



# 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**  
**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  
Bambi Compton, Custodial Service

**CHURCH OFFICERS:**

Ronnie Mock, Moderator  
Aaron Riggs, Vice Moderator  
Dixie Carringer, Secretary  
Vicky Brooks, Treasurer  
Linda Beck, Financial Secretary

**MINISTRY CHAIRS:**

Bob Packwood, Administration  
Dani Layes, Nurture  
Linda Beck, H.O.M.E.  
Cathy Dunlap, Diaconate  
Sally Teichmer, DWM  
Linda Mael, DWM

**TRUSTEES**

Ann Koenig, Bob Packwood, Tom White

*“for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”*

**Luke 2:30-32**

*“The greatest thing is to be found at one’s post as a child of God, living each day as though it were our last, but planning as though our world might last a hundred years.”*

**C.S. Lewis**

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

If we have not been singing your favorite hymns in worship and you miss them, please give the office a list of your requests and we’ll incorporate them in the worship service.

**News from the Pews**

A fond farewell to Barbara McCallum who is moving to PA with her daughter and son-in-law. Please pray for Barbara and her family’s safe travels. We’ll miss Barbie a lot.

**Please remember to pray for all our Home Bound members:**

- Vie Davis—Guardian Angel
- Shirley Denham—Clarkston Care Center
- Marvin Dixon—Clarkston Care Center
- Nadine Johnson—Evergreen Estates
- James Keeler—Royal Plaza
- Lois Marshall—Home
- Millie McCollum
- Alda McIver—Royal Plaza
- Rie Walker—Home
- Mildred White—Evergreen Estates



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **“Hanging of the Greens”**

**26 Nov 11 at 6 p.m.**

**Please come out and help us decorate  
the sanctuary for the coming of our  
Savior.**

### **Regional Assembly 2012**

We will gather as a regional church family May 18-20, 2012 at First Christian Church in Olympia, WA. Our Regional Youth Commission is taking the lead on the planning and theme around the story of the Pearl of Great Price, found in Matthew 13. As in the parable, as we seek a transforming church, what are we willing to risk in order to find the pearl of great price, and will we even recognize it when we come across it? Mark your calendars now and watch for more details and registration information.

### **Youth Winter Retreat 2011**

WINTER RETREAT 2012

"Circle of Life"

March 9-11, 2012

Koinonia Camp & Retreat Center

Cle Elum, WA

### **Splinters from the Board**

A nominating committee has been formed to nominate individuals to serve the church for a variety of duties.

The nominating committee consists of;  
Sue Fuqua, Cameron Layes, Fritz Sarbacher,  
and Pastor David.

The Board decided to hold our annual election for servants of the church in conjunction with our annual meeting in January.

The Board decided to recommend to the congregation a spending plan for 2012 of \$115,521.88 this compared to 2011 spending plan of \$127,954.27, the difference includes several cutbacks to salaries, but also a 1%

increase in giving to the Disciples Mission Fund.

The parsonage project continues and will hopefully be done before Christmas.

### **Words from the Pasture**

Advent starts Nov 27 and on the Saturday before that, we begin our preparations for the coming of our Lord and Savior. We decorate our church and eventually most of us will decorate our homes. We will buy gifts, send cards, we'll plan dinners, parties and parades, I wonder though will I be ready? In all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season am I really paying attention, am I really preparing? Jesus is coming, am I awake. Advent is a season of preparation, a time to prepare ourselves to receive the greatest gift ever given. The Son of God is going to be born, he is going to come and call out to all who love him to come and worship the King, the Lord of Lord, King of Kings and our savior. So I want to encourage all of us to get ready, to prepare our hearts and minds this advent season for Jesus' birth.  
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.”*

