



# The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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## Flurries from Chris

For the past six months or so, I have had this reoccurring question, “What is normal?” As we have begun to recognize that we will be forever changed by the effects that the pandemic has had on our lives, and the church is no different. In many ways the wider church will continue to feel the effects of the pandemic for years if not for generations.

So, I ask the question once more with us thinking about who God is calling us to be as church. “What is normal, for the church?” In this past year we have been forced to embrace technology faster than anyone had planned, and in doing so we have found it to be fruitful in opening up the possibilities for declaring the Gospel online, and for gathering groups for meetings. We have also missed out on different growth opportunities within our congregation as we have seen a pause of our Sunday School classes. But at the same time we have seen offerings within our region to grow in a variety of ways through the use of technology. We have sorely missed being able to joyfully sing as a congregation, but we have also been gifted with Riley’s talents as he has put together some phenomenal recordings.

As many pastors and church leaders are looking forward to when we can get back to “normal” a phrase keeps popping up, “hybrid church.” The idea that we will never fully return to in person only church but will instead include an online component when possible. In many ways I agree with this understanding of what the new normal will be. A way of being the church where those who are not able to come in person will be able join us virtually.

Even as we look forward to this new normal, one question that we have been wrestling with for years should continue to be on our minds. “Do we continue to be a place where all are welcome, all are accepted and each of us has an opportunity to share our gifts, talents and passions through

## Weekly Events

### **Attitude Adjustment**

Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

### **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 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](mailto:haverile@msn.com)). If you want to help with a donation, contact Meals on Wheels at 509- 862-6367.

worship, prayer and mission?" And I would add, even if they are unable to join us in person for whatever reason.

If we hope to be a church that breaks down barriers to all, and not that includes the virtual vs. in person, then we need to be mindful not only of those that we can see, but those that are watching us through a computer screen and interacting with us when possible.

Peace in Christ,  
Chris Snow

**The Decision is Made**

All members of the congregation received a notice that the disposition of the church’s rental property was to be decided at the board meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting, the board voted unanimously to proceed with the sale of the house. Many thanks go to the committee that is overseeing all of the aspects of this sale. Sheila McCrea, Jerry Klein, Debbie Jennison, Dan Stewart and Nathan Burford have spent a great deal of time with the MANY details needed for the sale. If you have personal items you wish to have returned that were used by the XPLOr program, the house will be available this Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, after the church service. *Transitions* has indicated a need for many of the items which are necessary to the families they care for and are establishing housing. Remaining items will be donated to local charities. If events go as planned, the home should be listed around the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Janie Selley, Moderator

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**Salish School Quarterly Supply Drive**

We have a new list of supplies to collect for our community outreach supporting this unique immersion school. We will be collecting the below listed items through June. Please donate as you are able for this important and vital outreach. The families at the school are very appreciative of the supplies we've gathered to date and wanted me to convey their immense gratitude. They are very aware of the support offered by our congregation and thankful for our continued efforts. It is with such cooperation and coordination as this that they feel fully supported. We are, in turn, truly honored to assist our brothers and sisters, caring for all in our community as Christ taught us.

Liñlñtx (Thank you!)

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| Laundry Soap      | Fabric Softener |                             |
| Dryer Sheets      | Dish Soap       |                             |
| Dishwasher Soap   | Toilet Paper    |                             |
| Cleaning supplies | Lysol Spray     | Disinfectants (wipes/spray) |

**Prayer Concerns for**

- Natasha is slowly getting her strength back. Continued prayers.
- Prayers for Madaline Luher. She is having several health issues.
- Prayers for Lake Washington Christian Church.
- Lacey Community Church

**Joys**

- Ruth Ellen started pre-school.
- Sarita & Randy McReynolds celebrate 50 years of marriage this month.

**Birthdays**

- 6/24 Patty Morris
- 6/28 Jacob Greene

*Please note: When applicable, birthdays include the first week of the next month.*

**Anniversaries**

- 6/9 Bill & Debbie Jennison
- 6/18 Jerry & Linda Klein
- 6/25 Randy & Sarita McReynolds
- 6/26 Jack & Joyce Mason
- 6/27 Sam & Janie Selley

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**Sarita & Randy McReynolds invite you to their 50th wedding anniversary celebration, June 26, 2021.**

Renewal of Vows, 1:00 p.m. at NHCC

Reception, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Manito Park

- RSVP to Sarita at 509-863-9377 (home) or 360-202-8367 (cell)
- Masks will be required. If you cannot wear a mask, for whatever reason, we will be happy to see you at the reception, but not in the church ceremony.
- The reception will be simple, just cake, nuts, mints, and soda. It will be held in an open-air setting in a park. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket; otherwise you may be sitting on the grass with the bugs. There will be no sit-down dinner or dance.
- All we ask for is the gift of your presence. Please, do not give us more stuff. If you wish to do so, you may contribute a little to our travel fund so we can go see Sarita's sister in Portugal. Thank you.

