



The North Hill Christian

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Flurries from Chris

As a flurry of first day of school pictures are showing up on social media and the stores are filled with school supplies, it is hard to miss that it is that time of year once more. That time of year in which all students find themselves returning to the classroom. Returning to join with friends. Returning to encounter a new year's worth of learning. Returning to continue to grow in their knowledge and maturity.

Many of this returning to school language fits as we, as a congregation, return from our summer trips, camping excursions, to settle in for the oncoming fall and winter. As September has arrived the opportunities for us to gather together to reconnect, to learn, to develop, and mature in our faith return to the forefront of our church ministries.

Some of our gathering spaces are meant for more than just one purpose. As we gather in our classes we do so as we encourage one another along in our life journeys. We gather with friends, whom we care for deeply. We gather to ask questions that may lead us to a deeper understanding of our faith. We gather to continue to grow, no matter how long we have considered ourselves a Christian.

As I consider the classes that I will be leading, there are two concepts I would like to address. 1) How do we talk about how our faith has developed over the years. More specifically how has our understanding of who Jesus is developed and changed over the years. 2) How do we talk about doubt when it comes to our faith lives. At times working through doubt can help strengthen our own faith.

My hope is to work through these concepts by engaging in one or more book groups, by reading two different books this fall and winter. The first is "Freeing Jesus" by Diana Butler Bass. The second book is "Faith After Doubt" by Brian McLaren. If you are interested in participating in reading either book along with me and others in the congregation please let me know so that we can schedule and plan how we will meet and process these books together.

Peace in Christ, Chris Snow

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment

Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Citizenship Preparation

Expected to restart September 9.

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.



RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

Reconciliation Offering

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born out of the civil unrest that ensued following the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968. His murder brought to fore in the life of our church the disease of our living in two separate societies – one which benefits one group of people and one which systemically marginalizes the poor and powerless. Beginning with Resolution 29 of the International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in 1968, our Church has persistently pursued ways to address racism through resolutions and direct action in our congregations, Regions, General Ministries and Recognized Ministry partnerships.

The Reconciliation offering is divided in two parts, with one half going back to the region from which it was received, and one half going to the General Reconciliation Ministry administered by the Reconciliation Ministry Commission made up of volunteers from around our church body. The regions choose the method of distributing the funds that remain within their own area and the programs vary widely between regions.

The Reconciliation Ministry Commission receives, reviews and allocates funds for grant requests submitted by our general ministries, higher education institutions, regions and recognized ministries of the church whose proposals meet the grant guidelines. Congregational grant requests are to be submitted to their Region for funding.

In 1996, the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) approved the formation of a church-wide process to discern the nature of racism in N. America and to develop ways of helping congregations address racism. In its first meeting, the Steering Committee (assigned to guide this process) agreed on the following three realities:

Prayer Concerns for

- Bobbie Belton seen at ER for hip pain. Pray for quick recovery.
- Prayers for the family of Marceen Zappone who, passed away.
- Prayers for Madaline's son and daughter. They have covid.
- Prayers for all affected by Hurricane Ida.
- Prayers for violence in Afghanistan.
- Prayers for our regional church NW United Protestant in Richland WA.
- Prayers for Kim and Ben Greene, children and extended family that have been exposed and tested positive for Covid.
- Continued prayers for Deanna recovering from back surgery and needing extended care.
- Continued prayers for Alvina and Bill Cockburn facing many health issues.
- Michele Fleck's brother-in-law, George Cosner passed away. Prayers for the family.
- Prayers for people of Haiti dealing with earthquake.
- Prayers for people in Afghanistan during time of turmoil.

Joys

- The war in Afghanistan is over.

Birthdays

- 9/3 Cat Bourquin
- 9/5 Carolyn Nordal
- 9/15 Arlene Pandelis
- 10/1 Lily Greene

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

- 1) Racism is a spiritual and theological dilemma as well as a social evil;
- 2) Racist practice exists throughout the life of the church and needs to be addressed (even as local and national issues of racism are addressed), and
- 3) Racism is a systemic problem with root causes that have developed over hundreds of years. It is a combination of racial prejudice and institutional or economic power.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) remains vigilant and faithful in pursuing God's call to reconciliation, "breaking down the dividing walls" that separate us from one another and God; and building up God's realm on earth. Please consider donating to the Reconciliation offering during the special collection on September 26th and October 3rd. Thank you!



"Annual" Becomes Annual Again

Remember the fall barbecue and potluck we used to have? IT IS BACK!!!

