



The North Hill Christian

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Citizenship classes begin soon

North Hill, in collaboration with World Relief, will begin offering citizenship preparation classes in April. Class will be held on Thursday nights from 6-7:30, beginning on April 4. There is a cost of \$21 for the book, but no additional charges. The class is open to anyone who wishes to study for the US citizenship exam and interview. Please note, we do not administer the exam nor conduct interviews, that is done by the US Customs and Immigration Service. For more information, contact Sarita McReynolds at 509-863-9377.

Easter Offering

We will be receiving this offering on April 14 & 21.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5 NRSV

2019 OFFERING RESOURCES

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.

Our general ministries provide critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work.

Flurries from Chris,

Many of us are excited that Spring is finally arriving. The temperature has warmed up, and lawns are starting to green up. But there are still those reminders of the winter that we have come through. There are still piles of snow in parking lots, that serve as a reminder of the cold winter and the late snow storms from this year.

This is that part of the year that we are looking forward to the possibilities that lay ahead of us while also recognizing those struggles that we have come through. Jenn and I are experiencing this even more so as we have made our way through cold and flu season with Ruth and are looking forward to the possibilities of this summer. The struggles have not left our minds but there is hope ahead of us.

In many of our lives, we get stuck in the mindset of the “winter slog”, and at times it is hard to see the warmth of hope ahead of us. But if we are willing to stop and soak in the warmth of “spring” all around us we can begin to see the possibilities that God brings forth.

In those times of our lives where we feel isolated by the cold all around us, it takes those intentional moments to step out into the sunlight, seeking warmth and comfort, to realize there is still goodness in the midst of the cold time. There is still hope, and it can reveal itself in some of the simplest actions. A friend stopping by just to say hi or to check in. Bumping into someone at the store, and bringin a smile. And some of these times we are the ones bringing hope to another without thinking about it.

One of my favorite shirts to wear in the fall and spring is my **Believe there is good in the World** baseball Tees. It has a quarter sleeve which is nice in the cool weather but it also serves as a reminder to myself and to anyone who reads it, that as we are looking for the good in the world we are called to be the good in the world as well.

Peace in Christ,

Chris Snow

Seeking Volunteers

Over the past few months we have been living into our new normal without an administrative assistant in the office. Many of the week to week needs have been picked up by several volunteers but we are always looking for additional volunteers who may thrive in specified duties, especially as pastor Chris is preparing for his sabbatical that will take place this summer. Some of duties we are looking to have covered include, creating and publishing the weekly flash, and monthly Newsletter, updating the serving schedules, leading the children’s moments in worship, and updating the church website. If any of these sound like something you may thrive in doing for the church, please let pastor Chris know asap so we can show you the ropes.

Maundy Thursday Service

On April 18th at 6:30pm we will be gathering together with Country Homes Christian Church and the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church for a simple Maundy Thursday service and soup supper. As we find ourselves gathered around tables with one another, we will remember the last supper and the events of Holy week leading up towards Easter Sunday. This year this service will take place at Country Homes Christian Church.

Holy Humor Sunday

In many churches around the world, the Sunday following Easter is referred to as Holy Humor Sunday. This is a time to celebrate God's wonderful humor in the world, especially as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. One of the ways that we celebrate this is by wearing our festive Hawaiian shirts, boas, and other brightly colored attire.

Combined Worship Service

Over the past few years we have begun our own Bloomsday tradition. We have joined together with the Ukrainian Baptist Church (UBC) in a combined worship and potluck as we worship across language and cultural barriers to affirm the whole body of Christ. This year our XPLOR residents have been at work in planning this service alongside leadership from UBC. Our service will begin at 3pm on May 5th with a potluck supper to follow. Please join us for what has become a wonderful time of worship and fellowship for all involved.

Thank you!

A big shout out to the 5th Sunday Planning team and others who helped make Sunday's worship a success! Thank you to all who shared a part of themselves as we celebrated and honored those who came before us and occupied this land. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for information about how much was collected for the Salish School. Amazing! (Planning team: Rachel Bechtol, Colby Robb, Arlene Pandelis, Patty Morris, Natasha Carter, Sheila McCrea, Nathan Burford, Madaline Luher).

