



# The North Hill Christian

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## Flurries from Chris

We all know that one of the constants in our lives is change. Those things that no matter how much we want them to stay the same, they will end up changing. Sometimes change is problematic while other times it is a sign of growth. Either way there is an emotional component that takes place when something that we have an attachment to changes. One way to distinguish between whether the change is an area for growth or truly problematic is to ask, “Why am I responding in this way?”

From time to time I have a similar conversation in different contexts. Usually it starts off by someone asking why language that we used to use is no longer acceptable in polite conversation? I invariably respond that as we have entered into conversation with a more diverse population, we have also discovered how language that used to be acceptable was actually harmful to other members of the community.

Other examples of change comes when we recognize a new need for our community as our abilities change over time. I know that I struggle in those moments that I have to change my approach to physical work because I am not able to do the same things that I could do in my youth. I can't run as fast as I once did, and I can't lift things that I used to do with ease. In the face of the change in my abilities, I have also had to change my approach to those tasks, as I have also had to change my environment to make my life easier, and my work more productive.

There are things that our church once did but as we have changed and the community around us has changed, we recognize the needs for new approaches. We recognize that even as God's call for us to follow in the footsteps of Christ, the path is not in the same spot as it was years ago. Instead we find ourselves in a new phase of the journey towards the Kingdom of God. We had to make our way through those previous stages to make way for where we are today.

## Weekly Events

### **Attitude Adjustment**

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

### **Citizenship Preparation**

Thurs: 6-7:30 p.m.

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

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



### **Meals on Wheels**

Tues. – 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 February 18-21 (no delivery on Christmas). Every month, folks from our congregation take time to serve our elderly neighbors by delivering food and smiles.

All of our lives are filled with changes. Moving us from one place to another. Moving us through stages of our lives towards a more complete realization of how God is leading us towards something better. As someone once told me years ago, the presence of change in our individuals lives, or in the life of the church, is evidence that we are living. For if there was ever a time that change was not present then things have become like a stagnant pond that becomes inhospitable for life to thrive.

So, while change can be difficult, it is also a sign of the ability for life to thrive. While we may have genuine emotional responses, it is helpful to ask, "Why are we responding in this way? Is it because we miss what we have changed from, or is there something essential that has been taken away?" No matter how we answer those questions there is still room for discussion and sharing within our community our difficulty with change.

Peace in Christ, Chris Snow



### **Update to posted office hours**

The posted office hours will be changing in the next few weeks to allow Pastor Chris more flexibility for visitations and being present in the community. The current posted office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The updated hours will be Monday-Tuesday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

As always if you would like to meet with Pastor Chris outside of the posted office hours it is always a good idea to set up an appointment to meet with him.

### **Changes coming to the sanctuary**

Coming up in February you may notice some changes in the sanctuary. We will be trying out something new and we do want to hear from you as to how you do or don't like it. The changes will be coming in the form of moving a number of pews out of the sanctuary to other locations in the church building to open up floor space and condensing the seating area in the sanctuary. Some of the reasons behind this idea include creating a space in the sanctuary for school aged kids to be present in worship, engaging with the scripture and the service at their level. Another reason is to provide some flexibility of the use of our sanctuary in worship. Flexibility for the choir, and for how we explore how to make our worship space more welcoming, especially to those with mobility issues. The final reason is to condense our seating area so that as a congregation we find ourselves closer together rather than spread out.

If you have any questions or comments you can direct them to Pastor Chris.

### **Prayer Concerns for**

- Kellyn Kohler and his family.
- Refugees at our southern border.
- Protesters in Hong Kong
- Australia and Puerto Rico
- Dan Stewart.
- Michele Flecks daughter, Marjorie, back surgery.
- Bill Phipps who had a biopsy on nodules in his throat and is waiting for results.
- Riley Gray's grandmother passed away Saturday. Prayers for the family.
- Grace Avenue Christian Church in Bozeman MT

### **Joys**

- Dan Stewart is back in church. He thanks everyone for cards, flowers and prayers.
- Judy Gross back in church.
- Joy to hear children in church.
- Sheila's neighbor, Amanda, gave birth to a boy.

