



# The North Hill Christian

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## Flurries from Chris

As we find the season of Lent is now behind us and we look forward towards the summer I am filled with gratitude for this congregation. Recently as I found myself talking with a number of clergy from our region, I realized that I am no longer one of the young/new to the region clergy. Instead Jenn and I will be celebrating 9 years in Spokane at the end of the summer. I am thankful for all those things we, as a congregation, have discovered about each other. All of those things that we have worked through together. And the advancements that we have been able to take on over the past couple of years.

Over the past couple of years we have been forced to consider what ministries and programs are truly important to us. There have been some things that we have let go to the side, but there have been others that have been retained as we recognize that they are an important part of who we are called to be in this space. We have continued to bring together donations for the Salish School Needs Pantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food bin, and the Mission Community Outreach Clothing Barrel. We continue to recognize that as our building is much larger than we can currently utilize on our own, we make it available to the Ukrainian Baptist Congregation, Meals on Wheels, and Attitude Adjustment. Recognizing that as we are able to share space in our building we help to support their ministries as well. We continue to honor those moments when we are able to gather in fellowship with one another. While we may change up when some of our fellowship dinners fall throughout the year, but still honoring those times where we can gather around tables sharing our lives with one another.

But even as some things have stayed mostly the same other things have changed. While our worship services are an important part of how we live out our faith, we have had to make some changes here and there, so that we can safely and effectively make our worship services available online to a much larger community. As the Tuesday Morning Bible Study has taken a hiatus this year, we had a Book study this past fall in which we worked through a book about Racism, and this Spring I shared a video series on Facebook addressing issues of trauma that has been caused by some churches.

There has been a great deal happening in the life of the church over the past several years and I am thankful for all of you as you continue to support this congregation in our ministries as we continue to discern what God is calling us to be here in our space in Spokane. Continued on next page

Peace in Christ,

## Weekly Events

### **Attitude Adjustment**

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

### **Citizenship Preparation**

Thursdays 6-7:30, except Thanksgiving.

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

Worship: Sun. 2-6 p.m.

Study & Choir: Tues. 6-9 p.m.



### **Meals on Wheels**

In May, Meals on Wheels will return to delivering hot meals to clients every weekday. North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week 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)).

Flurries continued: I am thankful for your questions that have led to new and interesting studies. I am thankful for your desire to learn through any of our educational opportunities. I am thankful for your commitment to being open to the Spirit's moving within our congregation. I continue to look forward to where God is leading us here at North Hill.

Peace in Christ,

Chris Snow

## **Pentecost Offering**

Received May 29 & June 5

Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, which empowered the early followers of Jesus to envision a new future for themselves and their community. The first Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) shows how God moves his children from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance. Many people feel ready to make that same change now, as the COVID-19 Pandemic spurs feelings (and fears) of not having enough.

A person can be rich but still operate from a miserly mindset and a thirst for more. Or a person can be poor but still experience abundance, seeing the world through grateful eyes, a feeling of contentedness. The Disciples awoke that first Pentecost with their minds focused on lack and want. Fear gripped their hearts despite spending over 40 days with the resurrected Jesus. While hiding beyond locked doors, God's spirit intervened, and they witnessed Divided tongues appear among them and then rested on each...and the Holy Spirit moved them from scarcity to abundance. They went outside and shared the Good News and the community grew bigger than they could have imagined. Abundance doesn't mean life becomes easy necessarily, but it does mean fear will no longer rule one's heart.

The Pentecost offering is collected each year for the purpose of supporting new churches and assisting existing ones. Half of the offering gathered stays in the local region where it is collected to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the U.S. and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders. Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call...to serve their neighbors, to spread the gospel, and to grow more members into the Disciples of Christ Church. Thank you for granting prayerful thought in how you may help support this special offering which we will be collecting May 29 and June 5. Praise the Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!



## **Meals on Wheels**

Hurray! Meals on Wheels will return to delivering hot meals to clients every weekday. North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week a month. Volunteers are needed to assist with deliveries. Please call or email Kathy Riley to sign up (509-599-0183 or [haverile@msn.com](mailto:haverile@msn.com)).

## **Prayer Concerns for**

- Continued prayers for Joyce and Jack Mason.
- Prayers Andy Duckett. He has pancreatic surgery 4/14.
- Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine and for all Ukrainians.
- Prayers for our regional church First Christian Church in Helena, MT

## **Joys**

- Toni Keel back from her trip overseas.
- Celebration of Shirley Tucker's Borthday

## **Birthdays**

- 5/9 Kaitlyn Kohler
- 5/11 Janie Selley
- 5/16 Marvin Knapp
- 5.18 Alvina Cockburn
- 5/24 Sonny Smith
- 5/25 Patt Hooker
- 5/28 Sam Selley

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

## **Anniversaries**

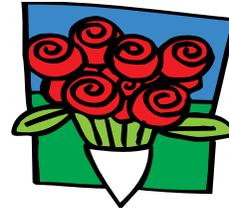
- None in May

## **THANK YOU!!!**

A big “**Thank You**” to Dan Stewart and the crew of guys who hosted the loaded baked potato feed on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The potatoes with their variety of toppings were provided by several of the men. Thanks go to the ladies who shared desserts to top off this delicious lunch. Thanks to Bob Burkhead for his Bingo help and to all of those who brought white elephant donations. A great time was had by all who shared the fun, food, fellowship and the treasures.

