



The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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Flurries from Chris

Over the past several weeks I have begun to look forward to returning to my “normal” routines at the church. As I have greatly appreciated the time to rest, study, and write, I have been missing being with all of you at the church. While I have been keeping in touch by reading the newsletters and keeping an eye on the prayer chain emails, it is not the same as sitting down with a warm cup of coffee in my hand and listening to what is happening in your lives.

At the same time as I have broadening my knowledge and resources with regards to disability and accessibility in the church, I have been eager to share my thoughts with the whole congregation. Thinking about how we might find a reframing of our mindset beneficial to how we understand the work of being an affirming and accessible congregation. I hope to get these conversations started on my first Sunday back in the pulpit as I will invite you to imagine what a church looks like when we first pay attention to accessibility concerns, rather than responding after there is a need. While there may always be circumstances and needs that we find ourselves responding to, I have found myself hopefully imagining how we as a congregation can make our worship and fellowship spaces accessible and welcoming the first time someone visits.

But I am getting ahead of myself. There will be plenty of time for us to catch up and share our ideas with one another after I return from my sabbatical. In preparation for my return I would like to bring a couple things to your attention. 1) I plan on doing a book study on the book “My Body is Not a Prayer Request” by Amy Kenny. If you are interested in participating I want you to consider if a mid-week gathering or a Sunday after worship (either option has the possibility of gathering around food) for this study. 2) As my phone and email officially “turn back on” on Tuesday September 3rd, I will be spending a few days in Washington D.C. with other Disciples clergy at the clergy retreat hosted by the Pension Fund. While I am at the retreat I will be making and returning phone calls and emails, just know there may be a slight delay based on the retreat schedule and time zone difference.

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



Give to Reconciliation Ministry

Collected 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!

Prayer Concerns

- Continued prayers for Rebecca Young and David Medina for medical issues.
- Continued prayers for Bobbie Belton.
- Continued prayers for Sam & Janie Selley
- Continued prayers for Kathy Riley

Joys

- Chris & Jenn are back

Birthdays

- 9/3 Cat Bourquin
- 9/11 Riley Gray
- 9/14 Debbie Jennison
- 9/15 Arlene Pandelis

Anniversaries

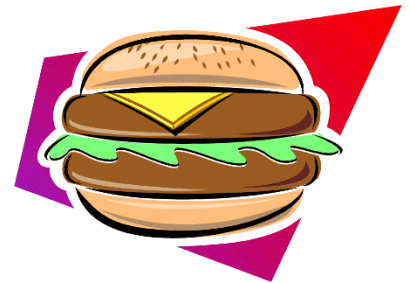
- 9/9 Karl & Liz Kohler
- 9/10 Riley & Margaret Gray

All Are Welcome at the Fall Potluck and Celebration!

On Sunday, September 8th, our congregation will welcome Pastor Chris, Jenn and Ruth back from a summer of study, reading and relaxation as his sabbatical comes to an end. To celebrate the occasion, we will be having our annual fall barbecue and potluck lunch that day. Following our morning 10:30 service, stay and share in the fun, food and fellowship with all of your North Hill friends.

Please Bring: A family sized dish to share such as a salad or a hot or cold side dish. If you would like to bring a dessert, please give Janie a call. The first three calls will be on the table. No main dishes are needed. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. A \$1.00 donation is suggested.

As summer comes to an end, let's get together and enjoy the good company and the good food. If you have questions, please give Janie Selley a call or see her on Sunday. 509-468-3713



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Giving to mission concerns has been an important ministry of our congregation for many years. Those objectives have included addressing the needs of God's children everywhere.

We have given to many different neighborhood and city organizations. Some such as the Salish School have gotten year-round assistance from us. Others like the Willard School families and CASA got special attention with food baskets at the holidays.

The church board is asking you to share your knowledge of groups who might become a part of our ministry together. That can include year-round help or a special focus at holiday time.

Feel free to share your knowledge of e-needs that can become a part of our ministry to our community. Your assistance will be appreciated. Any board member would be glad to hear your suggestion and present it to the group. Thank you.

Collection list for the Salish School Needs Pantry

Household Items: laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, liquid hand soap, PineSol, disinfectant, dish soap

Personal Hygiene Items:

shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, body wash, lotion, deodorant, razors, hair ties, combs, hair brushes.

Financial report for August

	August	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 9,950	\$ 94,583	\$ 91,364
Expense	\$ 12,104	\$ 107,100	\$ 109,218

General Offering income was below budget by \$33

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





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September, 2024 --- Serving Schedule

	1	8	15	22	29
Count	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	Linda Alexander Arlene Pandelis	Sheila McCrea Sally Deranleau	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	Linda Alexander Arlene Pandelis
Diaconate	Nathan Burford	Patty Morris	Linda Alexander	Nathan Burford	Patty Morris
Elder	Janie Selley	Debbie Jennison	Bill Jennison	Sarita McReynolds	Sheila McCrea
Lay Leader	Janie Selley	Debbie Jennison	Bill Jennison	Nathan Burford	Sheila McCrea
Power Point	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Carter	Natasha Carter	Jenn Snow	Debbie Jennison
Sound	Ben Greene	Nathan Burford	Ben Greene	Michele Fleck	Nathan Burford
Pick Up	Janie Selley	Michele Fleck	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau	Sally Deranleau
Greeter	Bill Phipps	Arlene Pandelis	Sam Selley	Sarita McReynolds	Bill Phipps
Song Leader	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray
Coffee Hour				Arlene Pandelis	

**Pastor Chris' Return
 Annual BBQ
 Potluck**

Board Meeting