



The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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Flurries from Chris

This month in worship we will be exploring the theme of Imagining Together in a number of ways and I am excited to share my own imaginings. But here is the thing, as I share my own imaginings with you I want you to share yours with the whole congregation.

As we take this time to imagine what is possible, I know some of our initial reactions would be to say, "That would be nice but..." I know I have held some similar thoughts over the years but we have a real and tangible example of God making way for our imaginations to become a reality in our sanctuary.

Several years ago there was a group of us who were willing to put together a list of dream projects. On that list was the desire to move the sound board (and now live stream set up) down from the balcony. At the time we had a number of reasons, 1) there is a noticeable difference in volume in the balcony, and 2) the stairs to the balcony limit who can help with both the sound board and visual tech roles. As we sought to dream we were able to name some of our biggest questions of making it possible, notably how to get power and running the appropriate sound cables to the new location.

Last spring a Boy Scout visited us in worship and approached me about wanting to do an Eagle Scout project and asked if I had any projects that would fit. Rather quickly my mind went over all the projects that the team had dreamed of and the one that was most realistic was to move our sound board and tech setup. It just so happened that he had access to an electrician and enough knowhow to make things happen.

Now we have the sound and tech cabinets on the main level of the sanctuary, making way for additional volunteers to serve, but also making it easier for me to utilize visual aids during my sermon. I recognize this is likely just the beginning of recognizing what is now possible because of the completion of this project.

While this project was on a dream list for some years it was through the relationships that we have built with the Boy Scouts that made this project possible. Relationships that God continues to encourage us to pursue, whether it is with AA, Ukrainian Baptist Church, and the Boy Scouts, or other organizations that may arise in the future. Imagine what is possible if we open ourselves to the possibilities that God places in front of in the form of possible friendly relationships.

Peace in Christ,
Chris Snow

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment

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

Citizenship Preparation

Thursdays 6-7 PM.

1st Ukrainian Baptist Church

Worship: Sun. 2-6 p.m.

Choir: Tues. 6-9 p.m.

Study: Wed. 7-10 p.m.

Fri. 7-10 p.m.



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





¡Ole! FALL NACHO FEED – Celebrate Commitment Sunday

Por favor join us on **Sunday, October 27th** following our Commitment Sunday worship as we have our annual nacho fiesta! We will be making our own nachos with the many condiments provided by our congregation. If you are called and asked to provide one of the toppings, please say “si!”. Otherwise, you don’t need to bring anything but your appetite. *¡Todos Vengan!*

Give to Reconciliation Ministry

September 29 & October 6, 2024

Each year the Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received in congregations to show our solidarity with World Communion Sunday. These funds are used to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church’s Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These programs, camps and conferences offer a way forward for all of God’s children who wish to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that are detrimental to some, based solely on the nature of their birth, therefore denied access to basic human dignity, and by extension God’s face.

Your gifts to this Ministry call witness to God’s unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity, leaders, communities, and our congregations are being equipped to offer service and dedication towards compassion and justice in all times and in every season. Please give generously to ensure that all of God’s children are treated equitably!

In Search of Musical Instruments

Othello Christian Church Disciples of Christ is collecting gently used instruments for our community youth band program. We're looking for flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and even some beginning percussion sets.

If you have an instrument gathering dust that is in relatively good condition, please consider donating it so we can help build a strong band program in Othello.

For more information please contact Pastor Chris.

Prayer Concerns

- Continued prayers for Rebecca Young and David Medina for medical issues.
- Continued prayers for Sam Selley who is in hospice with heart and respiratory failure. Prayers for Janie as she is having health issues at this time also.
- Arlene is requesting prayers for her cousin, Carol Lee Muirhead. She is having severe back pain, and having injections. Surgery may be required.
- Natasha’s friend, Kayla had a baby boy, complications happened but mother and baby are now home and well
- Prayers for Pastor Chris’s father, Larry Snow, and family. He has been diagnosed with melanoma which has metastasized and gone to his stomach and lung.
- Prayers for all the people affected by the recent hurricane

Joys

- Prayers of thanksgiving for Nathan for getting our church up to safety code standards with the fire department. Also our thanks to Mike Morris who came in and helped with our sound system.

Birthdays

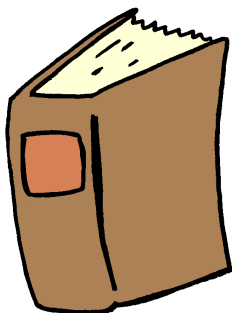
- 10/01 Lily Greene
- 10/11 Randy McCrea
- 10/15 Joy Reitemeir
- 10/22 Cat Bourquin
- 10/23 Kam Kohler
- 10/24 Sheila McCrea
- 10/28 Margret Gray
- 10/30 Jenn Snow

Dementia Friends Presentation

On October 13th we will be having a presentation during our coffee hour about how we can be a dementia friendly congregation. In recent years we have all found an increasing number of our family members, and friends have some form of dementia. Wouldn't it be helpful to know how we as a congregation can be more welcoming and supportive not only to those individuals experiencing dementia but also their support networks. Come and join us for this presentation after worship on the 13th.

Cleaning up the Leaves

On October 26th at 10am all are invited to come help clean up our grounds of the leaves that are already falling. You are invited to come with your rakes, leaf blowers/vacuums to help make short of this work that helps to make our space more welcoming.



Book Study

Pastor Chris will be leading a book study on "My Body is Not a Prayer Request" by Amy Kenny during the Adult Sunday School hour. This class will begin on September 29th at 9:15 am. If you would like for pastor Chris to secure you a copy of the book please do so before September 20th so that he may ensure there are enough copies available.

"Much of the church has forgotten that we worship a disabled God whose wounds survived resurrection, says Amy Kenny. In My Body is Not a Prayer Request, she exposes unintentional ableism in the church and casts a new imagination for Christian communities to engage disability justice. Kenny shows that it is time for the church to start treating disabled people as full members of the body of Christ who have much more to offer than a miraculous cure narrative and to begin learning from their embodied experiences."

Financial report for September

	September	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 10,697	\$ 106,981	\$ 101,297
Expense	\$ 12,449	\$ 119,595	\$ 122,871

General Offering income was above budget by \$714

Reconciliation Offering - \$150

Income does not include:

- \$16,000 pulled from investments in May to pay for 2 new furnaces & an air conditioner
- \$7,500 pulled from investments in June to cover bills

Expenses does not include:

- \$15,610 for the 2 new furnaces & an air conditioner





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October, 2024 --- Serving Schedule				
	6	13	20	27
Count	Sheila McCrea Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander Arlene Pandelis	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	Sheila McCrea Sally Deranleau
Diaconate	Michele Fleck	Nathan Burford	Linda Alexander	Patty Morris
Elder	Bill Jennison	Debbie Jennison	Sarita McReynolds	Sheila McCrea
Lay Leader	Bill Jennison	Debbie Jennison	Nathan Burford	Sheila McCrea
Power Point	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Carter	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow
Sound	Ben Greene	Michele Fleck	Jenn Snow	Nathan Burford
Pick Up	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau	Bobbie Belton	Michele Fleck
Greeter	Bill Phipps	Arlene Pandelis	Sarita McReynolds	Bill Phipps
	Elder's Meeting	Dementia Friends Presentation		Nacho Feed