



# The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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## Flurries from Chris

This has been a year that has required us all to take stock of those things that we have taken for granted. Those habits and routines that we had become so used to all of a sudden are thrown out the window for something new. But as I look forward to the end of this pandemic, I find myself asking, what routines will we pick right back up and what habits will be discarded for good?

One of the texts that we often hear during the season of Advent is from Isaiah 40:3-4, "A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.'"

A text of preparation. Getting ready for God to do something revolutionary. The act of preparing, isn't simply watching and waiting while things just happen, but rather being actively involved in the work. Actively participating in what ever way that we can, to make the path for God more even. Removing boundaries and barriers so that God's message can be more easily declared.

A part of my preparation for the Advent season has been debating whether or not to skip straight ahead to the Christmas Carols and hymns, or continue to wait. To continue to prepare for the birth of our savior on Christmas Eve. In part I have found those feelings tied up in wanting to get these pandemic restrictions over with so that we can get back to the "normal" routines. But in living in this time of pandemic restrictions, we are forced to prepare the way. Prepare and make the uneven places even. To remove barriers to worship. To open up pathways for God's truth to be declared.

In doing the work of preparing, we find ourselves getting ready for something new, that would have been impossible, or at least unlikely to happen, otherwise. So, as we live through the season of Advent this year, let us be mindful of what we are preparing for. We are awaiting the birth of our Savior, but we are also getting ourselves, ready to hear the good news. We are getting ourselves ready to remember the revolutionary example of Jesus Christ. We are getting ready to embody all that Jesus calls us to be. All of that takes a season of preparation.

Peace in Christ,  
Chris Snow

## Weekly Events

### **Attitude Adjustment**

Weekdays: noon, & 5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.  
Potluck: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of month  
Temporarily out of the building

### **Citizenship Preparation**

Being conducted remotely

### **1<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian Baptist Church**

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



### **Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels has finished reroofing their main building, but is still not delivering hot meals, as the reorganize the interior. Seven frozen meals are delivered each Friday. Please call or email Kathy Riley to sign up (509-599-0183 or [haverile@msn.com](mailto:haverile@msn.com)). If you want to help with a donation, contact Meals on Wheels at 509- 862-6367.

## Holiday Baskets

Thanksgiving baskets were assembled at NHCC on Saturday, November 21 for delivery to four families from the Salish School. Everything went so well. We even could supply some items for the Salish School Food Pantry. Thank You to the folks who helped make this happen this year: Linda Alexander, Arlene Pandelis, Randy and Sheila McCrea, Michele Fleck, Nathan Burford, Bill Phipps, and Kathy Riley

The Congregation was extremely generous!

Here is the list for the **Christmas** Baskets. Everyone was so generous that we don't need some of the things we usually have on the list.

The following are the items that we could use:

Hams (4),	Hot Chocolate
Rolls & Sandwich Bread,	Mini-Marshmallows
Scalloped/au Gratin Potatoes,	Butter
Lg. Canned Yams	Gal. Milk (4)
Carrots	Christmas Candy
Olives	6 OZ Jello
Canned Baked Beans	\$s for Fresh & Extra
Canned Fruit, Peaches, Pears	
Brown Sugar	
Frozen Fruit Pies	

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

For many of us Christmas Eve is filled with a number of traditions that we hold dear. One of these is being able to sing together some of our favorite Christmas Carols. In order to facilitate this and make our Christmas Eve service available to all we will be hosting this service on Zoom at 7:00 PM and making service available on Facebook later in the evening. If you would like to assist in any of the recordings or leadership of our service please let Pastor Chris know as soon as possible.

## Prayer Concerns for

- Lela Coleman passed away, Prayers for her family (Steve Coleman is pastor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian church in Mt. Vernon).
- Prayer for the doctors treating Kellyn Kohler, as he gets his wellness check.
- Prayers for Don Morgan, recovering from hip surgery and facing medical problems.
- Please pray for our newest citizen. MuLu tells me that they have COVID in their household.
- Another new citizen, Dawit, is now in St. Luke's
- Arlene asking for prayers for her family. Her nephew, Dennis Valentine, passed away.
- Prayers for Bob Burkhead as he starts blood pressure medicine.
- Larry Elder passed away Friday from Parkinson's diseases. Prayers for his children and all the family.