## **Remember Mother’s Day**

Take time to remember the mothers in your life on May 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **Salish School Needs Pantry Supply Drive**

We will be collecting hygiene supplies for the Salish School needs pantry through June. As we collect these items it is important to ensure they are appropriate for sensitive skin as a number of those who will be using these items do have skin conditions that make this an important consideration. Some items that we are collecting are:

Shampoo    Conditioner    Lotion

**Thank you to all who have brought in donations either in person or through Amazon Smile.** We now have a Charity Wish List on Amazon Smile from which you can order and the items will be shipped to the church. You can find the wish list at [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1KTXNN5P6V7GJ/ref=smi\\_ext\\_Ink\\_lcl\\_cl](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1KTXNN5P6V7GJ/ref=smi_ext_Ink_lcl_cl) We have already received a couple deliveries for the Salish Needs Pantry and we are thankful for this option for people near and far to support this ministry.

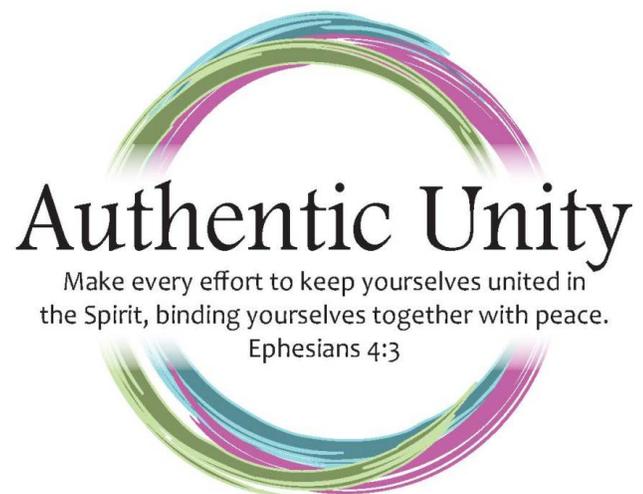
## **Northern Lights Regional Assembly**

Registration is now open for our Regional Assembly in Post Falls, ID. May 19-22. Our Theme is Authentic Unity. With a great speaker (Kaitlin Curtice, check out her book, Native!), meaningful interest groups, creative worship, and an opportunity for fellowship and building connections, this is a must-not-miss event! Registration and more information can be found at: <https://northernlightsdisciples.org/2022-regional-assembly/> Registration is due by May 6, 2022.

Remember that all ministers with standing are automatically voting members of the Regional Assembly. In addition, each congregation can appoint two voting representatives. The names of those representatives must be sent to [office@northernlightsdisciples.org](mailto:office@northernlightsdisciples.org) by Friday, May 20.

Those attending online will have the opportunity to speak at the business sessions and authorized voting members will have the ability to vote.

**On Sunday May 22 we will be sharing in worship with the region as the final worship of the assembly will be available on YouTube for us to share.**



## **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

As you may be aware there is a designated fund from which Pastor Chris can use funds to help members of the community and/or church when there is a need. Recently we have already exhausted what is in that account which is to be celebrated. That we have already helped a number of individuals who have reached out needing help and have been assisted. But we have also recently received a request for funds for a need within our congregation and would like your help in caring for that need, as well as other needs that may arise over the next year. We would like to invite your assistance in replenishing this fund so that we may continue to help those who find themselves reaching out to us in times of need.

## **Pentecost Doves**

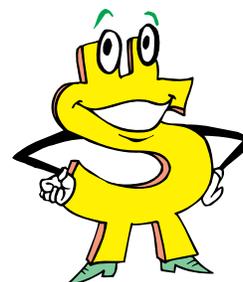
The worship team is already looking forward to celebrating Pentecost on June 5<sup>th</sup>, but we need your help. We are hoping to bring back the origami dove chandelier that was made several years ago. While some of those doves have survived in storage we need your help in making more. There will be instructions and paper made available in the sanctuary and Hazen Hall for you to work on while you are a North Hill, or to take home and bring back by May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will need about 500 doves in total. We hope that you can help us get things ready for our celebration of Pentecost.

## **Interfaith Pride Service**

As indoor and outdoor gathering restrictions have been lifted the organizers of Spokane Pride are getting things ready for a Pride week in the week leading up to June 11<sup>th</sup>. This includes an interfaith pride service that will be taking place early in the evening of Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a service where members of the LGBTQIA community are able to be affirmed and know that there are religious leaders/communities here in Spokane that do love and affirm them in a world where a religious gathering may be scary due to harm that has been done in the name of one's faith.

## **Financial Roundup:**

April and May financial reports will be in the June newsletter.





## North Hill Christian Church

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### May, 2022 Serving Schedule

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Count	Sheila McCrea Arlene Pandelis	Michele Fleck Madaline Luher	Linda Alexander Patty Morris	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Arlene Pandelis
Diaconate	Michele Fleck	Ben Greene	Arlene Pandelis	Patty Morris	Sally Deranleau
Elder	Dan Stewart	Jerry Klein	Janie Selley	Joy Reitemeier	Bill Jennison
Lay Leader	Dan Stewart	Sheila McCrea	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Bill Jennison
Power Point	Natasha Carter	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Natasha Carter	Debbie Jennison
Sound	Nathan Burford	Bill Jennison	Ben Greene	Michele Fleck	Jenn Snow
Pick Up	Michele Fleck	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau	Bobbie Belton	Janie Selley
Greeter	Bill Phipps	Madaline Luher	Sarita McReynolds	Joy Reitemeier	Sam Selley
Song Leader	Dan Stewart	Bobbie Belton	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Bill Jennison
Coffee Hour		Linda Alexander Janie Selley			

Mother's Day