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## It's Back

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, we joined together to celebrate the birth of the church. Following the service we met in Hazen Hall for cupcakes and coffee and once again enjoyed each other's company and conversation.

Coffee hour will continue after the Sunday morning service. Hostesses/hosts will determine if they would like to provide some refreshment on a Sunday they select. Please give Janie a call if you have questions and/or let her know which day you have chosen so we don't double up. It's really great to join together in fellowship after a long break. 468-3713



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**AUGUST 7, 2021** for a virtual gathering of Disciples across the United States and Canada. The day will be

filled with worship, plenary gatherings, workshops and much more. More information will become available in the coming months. **REMEMBER: August 7.**



## Get ready... Creation Speaks!

In the beginning, God created. God is still creating now. What do God and Creation have to teach us about how to live today?

Creation Speaks invites us to look to God's Creation, including each other, as we listen for God's voice in the world today. By looking anew at the Creation story, campers will imagine what each part might teach us about God and our place in the world. Light, water, earth, seasons, animals, humans, and even a day of rest will invite campers to listen for God, still speaking to them today.

Through our new understanding of the interdependence of all creatures and responding to our call as caretakers of Creation, we are moved to awe and wonder at the gift of Creation and the Creator.

If the people of God stop and listen to Creation, what might we hear? Shhhh, listen. Creation Speaks!

## Camp Dates and Locations

Leaders and volunteers from around our region prepare to welcome our youth back to camp this summer with COVID protocols in place. Campers will enjoy the camp experience in a mirrored format at [Gwinwood \(Lacey, Washington\)](#) and [Cane Ridge West \(Lincoln, Montana\)](#)— no matter where our youth attend, the activities and curriculum will be the same and age groups will run concurrently. The dates for our camps and ages (*grade completed*) are as follows:

### July 12-15th

- Kids (1st-2nd Grade) \$150.00
- Junior (3rd-5th Grade) \$150.00

### July 19-24th

- Chi Rho (6th-8th Grade) \$200.00
- CYF (9th-12th Grade) \$200.00

More information including registration information can be found at:

<https://northernlightsdisciples.org/summer-camps/>

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## They're Back

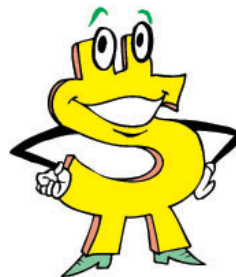
We at North Hill are happy to welcome back the Attitude Adjustment members. Their group has been unable to meet since shortly after the start of COVID. They have been on the third floor preparing the room for their return the week of June 1st. Their numbers are small right now. Meetings will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. They will remain on the third floor and wear masks at any time in the church. We look forward to more members coming as time goes on.

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## May Financial Information - Budget Figures

	May	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 12,034	\$ 70,589	\$ 53,235
Expense	\$ 10,400	\$ 62,611	\$ 66,965

General offering exceeded budget by \$2100  
Expenses include property taxes paid  
Pentecost offering was \$475





## North Hill Christian Church

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### June 2021 --- Serving Schedules

	June. 6	June, 13	June. 20	June. 27
Count	Michele Fleck Madaline Luher	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Patty Morris	Linda Alexander Arlene Pandelis
Diaconate	Nathan Burford	Arlene Pandelis	Michele Fleck	Patty Morris
Elder	Dan Stewart	Bill Jennison	Sheila McCrea	Madaline Luher
Lay Leader	Dan Stewart	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Nathan Burford
Power Point	Jenn Snow	Cat Bouquin	Cat Bouquin	Cat Bouquin
Sound	Nathan Burford	Jenn Snow	Bill Jennison	Ben Greene
Sanitation	Linda Alexander Arlene Pandelis	Bobbie Belton Michele Fleck	Sally Deranleau Linda Alexander	Sheila McCrea Janie Selley
Greeter	Sam Selley	Sarita McReynolds	Bill Phipps	Madaline Luher

Elder's Meeting

Cong. Meeting