### **Many Reasons to Give Thanks**

As we are once again preparing to give thanks, I want to once again take a moment to give thanks for the ways Spirit is at work in and through our region. And indeed, Spirit is at work, in every corner of the region, in countless and varied ways. This past year we have welcomed several new pastors to the region who are bringing in a fresh spirit, new perspectives, and boundless energy. The Commission on Ministry is working with a number of people seeking commissioning, standing or ordination and they too, are challenging and blessing the region with curiosity, enthusiasm and joy. Our Transformation Team is planning opportunities for pastors and congregational leaders to gather in 2012 to learn from each other about ways

transformation is taking place in their own contexts. Our New Church Team is moving forward on a new church start in Snohomish Co. as a result of the forward thinking legacy of Edmonds CC. Our regional leadership, under the leadership of Board moderator, Debbie Little and Mission Council moderator, Wahhab Baldwin, continues to challenge us to live into our vision and mission and to continue to explore new avenues for ministry and new possibilities for mission. Our staff is outstanding in the persons of Amber Saladino, Office Manager and Accountant, Larry Moorman. Most especially, our pastors and congregations are courageously looking at their futures and asking the important questions: "What new thing is God doing in our midst and how are we being invited to participate?" What a joy and honor it is to serve alongside you as your regional pastor. Indeed the blessings surrounding us are abundant and Spirit is doing amazing things in our midst. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,  
Sandy Messick

### **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."*

#### ***Alternative Christmas Giving***

With an Alternative Christmas gift, you honor your loved ones and make a difference in the lives of people around the world at the same time. Alternative Christmas Gifts don't get returned because the recipient already has one. They're perfect for the person who has "everything" and are sure to bring smiles to the gift recipient and to the faces of global partners.

You are welcome to make a general gift to support Global Ministries, or make a gift to support the work of a current or new missionary, or support any of the many Global Ministries Special Projects listed for each Mission Area on the [Global Ministries website](#). For this year's suggested projects, click the [Alternative Christmas Suggested Projects](#)

[List](#) link. If you would like us to help you choose a project, please contact us at (317) 713-2564.

You may make your gift online by clicking the yellow button below marked "Give a Gift Online," or you may send your check along with the attached to:

*Global Ministries  
Office of Resource Development  
P.O. Box 1986  
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986*

Please indicate the name and address of your honoree(s) and the designation you have chosen. We can either send you a special Global Ministries Christmas card for each person that you give an alternative gift to, or we can send the Christmas card directly to the person(s) with a photo of the work you are supporting. You also will receive a receipt for your gift along with a letter of appreciation for your support.

If your gifts are designated for particular programs, they will go in their entirety for the designated purpose to that international partner. No administrative fees are taken from designated gifts to Global Ministries because of the faithful giving from our churches to Our Church's Wider Mission (UCC) and the Disciples Mission Fund.

### **SCHEDULES, FACTS AND FIGURES**

#### **November Attendance and Offerings**

	Attendance	Offering
November 6	65	\$3,777.06
November 13	52	\$2,567.93
November 20	66	\$ 671.60

#### **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  
December**

Read ahead, pray and  
ask questions of the pastor.

- Dec. 4: Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8
- Dec. 11: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28
- Dec. 18: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:47-55  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38
- Dec. 25: Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-15 (15-20)

**Our Partners in Service for Jesus**

This month your offerings helped support the  
following ministries:

- Asotin County Food Bank
- Disciples Mission Fund
- Circles
- Family Promise
- Interlink
- Salvation Army
- Snake River Community Clinic



**First Christian Church**

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Barbara McCallum
- 5 Carol Fazenbaker  
Linda Kramer
- 6 Stamey English  
Mildred White
- 9 Tom White
- 11 Ann Koenig
- 13 Fran McCann
- 21 Jeremy Dale
- 25 Vicky Brooks
- 27 Alda McIver
- 28 Dixie Carringer
- 29 Cameron Layes
- 31 Tamara Byrd

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Tom and Mary Jo White
- 12 Don and Sue Fuqua
- 18 Stamey and Lee English
- 22 Dave and Ann Koenig
- 27 Jasen and Amber Skelton
- 31 Hank and Marcia Craddock

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Lela Martin
- 16 Janice Dumbauld
- 19 Myrton Foredyce  
Ruth Teal
- 25 Don Fuqua  
Sue Fuqua
- 27 Becca Koenig