We are beginning the

fall season at North Hill Christian Church with our
ANNUAL FALL BARBECUE AND POTLUCK
Sunday, September 12th after the morning service

Please bring: a dish to feed 10-12 to share, such as a salad or side dish. Hamburgers, hot dogs and **dessert will be provided**

Suggested \$1.00 donation. We will be eating inside again this year.

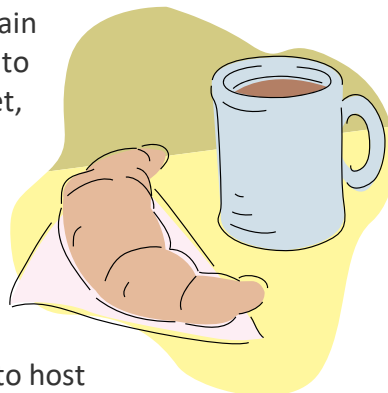
If you have tomatoes or onions to go with the hamburgers or questions about the event, please contact Janie Selley at 468-3713.

Join together in the fun, food and fellowship of this great once again annual event.

Welcome Back to Coffee Hour

We started having coffee hours after the Sunday morning worship service again in June. Everyone was glad to have an opportunity to meet, greet and talk with each other again.

The previous method of my calling members to host the event, has changed. If you would like to host one of our get-togethers, please give me a call or



talk to me on Sunday. I'd like to make the suggestion that you need not put in a lot of work into a refreshment unless you would like to. Purchasing a treat is just fine.

For Sundays where there is no host, we will try to have coffee and hot water available for you if you want to sit and chat.

Fellowship is an important part of our communication. Join in the events.

Janie 468-3713

Amazon Smile

During this time of social distancing and shopping online, you may be purchasing items

at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). If you do, a portion of your purchase price for qualifying items can come to the North Hill Christian Church by choosing the church

as your recipient in their Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com>) program. It doesn't cost you anything extra to participate; it just shares

the profit with a charity of your choice. If you have any questions, ask Debbie Jennison.



2nd Saturday in September - A Northern Lights Regional Event

Join others in the region (and beyond) on September 11th (9 am - 12:30 pm), for a discussion about "Shining a Light on the Table: Exploring a Wide(r) Welcome". It is a chance to explore with other Disciples about being Open & Affirming. Want to know more? Go to: <https://northernlightsdisciples.org/second-saturdays/> to read the description and register. Registration is only \$10 (or \$25 for 3 people registering together).



Welcome Nathan Smith

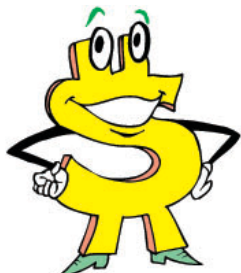
We extend a warm welcome to our new custodian, Nathan Smith. You will see him around the building several hours a week. Please be patient as he learns the job.

Updated Mask Guidance

In keeping with the most recent CDC guidance we strongly recommend that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, coming into the church building wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.

Also please note that beginning on August 23rd the Governor has instituted a mask mandate for all indoor public spaces.

Recognizing that there are some in our congregation who do heavily rely on lip reading (Pastor Chris included) recommendations and resources can be made available regarding clear masks that are effective. Please let Pastor Chris know if you would like to know more.



August Financial Information - Budget Figures

	August	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 10,632	\$ 376,398	\$ 85,176
Expense	\$ 17,171	\$ 381,949	\$ 107,146

Income reflects proceeds from the sale of the rental house
of \$277,836.53

General Offering income was above budget by \$975

Expenses include expenditures to get the rental house ready for sale
and the investment of \$268,006 to provide future income
and the replacement of the A/C unit for Hazen Hall



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September 2021 --- Serving Schedules

	Sep. 5	Sep. 12	Sep. 19	Sep. 26
Count	Michele Fleck Arlene Pandelis	Linda Alexander Patty Morris	Sheila McCrea SallyDeranleau	Michele Fleck Madaline Luher
Diaconate	Sally Deranleau	Arlene Pandelis	Patty Morris	Ben Greene
Elder	Sheila McCrea	Dan Stewart	Bill Jennison	Janie Selley
Lay Leader	NATHAN BURFORD	DAN STEWART	Debbie Jennison	Sheila McCrea
Power Point	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Carter	Jenn Snow	Debbie Jennison
Sound	Bill Jennison	Ben Greene	Nathan Burford	Michele Fleck
Pick-Up	Janie Selley	Bobbie Belton	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau
Greeter	Madaline Luher	Sarita McReynolds	Joy Reitemeier	Bill Phipps
Song Leader	BOBBIE BELTON	DAN STEWART	Janie Selley	Bill Jennison
Coffee Hour				