how God made them succeed and become rich and famous. I listened to one such preacher last week and could not help but think that Christianity has become the Who’s Who of the rich and famous. I am afraid that somewhere along the line the church and its leadership have bowed down to the gods of modern culture; and,

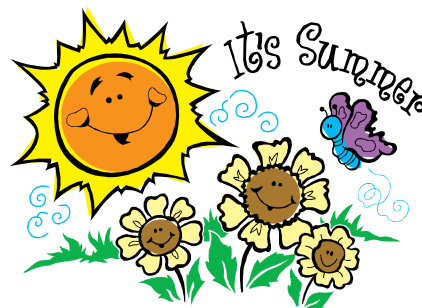
in such complicity, have strayed away from the real teachings of the Bible and the life of faith.

I write this to those of you who are members, ministers, and leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) because there is no better alternative to the vacuity of such nonsense than the alternative of the local church. It is that place where life is real, where ordinary folk are struggling through all sorts of problems with each other, and where blemishes and all miracles are happening one step at a time everyday. And the miracles are not of the genre of prosperity; they are of the genre of peace of mind, forgiveness, integrity, service, meaning, joy, and perseverance. If you could put a price tag on any of these, it would be too cheap.

So, let's not allow our Disciples expression of the Christian faith to become all fluff with no substance. Let's not sell out to the highest bidder or the one who promises cheap grace. Instead, let us row against the tide, go against the grain, and be nailed to the cross of faithful struggling, living, giving, serving, preaching, and daily dying into newness of life in Christ. In this, the One who is rich in mercy will show you the immeasurable riches of His grace [see Ephesians 2:4-10]. The immeasurable riches of God's grace is not about us, it is about God! Prosper or not, we are all rich in God's loving mercy.

Prosperity-less yet rich-ly yours,

Ron Degges



**WEEK OF COMPASSION POISED FOR  
RESPONSE TO GULF DISASTER;  
CONTINUES RELIEF WORK IN  
SOUTHERN SUDAN**

Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund for Disciples is currently determining how best to respond to the Gulf oil spill. The deep-water spill was caused by an oil rig explosion on April 20, and is seen as the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history. WoC is partnering with Church World Service, as well as with the Great River Region, which is identifying and cataloging needs.

"If there are needs our friends and congregations can identify, specifically, please let us know so we can respond," WoC Executive Director Amy Gopp said regarding the oil disaster.

As one example of its international relief response, Week of Compassion continues to contribute to the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) in response to the lingering drought in Southern Sudan. WoC also has remained a supporter of ongoing needs in the Darfur region of the country. The help that WoC is giving in Southern Sudan will provide food for at least 8,700 and help 5,342 children in 14 schools in the region.

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

	Attendance	Offering
June 6	80	\$3,656.24
June 13	85	\$1,955.74
June 20	60	\$1,221.00

**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 July**

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

- July 4: 2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 6-20
- July 11: Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37
- July 18: Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42
- July 25: Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-23



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Dani Layes  
Keegan Layes  
Garrison Layes
- 3 Dakota Dynes  
Richard Ziegeldorf
- 10 Judi Key
- 11 Wayne Teichmer
- 13 Diana (Koenig) Remacle
- 15 June Litchfield  
Becca Cable
- 16 Amanda Fisher
- 19 Mary Davis
- 23 Paul Lautenschlager
- 25 Raelea Dixon
- 26 Doug Litchfield

**JULY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY**

- 22 Nick Spring

