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XPLOR Report

Power Moves Only

by Margaret Morrison, 2019-20 NBA
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Moving away from home is a funny thing. I have done it a couple of times. My first time was when I began college at the University of Georgia, a lengthy hour and forty-five-minute drive from home. This was a move that provoked so much anxiety and instability in me that I did not know if I would even want to move again. I had no friends, no idea what to study, and no idea how to get around Athens, Georgia. When I finally began to settle into my community and place at UGA my sophomore year of college, I made a decision that seemed silly based on my experience: I applied to study abroad at the University of Oxford in England.

This seemed like an insane move for a gal who was a mess after she moved to college, but I was accepted into the program and off to England I went. Studying abroad was one of my favorite experiences of college for many reasons. It illustrated to me an inner strength that I possess in myself, my people, and my God. I could go anywhere and be okay because of the support system that I had at home, the friends that I made on my adventures, the God I had and still have by my side, and because of the woman that I am. One of my favorite moves, besides Oxford of course, was a move during two summers of college to a little town called Lineville in Alabama where I worked at a summer camp. This move seems small in comparison to a move across the pond, but it changed so much in my heart. I learned how to be myself and what it felt like to have friends who were family. I saw how God could make a little campus in the backwoods of Alabama feel like Heaven. This was a good move.

Now I have moved a mere 33 hours away from my hometown of Marietta, Georgia, and I am not going to be here for just three months like camp or study abroad. I am going to be here for far longer. I do not have a



Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment

Weekdays: noon, & 5:30 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m.
Potluck: 3rd Sat. of month

Citizenship Preparation

Thurs: 6-7:30 p.m.

1st Ukrainian Baptist Church

Worship: Sun. 2-6 p.m.
Study & Choir: Tues. 6-9 p.m.



Meals on Wheels

Mon – Fri: 10:30 a.m.
The sign-up sheet for runners and drivers is available in Hazen Hall. Your next opportunity to serve will be the week of December 23-27 (no delivery on Christmas). Every month, folks from our congregation take time to serve our elderly neighbors by delivering food and smiles.

house full of forty-three people to talk to at all times of the day like in Oxford, I am not a short drive from my parents like at UGA, and I am not living among the blueberry patches like in Lineville, but I am here and I am learning. I am waiting expectantly to start seeing the ways in which my heart is changing because of this move. This big, wild, bold move. This move where when I tell people about it and they go, "I couldn't do that," and I want to respond "Yeah, I didn't think I could either," but I am here. I am here because I know where I can fall. I am so grateful for the people that love me and have cheered me on to this point in my life and am thankful for the people I have met or will meet in Spokane who will continue to do the same.

Flurries from Chris

As we approach Christmas, we all have a number of feelings bubbling up within us. For some it is the excitement of spending time with friends and family. For others, it may be that constant state of expectation as we watch the gifts under the tree grow. And still for others, there is a sense of sadness as we remember lost loved ones that are missing from our tables this year. I know this will be a time of laughter and excitement as we watch Ruth experience all that the season has to offer.

There are a number of emotions that we are going through this season and it is important to pause and take note of each one. I will be doing this intentionally during the four Sunday's in Advent. I will be delving into the emotions that we have associated with the 4 traditional themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

As we look forward to Christmas Eve we are called to remember that our hope comes from the promise of the messiah who brings forth healing to a broken world. We celebrate that even as the darkness surrounds us there is still hope through the promise of the Kingdom of God that we strive towards.

When we gather together in community we celebrate the peace that we find in the comfort of friends and family. As we gather together, especially in this season, we may lay down our disagreements to celebrate together. As we intentionally lay down those words intended to hurt, so that we may instead comfort one another we celebrate God's peace in our lives.

We discover through the scriptures that God continues to bring the people from bondage into freedom and we have reason to celebrate. As we remember the Israelites who found themselves in bondage, we also remember it is the one God who freed them. As we remember our savior's birth, we remember that it is through him that we find our freedom from sin and for that we are to be joyful.

As we bring all of this together we come to recognize God's abounding love in our lives. Through recognizing that love our hearts are moved in such a way to return in kind to others that we meet.

Prayer Concerns

- Dan Stewart
- Rocky Stone
- Continued prayers for Kellyn Kohler and his family.
- Prayers for the refugees at the border.
- Prayers for the Kurdish people.
- Prayers for the Hong Kong protestors.

Joys

- The coming season.