## Joys

- Sheila and Randy have a new home! Congratulations
- The Greene's are expecting a baby boy in May!!!

## Birthdays

12/4 Bill Cockburn  
12/14 Sarita McReynolds  
12/22 Randy McReynolds  
12/27 Joan Williams  
12/31/ Natasha Carter

## Anniversaries

12/29 Howard & Jane Burkett

## Over the Ground Lies a Mantle of White

and we are trying to keep warm inside and out. We're attempting to shop for the holidays and keep comfortable during the snow and the restrictions of the virus.

While we're out shopping, let's keep in mind the NHCC mission objectives and those who have needs to be able to keep warm. 1300 – 1500



people are homeless in Spokane each night. Transitions of Spokane serves many of them, especially the women.

You are able to be of a great help by **supplying gloves, stocking caps and socks** of assorted sizes to lessen the list of their winter comfort necessities. These gifts will go to help them stay warm as they

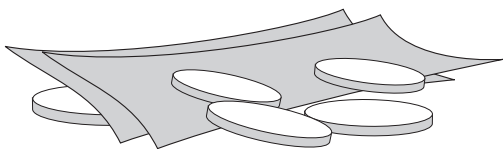


maneuver through our city in search of homes, safety, employment, and ultimately success.

Bring your Christmas unwrapped donations to the church between Thanksgiving and the new year and decorate the "Tree of Caring" in the sanctuary. Should you prefer, funds are happily received and will be used to make purchases. If you would like to have someone come to your home to collect your donation, please call 468-3713. God's blessings be with all of those who are cold and those who spread the warmth among them.

### Christmas Carol Sing

How many of us are missing out on singing hymns together and our times of fellowship? Well, I have good news for you. Plans are already underway for a virtual Christmas Carol sing. Since it is not currently advisable to get together to sing, we are planning on offering an opportunity to gather via Zoom, to sing Christmas Carols and share in a time of fellowship. We do not yet have a firm date but the plan is to gather at some point in December. Keep your eyes peeled for announcements and updates as they will be coming soon.



### Looking for Volunteers

When we think about the essentials for having in person worship, we often think about those who serve up front or prepare communion each week. Those who are actively involved in what we see in front of us during our worship services. But there is a whole other set of volunteers that are essential to our worship service. Those who serve as sound board and powerpoint techs. This has become even more important as they make it possible for those who are not comfortable or unable to be present with us physically to worship with us online.



Over the past few months we have seen the number of volunteers for these essential roles dwindle, putting more of the load on the few volunteers who are serving in multiple roles. If you are interested in learning about the soundboard and/or powerpoint tech opportunities please let Pastor Chris know asap.

### Congregational Budget meeting

The congregational meeting to approve the 2021 budget will be on **Sunday, December 13, 2020** following worship. For those who want to attend via Zoom, please contact the church office by December 9th. A copy of the budget has been emailed or mailed to every member. If you have not received your copy, please contact the church office.

#### November Financial Information - Budget Figures

	November	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 15,086	\$ 153,347	\$ 119,416
Expense	\$ 15,301	\$ 160,413	\$ 145,486

YTD Income reflects a \$20,278 draw from our investments & money from insurance received in May

Sept Income includes \$5,278 from investments to cover security & HVAC

**General Offering income was right on budget.**

Expenses include previous expenditures for security & HVAC



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<b>December 2020 --- Serving Schedules</b>				
	6-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec
Count	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander Patty Morris	Sheila McCrea Arlene Pandelis	Michele Fleck Sally Deranleau
Diaconate	Nathan Burford	Sally Deranleau	Michele Fleck	Arlene Pandelis
Elder	Janie Selley	Dan Stewart	Sheila McCrea	Bill Jennison
Lay Leader	Jenn Snow	Bill Jennison	Dan Stewart	Debbie Jennison
Power Point	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow
Sound	Bill Jennison	Catlin Bouquin	Bill Jennison	Michele Fleck
Sanitation	Linda Alexander Sheila McCrea	Arlene Pandelis Janie Selley	Bobbie Belton Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Michele Fleck
Greeter	Sarita McReynolds	Sam Selley	Bill Phipps	Sarita McReynolds