



# The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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## Flurries from Chris

It is official. We have been in a season of pandemic for a year now. With this comes a great deal of grief and sadness for the lives that have been lost. For those missed opportunities to celebrate events in our lives and in the life of the church. For the loss of normalcy in our every day routines. But along with grief, there is a breaking of the bonds of "this is the way we have always done this."

Over the past year the pandemic has forced me to re-think how we do worship, bible study, fellowship opportunities, and meetings. Sometimes in this process I feel a great deal of grief, as I did for Christmas Eve and not being able to be in the same room with all of you as we sang Joy to the World and Silent night. But at other times I found great relief when we were able to open our meetings to those who could not be present in person, but could instead join us via zoom. Great joy as I learn how many people are engaging with us in worship via Facebook.

This process of re-thinking how we do things can be a bit jarring, but at the same time allowing for us to be creative, knowing that we can't simply rely on the way things have always been done. I find myself asking questions regarding the accessibility of our services and ministries. Who is being left out, and who is included? I find myself asking about creative ideas for connecting our congregation in different ways, that do not rely upon a coffee hour?

I hope that as we continue to think creatively about how we fulfill god's calling upon our community of faith, that we won't simply revert to the way things have always been done. But instead consider the new or different limitations that our congregation experiences, whether it be physical limitations, of time, or energy.

Last month I invited you to share with me, "What worship means to you?" This month I would invite you to reflect over the past year and let me know what changes/modifications you are thankful for? What are those things that we have put in place over the past year that has helped you in your faith journey, or engaging with us in worship? What are some creative ideas that you would like to pass along to the leadership of the church?

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 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.

## Maundy Thursday Service

This year Maundy Thursday falls on **April 1st** and our service will take place at **6pm** via zoom. It has been our tradition over the years to join together with members of Country Homes Christian Church for a simple dinner of soup and bread, as we remember the Last Supper. Normally this has taken place in person but this year we will be hosting our Maundy Thursday service on Zoom and later provided on Facebook. The zoom service will begin at 6 pm and will include a number of readings as we remember the Last Supper, and the events leading up to our Savior's crucifixion. I invite you to lower the lights in the room that you are joining us from and bring a candle to light during the service. If you would like to help out by doing one of the readings please let Pastor Chris know ASAP.

## Events in Lent

While it feels like Christmas was just a few weeks ago, the season of Lent and the celebration of Easter are just around the bend. The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 17 this year. The rest of the schedule for Lent through Holy Week and Easter are as follows:

- Palm Sunday—March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday—April 1<sup>st</sup> (Service time TBA)
- Easter Sunday—April 4<sup>th</sup>

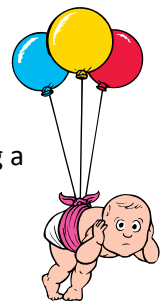


## Special Offering

Easter is almost here. The Special Offering will be collected as designated on March 28 and April 4. The Easter offering supports the General Ministries of the Church. General Ministries strengthen congregational life for the church's mission. Some of the ministries are: Chalice Press, higher education, National Benevolent Association and the Christian Church Foundation. Thank you for your support, Finance Committee.

## Remote Baby Shower!

Ben & Kim Greene are expecting a baby boy in April! His name will be Peyton. We can't gather in person, but we can gather well-wishes and gifts for baby Peyton! We will be collecting gifts on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Ben & Kim are registered on Amazon and Walmart (look under Kim Violette), they will be using a mini crib and a play and pack, and they have a sports theme (especially UK Wildcats – royal blue & white) for decorating and toys/clothes! If you need someone to shop for you or pick up and deliver your gift or have questions, please contact Debbie Jennison or Janie Selley.



## Salish School Quarterly Supply Drive

Each quarter we will be collecting items for different age groups/demographics within the Salish School. For the first quarter of 2021 we will be gathering items for toddlers. "We have students ages 1-3 in diapers and pull ups in our language nest. Diaper wipes, diaper cream/ointment, simlac soy infant formula, teething toys, pull ups, would be amazing. We are also a little short on mittens and hats for little ones."

## Prayer Concerns for

- Prayers for all the homeless. There have been 3 deaths from the cold among the homeless.
- Continued prayers for Patt Hooker as she continues healing from knee surgery.
- Continued prayers for Arlene Pandelis as she recovers from broken shoulder.
- Prayers for regional church, First Christian Church in Clarkston, WA.

