



The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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Flurries from Chris

What a difference a year makes. At this point last year we were beginning to realize that the Corona Virus wasn't going to go away quickly and that we would need to settle in for the long haul. The church building was on full lock down and we were worshiping entirely online. We were finding different ways of staying connected with one another.

Since then, we have lived in a state of change. Changing how we meet, whether it be in person, online, or a hybrid of both. During our past few board meetings we have had a screen bringing at least one person in through Zoom. While other times it has been realized that hosting meetings on zoom is often much easier than having everyone drive in the dark. Still other times we celebrate in those moments when we can look one another in the eyes and have a conversation in the same room.

But even as things seem to be settling down and we are already mentally planning a party when all restrictions are lifted, let us continue to remember that for some of our little ones the road to normalcy will be a bit longer. As Jenn and I are getting ready to talk with the school district about services for Ruth, I am very aware that there is not yet a vaccine approved for her age group and that she does remain vulnerable to respiratory infections. I know that Ruth is not alone in this and so as we start making preparations let us not get tunnel vision for what is deemed the norm, but let us be mindful of those we seek to welcome with open arms who fall outside of our focused line of sight.

I continue to be hopeful when all of the children of our congregation can once more run down the aisle of the sanctuary, but I am also hopeful for the opportunities to expand upon what we have learned over the past year. As we have continued to improve the ways in which individuals engage with us online, I continue to hope for those moments when we can begin to build relationships who have worshiped with us but have not set foot in our sanctuary.

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment

Temporarily out of the building

Citizenship Preparation

Being conducted remotely

1st Ukrainian Baptist Church

Worship: Sun. 2-6 p.m.

Study & Choir: Tues. 6-9 p.m.



Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is delivering seven frozen meals to clients each Friday. North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering once a month. Please call or email Kathy Riley to sign up to help deliver (509-599-0183 or haverile@msn.com). If you want to help with a donation, contact Meals on Wheels at 509- 862-6367.

This past year has changed us in many ways. Some of which we probably have not even recognized yet. Even through all of this we have remained a congregation continually seeking to be a congregation that seeks to break down barriers to those seeking a place to worship, share their gifts, and grow in their faith. Let us continue to embrace that vision of who we are as we make our way forward.

Peace in Christ,
Chris Snow

XPLOR update

It's been almost a year since XPLOR ended in Spokane (Monica left in March, Meg & Rachel left in April and Tristan left in May). Since then the National Benevolent Association (NBA) XPLOR staff have been seeking God's guidance to determine where the XPLOR program should go next. After prayerfully exploring with God, the NBA XPLOR program is taking a new turn to 3 vision areas for 2021:

- Nurturing an XPLOR Alumni community, with an emphasis on growing a culture of equity
- Launching an innovative young adult peer group, in close partnership with a Disciple constituency ministry
- Visioning and designing a leadership experience by and for Black women of faith

The Spokane XPLOR team met in January and determined that the remaining funds would be split between 2 of our former internship sites (Northwest Fair Housing and Transitions). This program could not have happened in Spokane without the support of Country Homes CC, North Hill CC and the Northern Lights Region. Many different hands were involved in making this program a success!

Thank you to all those who donated furniture, linens, household items, and food, and supported the XPLOR residents with your prayers and your welcoming presence.

Salish School Quarterly Supply Drive

Each quarter we are collecting items for different age groups/demographics within the Salish School. For the first quarter of 2021 we gathered items for toddlers. The second quarter, we will be gathering supplies for the next group (to be announced).

Prayer Concerns for

- Don Morgan needs continued prayers.
- Marilyn Northrup, passed away on March 27th. Prayers for her loved ones.

Joys

- Vaccine approved, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Birthdays

4/11 Virginia Burkhead
4/12 Madaline Luher
4/24 Shirley Tucker
4/25 Ruth Snow
5/9 Kaitlyn Kohler

Please note: When applicable, birthdays include the first week of the next month.

Anniversaries

4/9/ Bill & Alvina Cockburn
4/11 Bob & Virginia Burkhead



On the second Saturday each month from 10:00 to 2:00 for the Northern Lights Region is providing a time of learning and growing together. April's Second Saturday will focus on the church's role in caring for God's creation.

In response to the development of April 22 as Earth Day, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) embodied our commitment to earth care by designating the third Sunday of April "Earth Care Sunday." **April's Second Saturday to Shine, April 10, will focus on learning more about the Church's call to care for creation.**

Rev. Carol Devine, Minister of Green Chalice, the Christian Church's creation care ministry, will be the morning presenter. She will share the theology behind the Green Chalice movement and its programs. In the afternoon members of Northern Lights Region congregations who have joined in the Green Chalice movement will talk about their own experiences related to their Green Chalice commitment.

This is an opportunity to educate and activate ourselves and our congregation to become more earth caring.

Registration is closed at the end of the business day Friday, April 9. This allows those who register for the course to receive the Zoom access information in time for the event.

The suggested fee structure is \$10.00/person or \$25/congregation with 3 or more participants registered at the same time. If you are interested in participating in this Second Saturday program, contact either Bill Jennison or Chris to see if we can use the congregational rate.

Your giving makes a difference!

We recently received a letter from the Northern Lights region that thanked us for our gifts to the Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) for 2020. We were one of the top 10 congregational givers! Each month a portion of the general offering goes to DMF to support the work of the ministry programs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. A portion also comes back to the region to support the work of the regional church. Thank you for your generosity!

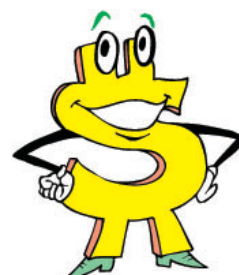
March Financial Information - Budget Figures

	March	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 11,396	\$ 44,139	\$ 31,941
Expense	\$ 12,610	\$ 41,104	\$ 40,179

Income includes \$765.74 Avista rebate

General Offering income was below budget by \$490

Easter offering so far is \$270





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April 2021 --- Serving Schedules #2				
	April. 4	April. 11	April. 18	April. 25
Count	Linda Alexander Patty Morris	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Sam Selley	Michele Fleck Sam Selley
Diaconate	Nathan Burford	Sally Deranleau	Michele Fleck	Patty Morris
Elder	*Janie Selley	*Sheila McCrea	*Dan Stewart	*Bill Jennison
Lay Leader	Sheila McCrea	Jenn Snow	Bill Jennison	Dan Stewart
Power Point	*Cat Bourquin	*Debbie Jennison	Cat Bourquin	Jenn Snow
Sound	*Nathan Burford	Michele Fleck	*Bill Jennison	Cat Bourquin
Sanitation	Michele Fleck Sally Deranleau	Bobbie Belton Patty Morris	Linda Aledander Patty Morris	Janie Selley Sheila McCrea
Greeter	Bill Phipps	Sarita McReynolds	Sam Selley	Bill Phipps
*Changes				