Financial News

November Finance Information
– Budgeted figures

Income

November	\$9,245
YTD	\$116,180
YTD Budget	\$121,946

Expense

November	\$13,886
YTD	\$136,990
YTD Budget	\$143,605

Birthdays

12/14 Sarita McReynolds
12/22 Randy McReynolds
12/27 Joan Williams
12/31 Natasha Carter

Anniversaries

12/29 Howard & Jane Burkett

As we find ourselves feeling different emotions this season. Let us lift up the hope we find in God's promise for our lives, the comfort that we find in God's peace, the joy we find in freedom through our savior, and embracing that love we find in the divine.

Peace in Christ,
Chris Snow

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

All are invited to join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6:30pm. We will gather together to share the familiar narrative and hearing through a new telling of our saviors birth. Come celebrate with us the birth of Jesus Christ our savior.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Hiatus

The regular Tuesday Morning Bible Study will take a break throughout the entire month of December. It will start back up on January 7th.

I hope that as we reflect and talk about who we are as a congregation that you are empowered to talk with others about how you have found the Gospel lived out through our ministry. I hope that as we share the narrative of our congregation through our budget, you are also able to add your own chapter as you talk about how your faith is lived out.



Cookie Exchange

by Janie Selley

Everyone will be on a sugar high on Sunday, the 8th. That's the day of our annual congregational Christmas cookie exchange. Join together in celebrating Advent by sharing in a festive coffee hour of sugar and spice and cookies so nice.

Oh! The Weather Outside is Frightful

by Janie Selley

There are many people who are having to find ways to keep warm. Let's all join together to help keep the homeless youth at *Cup of Cool Water* warm this winter. Join in selecting stocking caps that will cover their ears. Another choice would be boot socks or ankle socks or even gloves that are NOT heavy. Colors don't matter and both male and female selections and medium and large adult sizes are needed.



Cup of Cool Water is a nonprofit organization in downtown Spokane that walks alongside youth ages 14 to 24 who are homeless on their journey of reconciliation with themselves, God, and society. Bring your Christmas unwrapped donations to the church between Thanksgiving and the new year and decorate the Tree of Caring in Hazen Hall. Share the warmth of giving with these youth. Thank you in advance for helping them have a happier Christmas season.

Citizenship Class

The citizenship class could use one more teacher to work one-on-one with a student. If you are interested, please contact Sarita at 509-863-9377.

Next Newsletter Deadline

December 23 @ noon



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November							January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship	2 Monday morning work crew 9 AM	3	4 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting Coffee Hour after worship Advent Cookie Exchange	9 Monday morning work crew 9 AM	10	11 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	12	13 Christmas Party 12-3 PM	14
15 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship Christmas Special offering	16 Monday morning work crew 9 AM	17	18 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	19	20 Att. Adj. Potluck 4-8PM Hazen Hall	21
22 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship Distribute Christmas Baskets Christmas Special offering	23 Monday morning work crew 9 AM	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 6:30 PM	25 Christmas Day	26 Meals on Wheels	27	28
29 5th Sunday Worship Potluck Brunch	30 Monday morning work crew 9 AM	31 Meals on Wheels	1	2	3	4



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December 2019 --- Serving Schedules

	1-Dec	8-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec
Children's Church	---				
Coffee Hour	Burkett/Burford	Cookie Exchange	McReynolds/Fleck	Selley	5th Sunday Brunch
Count	Joann Vaughn Arlene Pandelis	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander Vivian Knapp	Sheila McCrea Michele Fleck	Sam Selley Patty Morris
Diaconate	*Karl Kohler Patty Morris	*Arlene Pandelis Don Morgan	*Michele Fleck Linda Alexander	*Nathan Burford Sally Deranleau	*Patty Morris Karl Kohler
Elder	Madaline Luher	Dan Stewart	Sheila McCrea	Debbie Jennison	Jerry Klein
Greeter	Arlene Pandelis	Don Morgan	Joy Reitemeier	Arlene Pandelis	Michele Fleck
Lay Leader	Jenn Snow	Rachel Shomali	Bill Jennison	Tristan Cole	Liz Kohler
Power Point	Liz Kohler	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Cat Borquin	Natasha Carter
Sound	Bill Jennison	Cat Borquin	Nathan Burford	Jenn Snow	Michele Fleck
Monday Work Crew	Don Morgan	Bob Burkhead	Chris Snow	Janie Selley	Bill Phipps