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Flurries from Chris

Unless you have been born in the past 20 years, or been cut off from any tv commercials since before then you may remember the old cell phone ads asking, "Can you hear me now?" At the time I have a intense dislike of those commercials for a number of reasons. But The message is clear. The person who was speaking wanted to make sure everyone could hear what they had to say in all sorts of circumstances.

Over the past couple years I have unintentionally had that mantra in my mind any time that we have gathered for worship. Mainly, while if our sound system in the sanctuary may go on the fritz or a microphone may cut out I can always speak louder for those who are gathered in our sanctuary. But those who gather in the sanctuary are no longer the only people who are present in worship with us and being able to hear is one of the first things that will either keep people attending or move on somewhere else. I do this all the time with videos that I pull up. If I can't hear everything that I am supposed to hear then I will turn it off and move on.

Even though I am always wondering if my microphone is working, I am also constantly wondering if those worshiping online can hear all of you, including our lay leaders, song leaders, choir, piano, elders, and each person who wishes to share a prayer request or announcement. While if I am made aware of a technical issue, I will take the time to figure it out, but I need your help as well. No matter how you speak up or share your gifts in worship I would invite you to consider the mantra, "Can you hear me now?" If we are not fully utilizing the tools at hand to make our worship more accessible to those outside of our sanctuary, then our message to the wider community and world may be prematurely turned off.

> Peace in Christ, Chris Snow

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment Every day at noon and 5:30 p.m.

Citizenship Preparation

Thursdays 6-7:30, except Thanksgiving.

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.



The Week of Compassion offering is used to help those in need around the world. It is the mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC) that supplies relief, refugee and development funds. Week of Compassion is there when it is needed...during 2021 they supplied funds in Washington for flood and winter storm relief along with funds for the Afghans Welcome project. Our neighbors in Oregon received funds for Wildfire Long-Term recovery. In 2021, Week of Compassion responded to more that 200 requests from all around the world to give relief from hurricane, fire, flooding, earthquake, humanitarian, and COVID-19 relief along with empowering women and offering support to refugees. Week of Compassion is an important part of the ministry of the Christian Church (DOC) and your financial gifts allow you to be a part of taking care of those in need both locally and around the world. We will be taking a special offering for Week of Compassion on February 20th & 27th. Please mark your check or envelope to indicate your gift to this important mission of our church.

Survey coming your way

The Pastoral Relations Committee is interested in finding out how the congregation feels about North Hill's effectiveness in ministry. We are working on a survey that each member will be asked to fill out either on paper or on-line. All responses will be anonymous. The responses will be used to celebrate what we are doing well and to evaluate those things that need improvement. The findings will be shared with everyone. Watch for more information coming to your mailbox in February.

Church Communications

Pastor Chris' <u>drop-in office hours are **Monday and Tuesday 9-12**.</u> The rest of the week he reserves those times to do those things outside of the office. <u>If you call the office and if he does not answer please be sure</u> to **leave a message** or else he does not know you called. Pastor Chris regularly checks his email as well as the office email each day of his work week (Sun-Thurs).

Sarita assembles the monthly newsletter. If you would like <u>an article</u> <u>put in the newsletter please</u> **submit it to her as close to the 17th** of each <u>month</u> as possible. Newsletter is printed on Thursday, following the last Sunday of the month.

Pastor Chris assembles the <u>Weekly bulletin insert</u>, and <u>Newsflash for</u> <u>each week</u>, which are printed and sent out on **Thursday of each week**. If you would like any articles or announcements in these materials please submit them to pastor Chris no later than Wednesday at noon.

Prayer Concerns for

- Linda is asking for prayers for her son, Andy Duckett. He had a stint put in his pancreas.
- Natasha asking for prayers for family friend, Lil Harrison. She is having very high blood pressure.
- Natasha's friend, Marsha, had a healthy baby boy. Please pray for weight gain.
- Another friend, Tiffany is expecting twins and asking for an easy pregnancy.
- Randy's father is doing much better.
- Continued prayers for Janie.
- Prayers for speedy recovery for Danny Wells, Bob Burkhead's son in law. Danny had 4 stints put in his heart.
- Continued prayers for Alvina and Bill Cockburn...they are still having health issues.
- Prayers for all those suffering with physical and mental health issues.
- Prayers for our regional churches.