## Joys

- Vaccine approved, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

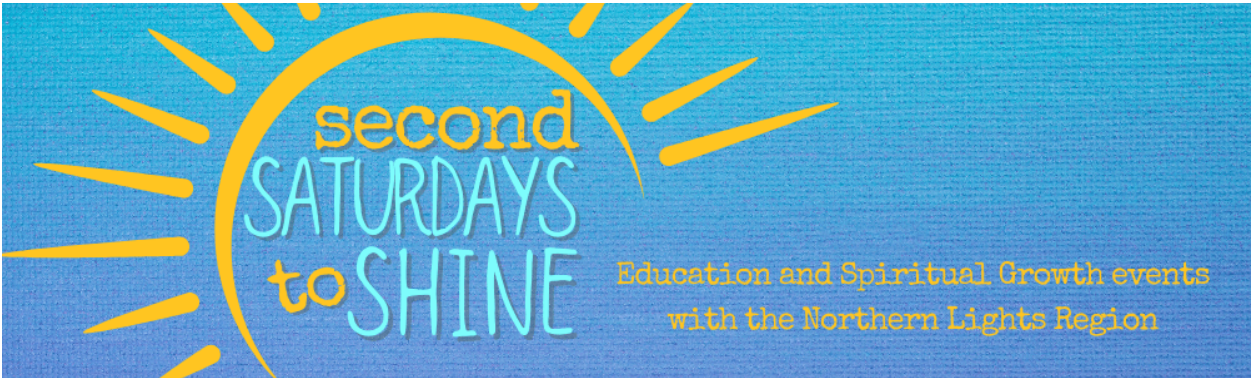
## Birthdays

- 3/21 Chris Snow
- 3/21 Karl Kohler
- 3/23 Nathan Burford
- 3/28 Richard Minkler

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

## Anniversaries

- 3/13 Ben & Kim Greene



**MARCH 13: THE PRACTICE OF GRATEFULNESS: A LENTEN RETREAT**

The Northern Lights Region Second Saturday time of learning and growing together continues **March 13** with **The Practice of Gratefulness: a Lenten Retreat** lead by **Rev. Laurie Rudel**. It will be presented online, **from 10:00am to 2:00pm (Pacific)**

We have lived amid a pandemic for nearly a year. In such a time, is it possible to sustain, or even recover a sense of gratefulness? Over the course of this Lenten retreat, Laurie Rudel will lead an exploration of the promise and practice of gratefulness through poetry, prayer, conversation, and various forms of meditation.



*Laurie Rudel is a retired pastor and artist who now serves as faculty for and on board of the Grünewald Guild, an online learning and retreat center dedicated to the practice of art, faith, and community near Leavenworth, WA. She also serves on the board of the University Christian Church Legacy Foundation. Before the pandemic she and her beloved wife, Barb, sang at the bedside of hospice patients with the Seattle Threshold Singers. They live in Lake Forest Park, WA under a canopy of tall fir trees.*

**You can register for this event at [northernlightsdisciples.org](http://northernlightsdisciples.org). Registration will be closed at the end of business on Friday, March 12. This will help ensure that all who register for the course will be able to receive the Zoom access information in time for the event.**

A suggested donation of \$10.00/person/session or \$25/congregation/session with 3 or more participants registered at the same time. Let Chris or Bill Jennison know if you are interested. If we have 3 or more, we can qualify for the congregational discount.

**February Financial Information - Budget Figures**

	February	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 11,370	\$ 30,549	\$ 21,294
Expense	\$ 18,461	\$ 28,538	\$ 26,786

General Offering was close to budget  
 Week of Compassion offering was \$635  
 Property insurance of \$6350 was paid in February



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March, 2021 --- Serving Schedule				
	March 7 <b>Elder's Mtg.</b>	March 14 <b>Board Mtg.</b>	March 21	March 28 <b>Palm Sunday</b>
Count	Linda Alexander Patty Morris	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Sam Selley	Michele Fleck Sally Deranleau
Diaconate	Nathan Burford	Michele Fleck	Sally Deranleau	Patty Morris
Elder	Sheila McCrea	Jerry Klein	Janie Selley	Dan Stewart
Lay Leader	Dan Stewart	Bill Jennison	Debbie Jennison	Nathan Burford
Power Point	Debbie Jennison	Cat Bourquin	Jenn Snow	Debbie Jennison
Sound	Bill Jennison	Nathan Burford	Cat Bourquin	Bill Jennison
Sanitation	Sally Deranleau Bobbie Belton	Bobbie Belton Patty Morris	Michele Fleck Janie Selley	Sheila McCrea Linda Alexander
Greeter	Sam Selley	Bill Phipps	Sarita McReynolds	Sam Selley