



The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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Flurries from Chris

Like many of you I am starting to get anxious to return to those “normal” activities that we are so used to doing in the summer. Returning to the Baseball field as we watch the Spokane Indians play as the stadium is full of fans. Going to the park to let Ruth run free with all the other kids. Gathering the congregation for our annual picnic and outdoor worship. But in the back of my mind I am still evaluating the risks. Not just for myself but for those who are the most vulnerable in our community. I might be safe, but what about those like my daughter whose immune systems are compromised and a setting that we may take for granted could be hazardous.

Sometimes we loose sight of those that we do not see on a regular basis. Sometimes we forget about the dangers that members of our community face because we do not see them as often as we used to. It is in those moments that a kind reminder can be helpful. A reminder that whenever we gather as a community we should be conscious of the most vulnerable amongst us when we make decisions that effect the whole.

At times these considerations can be frustrating and tiring but it is what is necessary to commit ones self to being a part of a community that seeks to break down barriers for all to participate. So, while we are anxious about returning to our “normal” summer activities let us practice patience as we live in community with one another.

Peace in Christ,
Chris Snow



Citizenship Class

Former student, Yana, married Nicolai on April 24.
Congratulations to the happy couple.

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment

Temporarily out of the building

Citizenship Preparation

Being conducted remotely

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.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering will be collected May 16 & 23 and supports Disciples' new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations are part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they are given and the New Church Ministry—which equips, trains, assists and multiplies emerging and affiliating congregations and leaders. One of the many services provided to new congregations is the Leadership Academy which is an interactive learning experience that brings together Disciples from across the U.S. and Canada to share leadership experience, wisdom, and training. Help us to plant 1,000 churches and more! Please mark your check or envelope to indicate your gift to this special mission of our church.

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!)

Laundry Soap
Dryer Sheets
Dishwasher Soap
Cleaning supplies

Fabric Softener
Dish Soap
Toilet Paper
Lysol Spray

Disinfectants (wipes/spray)

Prayer Concerns for

- Natasha is out of ICU and slowly recovering. Bobbie asked for continued prayers. Thanks so much!.
- Debbie Jennison had hip surgery April 28th.
- Kim and Ben Greene's baby, Peyton was born April 26th.
- Natasha is out of ICU and the next step will be rehab.
- Regional church prayer for Central Christian Church in Kalispell, MT

Joys

- Sarita & Randy are OK, following a wreck with their truck & camper.
- Chris's parents and Jenn's mother came to celebrate Ruth's 3rd Birthday!

Birthdays

5/9 Kaitlyn Kohler
5/11 Janie Selley
5/16 Marvin Knapp
5/18 Alvina Cockburn
5/24 Sonny Smith
5/28 Sam Selley

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

Anniversaries

None in May



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.**



MAY 8: BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR CHANGE: TRANSFORMING A CONGREGATION

The Northern Lights Region Second Saturday time of learning and growing together continues **May 8** with **Building a Foundation for Change: Transforming a Congregation with Amy LaCroix**. It will be presented online, **from 10:00am to 2:00pm (Pacific)**

Do you hear yourself or others within your congregation saying, “it’s the way we’ve always done it”? or “we tried that once before, it didn’t work”? or “we can’t because the by-laws won’t allow it”, “we don’t have a quorum”, “no one wants to serve”, “we are tired.” Are your by-laws holding you down? You know it’s time to revise them, maybe you’ve known for years. But the truth is most people don’t have the energy. It sounds and feels like a daunting task and so you simply continue to maintain the status quo until you arrive at a place where it is impossible.

In this retreat we will explore a process for identifying and dismantling the institutional structure that prevents a congregation from fully transforming into who and what God is calling it to in the present context. We will use tools for analyzing by-laws through historical, cultural, legal and spiritual lenses in order to identify who our congregation is now so that we may move forward with a new, lean, strong foundation. Honoring the past, living the present while fully embracing the future.

Amy promises this will be a fun experience. You are welcome to bring the congregation’s by-laws and history. This will be fun.... I promise.

Rev. Dr. Amy LaCroix has served as the pastor of First Christian Church in Olympia, Wa. She received her MDiv from Christian Theological Seminary and her DMin from Claremont School of Theology. Her dissertation from Claremont was entitled: Dismantling Institution: Transforming Congregations.

You can register for this event at northernlightsdisciples.org. Registration will be closed at the end of business on Friday, May 7. 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.

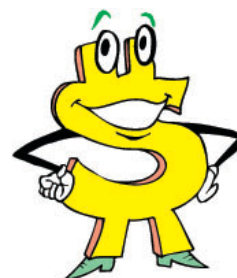
A suggested donation of \$10.00/person or \$25/congregation with 3 or more participants registered at the same time. Let Chris or Bill Jennison know if you are interested. If we have 3 or more, we register together and qualify for the congregational discount.

Your giving makes a difference!

We recently received a letter from the Northern Lights region that thanked us for our gifts to the Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) for 2020. We were one of the top 10 congregational givers! Each month a portion of the general offering goes to DMF to support the work of the ministry programs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. A portion also comes back to the region to support the work of the regional church. Thank you for your generosity!

April Financial Information - Budget Figures

	April	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 14,318	\$ 55,679	\$ 42,588
Expense	\$ 11,708	\$ 51,015	\$ 53,572



April Income includes \$1408 estate income from CCF
General Offering income was below budget by \$2100

Easter offering.

So excited to let you know that we gave \$690 for the Easter offering this year (compared to \$395 last year). Thank you for your support of the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!!!!



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May, 2021 --- Serving Schedules

	May. 2	May. 9	May. 16	May. 23	May. 30
Count	Sheila McCrea Sam Selley	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau	Michele Fleck Madaline Luher	Sheila McCrea Sam Selley	Linda Alexander Arlene Pandelis
Diaconate	Michele Fleck	Sally Deranleau	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau	MICHELE FLECK
Elder	Sheila McCrea	JERRY KLEIN	Madaline Luher	Janie Selley	Jerry Klein
Lay Leader	Jenn Snow	Bill Jennison	Dan Stewart	Nathan Burford	Sheila McCrea
Power Point	Cat Bouquin	Jenn Snow	Cat Bouquin	Jenn Snow	Cat Bouquin
Sound	Michele Fleck	NATHAN BURFORD	Ben Greene	Cat Bouquin	BILL JENNISON
Sanitation	Linda Alexander Janie Selley	Bobbie Belton Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau Janie Selley	Michele Fleck Linda Alexander	Bobbie Belton Sheila McCrea
Greeter	Madaline Luher	Sam Selley	Bill Phipps	Sarita McReynolds	Madaline Luher