Joys

 Thanks to AA for shoveling snow Saturday morning before meetings.

Birthdays

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



Please note: When applicable birthdays include the next month.

Anniversaries

None



Citizenship Class

The Citizenship Class has resumed, after several weeks off due to holidays and bad weather. We meet Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 in the Fireplace Room.

The Weather Calls for a Soup Luncheon

The month of February has many days set aside for celebration. The 14th is Valentine's Day which is celebrated from pre-school to the times when our family members remember us in any number of ways. The North Hill church board suggested that the cold weather be "celebrated" with the annual Soup Luncheon which was so popular before COVID. So, it seems appropriate we have a



Soup Luncheon after the service on February 13^{th.}



This IS NOT a potluck. Members of the congregation are offering to bring items for the menu. There is no charge for any soup or how many of them you may sample.

Then I was reminded that's the day of the SUPER BOWL GAME. Now honestly, what better date to have a "bowl" (pun intended) luncheon with some recognition of that event. It starts later in the afternoon so you will have plenty of time to enjoy what's offered in Hazen Hall.

If you haven't been to a Valentine's Party for a long time, put this meal on your calendar and join all of us who have found this to be a great event.

Let it Snow; Let it Snow; Let it Snow

Many thanks to all of you members of our North Hill Congregation who so generously participated in giving to the "Tree of Caring" over the Advent Holiday. Your donations of

70 pair of socks and 29 pair of gloves

was a wonderful gift for the residents of Transitions, a safe space for women and children for whom the snow can be debilitating. The housing which is provided is a stable environment for everyone. Also offered are job training, licensed childcare, counseling and parenting education.

Our Mission Statement here at North Hill is very inclusive. It has always been important to our congregation to participate in mission projects which include those of God's people who have needs with which we can help. May our prayers include hope for assistance for not only those in Spokane, but that others may also find it in their hearts to help around the world.

Name Tags

We we have gotten out of the practice of wearing our name tags when we gather on Sundays. Let's take this time to get back into the habit of **wearing our name tags on Sundays**.





Northern Lights Regional Assembly



Time to consider registering for the Regional Assembly, to take place May 19-20 in Post Falls, ID.

Register online with a credit card or check at https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/nlr2022regionalassembly

To register by mail, download a printable form by clicking this link: https://northernlightsdisciples.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/01/2022RegionalAssembly-RegistrationForm.pdf

Registration is due by May 6, 2022

January Financial Roundup:



	January	YTD	YTD Budget	
Income	\$ 19,650	\$ 19,650	\$	11,786
Expense	\$ 11,467	\$ 11,467	\$	13,319

The income includes income from 5 Sundays and 4 special sources: Zephyr Heritage Fund Laurence Omen Family Fund

Dorothy L Penning Memorial Fund

Qtrly income from our investment after selling house

General Fund giving was about \$2500 over budget



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February Serving Schedule

	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 27
Count	Sheila McCrea Madaline Luher	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	Bob Tibbitts Arlene Pandelis	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau
Diaconate	Ben Greene	Sally Deranleau	Mic hele Fleck	Arlene Pandelis
Elder	Jerry Klein	Sheila McCrea	Joy Reitemeier	Janie Selley
Lay Leader	Dan Stewart	Sheila McCrea	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow
Power Point	Jenn Snow	Natasha Carter	Mike Keel	Debbie Jennison
Sound	Bill Jennison	Ben Greene	Nathan Burford	Michele Fleck
Pick Up	Michele Fleck	Janie Selley	Sally Deranleau	Bobbie Belton
Greeter	Madaline Luher	Joy Reitemeier	Bill Phipps	Sam Selley
Song Leader	Dan Stewart	Jenn Snow	Bobbie Belton	Bill Jennison
Coffee Hour		Valentine Soup Luncheon		