



# The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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## Flurries from Chris

Multiple times a year there are those conversations that pop up asking, "Why does that group get their own month or celebration?" More often than not the demographics that are being highlighted have historically been marginalized in one way or another. Marginalized through direct discrimination (racism/homophobia), or simply through social pressure that causes us to remain quiet/ignore certain groups or issues (domestic violence/dementia).

I bring this up because the month of June is recognized as LGBTQIA+ Pride month, but then July is Disability Awareness month. Something both demographics have in common are stories where individuals have been expected to hide themselves in one way or another in order to fit in with the wider world around us.

As I have found my mindset transition into planning my sabbatical work (writing a book on disability and accessibility in churches and scripture) I have found myself reflecting on those messages that I and others have internalized. One of which was vocalized in a recent meeting where a participant reached out and named that they had never known a pastor who was deaf or hard of hearing from birth. An internalized message of what a pastor looks like, does not include certain demographics, including disabled.

I have to wonder how many other demographics have been told they cannot be leaders in the church because of who they are or things that have happened to them in their lives? Not only in the role of pastor's but also board officers, elders, deacons, and the list goes on. In many ways these internalized messages override God's movement through the unlikely throughout scripture to do great things.

As I prepare to begin my sabbatical I would invite you to consider with me the ways in which we as church can do better with regards to uplifting all in our community to use the gifts God has instilled within them to use in uplifting the whole body of Christ. I would also request your prayers of support and rest for our congregation and myself for the three months that I am away on sabbatical.

Peace in Christ,  
Chris Snow

## Weekly Events

### **Attitude Adjustment**

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

### **Citizenship Preparation**

Thursdays 6-7 PM.

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

Worship: Sun. 2-6 p.m.

Choir: Tues. 6-9 p.m.

Bible Study: Wed 7-10 p.m.

Group Study: Fri 7-10



### **Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels delivers hot meals to clients every weekday. North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week a month. Please call or email Michele Fleck, (509) 327-3451, [michele\\_fleck@comcast.net](mailto:michele_fleck@comcast.net)

## **Read Along with Pastor Chris**

Pastor Chris has already begun finding books that he is planning on reading during his sabbatical and wanted to offer you the opportunity of reading along with him in this time. You are invited to look through the following book list and see if any of the titles are of interest to you. Once Pastor Chris returns from his sabbatical he will offer times to discuss the books that you have read along with him.

“How Ableism Fuels Racism” Lamar Hardwick

“My Body is Not a Prayer Request” Amy Kenny

“Disciples and Friends: Investigations in Disability, Dementia, and Mental Health” Armand Léon van van Omen, Brian R. Brock

“Becoming the Baptized Body” Sarah Jean Barton

“The Viral Underclass” Steven W. Thrasher

## **Congregational Meeting**

To all members of North Hill Christian Church: There will be a congregational meeting following worship service on **June 2** to approve the Nomination Report as submitted by the Nominating Committee and accepted by the board at the recent meeting on May 19. If you'd like to receive a copy of this listing beforehand, please contact the church office. If there are any other nominations for these committees, please provide to Pastor Snow and be prepared to submit at this congregational meeting on June 2. We are so blessed by the hard work of this committee - Thank you to Michele Fleck, Nathan Burford, Jerry Klein and Pastor Chris Snow! Appreciation also to those willing to serve on the various committees that enable our church to reach out in our community!

### **Prayer Concerns**

- Kathy Riley is home. She will be camping to relax and continue her recovery.
- Prayers for the family of Gary Thomas. His brother, Daryl, passed away.
- Prayers for the people affected by severe storm in the Midwest.
- Prayers for all who are traveling.
- Prayers for people in Gaza Strip, Israel, and the Ukraine.

### **Joys**

- Sarita's cousin, Sonja is off the respirator and improving.

### **Birthdays**

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

### **Anniversaries**

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

### **Eagle Scout Project Underway!!!**

The project will be moving our sound board and visual tech set up from the balcony to the back of the sanctuary, with the goal of being completed by mid-September.

This is one of those projects that has been on our wish list for some time now and fulfills the requirements for an Eagle Scout project. These requirements include, cannot be a project considered regular maintenance, has to involve leadership and planning, and provides a benefit for the organization receiving the project.



Our hope is that as this project is completed we will not have to have a team of people in the balcony each Sunday, and that those overseeing our sound and visual tech devices can more easily participate in the worship service, especially if they are also in the choir.

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### **Collection list for the Salish School Needs Pantry**

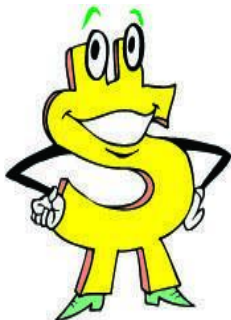
**Household Items:** laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, liquid hand soap, PineSol, disinfectant, dish soap

**Personal Hygiene Items:**

shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, body wash, lotion, deodorant, razors, hair ties, combs, hair brushes.

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**No financial report for May**





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## June, 2024 --- Serving Schedules

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Count	<b>Sheila McCrea Patty Morris</b>	Michele Fleck Sally Deranleau	<b>Linda Alexander Arlene Pandelis</b>	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	<b>Sheila McCrea Sally Deranleau</b>
Diaconate	<b>Nathan Burford</b>	Linda Alexander	<b>Ben Greene</b>	Sally Deranleau	<b>Michele Fleck</b>
Elder	<b>Jerry Klein</b>	Bill Jennison	<b>Sheila McCrea</b>	Janie Selley	<b>Debbie Jennison</b>
Lay Leader	<b>Nathan Burford</b>	Bill Jennison	<b>Sheila McCrea</b>	Sheila McCrea	<b>Nathan Burford</b>
Power Point	<b>Natasha Carter</b>	Debbie Jennison	<b>Natasha Carter</b>	Debbie Jennison	<b>Natasha Carter</b>
Sound	<b>Ben Greene</b>	Nathan Burford	<b>Michele Fleck</b>	Nathan Burford	<b>Ben Greene</b>
Pick Up	<b>Bobbie Belton</b>	Arlene Pandelis	<b>Sally Deranleau</b>	Arlene Pandelis	<b>Michele Fleck</b>
Greeter	<b>Sam Selley</b>	Bill Phipps	<b>Sarita McReynolds</b>	Arlene Pandelis	<b>Sam Selley</b>
Coffee Hour				Selleys	