A hearty "Thank YOU" to everyone who participated in the gathering of school supplies for the Salish School of Spokane! The outpouring of support was fabulous to witness. We gathered 12 boxes of the following items and dropped them off to the very grateful staff at the school on Wednesday 4/3! Appreciate all you do for the community!

5 – staplers & 3 boxes staples	18 – tape & dispensers / 33 scotch tape refills / 2 duct		
10 – packages wiggly eyes/craft supplies	6 – reams construction paper		
7 – reams colored paper	42 – binders	21 – spiral notebooks	13 – paper clips
19 – scissors	14 – bottles glue	43 – glue sticks	100 – markers
5 – paper reams	21 – rulers	5 – sticky notes	50 – pencils
24 – pens	20 – felt pieces		

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	4 6:00 PM Citizenship Class	5	6
7 ◆ Emily Newsom 8 AM Elders Meeting 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Coffee Hour After Worship	8	9 10:30 AM Bible Study	10 6:30 PM Choir Practice	11 ◆ Virginia Burkhead 6:00 PM Citizenship Class	12 ◆ Madaline Luher Newsletter Deadline	13
14 Palm Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Baked Potato Lunch: After Worship	15	16 10:30 AM Bible Study	17 6:30 PM Choir Practice	18 6:00 PM Citizenship Class 6:30 PM Maunday Thursday Service @ Country Homes CC	19 Good Friday	20 4-8 PM Att. Adj. Potluck in Hazen Hall
Meals on Wheels						
21 Easter Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Coffee Hour After Worship	22	23 10:30 AM Bible Study	24 ◆ Shirley Tucker 6:30 PM Choir Practice	25 ◆ Ruth Snow ◆ Johnna Wacholtz 6:00 PM Citizenship Class	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Coffee Hour After Worship	29	30			Calendar Key ◆ = Birthday ♥ = Anniversary	

Weekly Events

Meals on Wheels: Monday thru Friday 11:00 am
Attitude Adjustment: 7 Days a week at 12 noon and 5:30 pm.
 Saturday @ 9 am Potluck—3rd Saturday of the month
First Ukrainian Baptist Church (UBC): Worship- Sunday 2-6 PM
 Bible Study and Choir—Tuesdays 6-9 PM

Holding One Another in Prayer

Prayers for

- Continued Prayers for:
 - Those impacted by the flooding in the Midwest
 - Entire Kohler Family
 - Those who have lost loved ones
- Those who are cold, hungry, and forgotten
- The work of the larger Church
- The work of our regional bodies as we move towards becoming the Northern Lights Region.

Joys

- A new ministry in partnership with World Relief to offer Citizenship Classes.
- The many ways we help our community
- The work of all of our volunteers

Financial news

Income---\$35,812 Expense---\$35,104

With having a 5th Sunday in March, we were able to make up for shortages in February when it was snowy and cold. Thank you to everyone who made up for missed offerings in February!

April 2019 --- Serving Schedules				
	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr
Children's Church	---	Patt Hooker	Janie Selley	Patty Morris
Coffee Hour	Jennisons	McCrea	Hookers	Burkett/Burford
Count	Sam Selley Sally Deraneleau	Joann Vaughn Vivian Knapp	Linda Alexander Michele Fleck	Sheila McCrea Patty Morris
Diaconate	*Karl Kohler Don Morgan	*Patty Morris Arlene Pandelis	*Linda Alexander Nathan Burford	*Sally Deranleau Karl Kohler
Elder	Sam Selley	Dan Stewart	Debbie Jennison	Jerry Klein
Greeter	Sally Deranleau	Don Morgan	Billie Fullmer	Rachel and Colby
Lay Leader	Dan Stewart	Colby Robb	Nathan Burford	Rachel Bechtol
Power Point	Natasha Carter	Cat Borquin	Liz Kohler	Debbie Jennison
Sound	Michele Fleck	Bill Jennison	Jenn Snow	Liz Kohler



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Next
Newsletter Deadline
April 12th
@ Noon



The sign-up sheet for drivers and runners is available in Hazen Hall. Your next opportunity to serve will be the week of **April 15-19**. Every month, folks from our congregation, take time to serve our elderly neighbors by delivering food and smiles. New help is always welcome!