### **Financial News**

December Financial Information

#### Income

January	\$149.51
YTD	\$149.51
YTD Budget	\$10,856

#### Expense

January	\$1465
YTD	\$1465
YTD Budget	\$13,227

### **Birthdays**

- 2/2 Dan Stewart
- 2/7 Bill Phipps
- 2/14 Deanne Miller
- 2/23 Bobbie Belton
- 2/25 Bill Jennison

### **Anniversaries**

None for February

**Oh! The weather outside is frightful—**

...and many thanks go out to all of you who participated in North Hill’s “Tree of Caring”. Your donations of gloves, stocking hats and socks to Cup of Cool Water will be a great help to the youth ages 14 to 24 who are homeless. The counselors at this nonprofit organization in downtown Spokane “walk alongside those youth on their journey of reconciliation with themselves, God, and

society." Your caring gifts of 30 stocking hats, 20 pair of gloves, 1 scarf, 1 mitten and scarf set and 72 pair of socks – (wow) will go a long way to help keep them warm and dry in this cold, snowy weather we have been having. Thank you for sharing your care, concern and holiday spirit with these children of God.

-Janie Selley-

**Update**

Many of you may have been wondering what has been happening with Mike Morris since his graduation from NCU. Here is part of the note that we received recently.

It was good to hear from you! Everything has been kind of hectic lately. My new mailing address is 3319 Pheasant Blvd., Springfield, OR 97477. I also am getting started at my new part time job at Willamette Christian Center as a Technical Assistant. I’ll be working with the lighting system a lot but also helping to organize the tech team and our equipment. I’m really excited for this opportunity! Now I just have to get my residency switched over to here. That about covers it for now.

Sincerely,  
Mike J. Morris

**Soup Luncheon Successful**

North Hill is blessed to have many good cooks among us. The soup luncheon on the 26<sup>th</sup> was a great time to share food and fellowship. Almost everyone there sampled at least two or three of the six soups offered. The soups were all delicious. Thanks so much to Debbie Jennison, Kathy Riley, Joy Reitemeier, Linda Alexander, Patt Hooker and Janie Selley for providing the soups. Thanks, too, to those who provided crackers and bread and the yummy desserts. Everyone had a good time.  
-Janie Selley-

**Sharing Our Inventory**

North Hill has a lot of cupboards, shelves and cubby holes. To make more room in the Hazen Hall kitchen, we have moved all of the tan colored tableware and glass dessert trays and cups into what used to be the Family Promise Room. Realizing we could thin down the 200 set inventory, we put together 20 boxes of four-piece place settings, some which included juice glasses and custard cups. In helping out those ladies who need assistance in setting up apartments, Transitions was grateful to receive the boxes for their clients. Thanks to Arlene Pandelis, Patt Hooker, Sam Selley, Tristan Cole, Don Morgan and Randy and Sarita McReynolds who helped make the shift a lot easier.



-Janie Selley-

**Help Needed**  
Sarita and Randy are collecting household items for a lady who will soon be moving from transitional housing to an apartment. She was homeless and a victim of domestic violence and is restarting her life with nothing. She needs bedding, loveseat, kitchen table, pots, pans, towels, etc. Please contact Sarita at 509-863-9377 if you have anything that will help.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship	Monday morning work crew 9 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM	Choir Practice 6:30 PM			Game Day 12-3 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship	Monday morning work crew 9 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM	Choir Practice 6:30 PM			Att. Adj. Potluck 4-8PM Hazen Hall
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship	Presidents Day Office Closed	Monday morning work crew 9 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM	Choir Practice 6:30 PM			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship Week of Compassion Special Offering	Monday morning work crew 9 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Service 6:30PM	Meals on Wheels		



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## February 2020 --- Serving Schedules

	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
Coffee Hour	Snow/Dawson	Belton/Carter	Hooker	Reitemeier/Phipps
Count	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	Natasha Carter Arlene Pandelis	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander Vivian Knapp
Diaconate	Arlene Pandelis* Don Morgan	Michele Fleck* Linda Alexander	Nathan Burford* Sally Deranleau	Patty Morris* Karl Kohler
Elder	Jerry Klein	Debbie Jennison	Janie Selley	Madaline Luher
Greeter	Arlene Pandelis	Don Morgan	Arlene Pandelis	Arlene Pandelis
Lay Leader	Nathan Burford	Rachel Shomali	Sheila McCrea	Tristan Cole
Power Point	Natasha	Liz Kohler	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow
Sound	Cat Borquin	Jenn Snow	Tristan Cole	Liz Kohler
Monday Work Crew	Janie Selley	Bill Phipps	Bob Hooker	Don Morgan