



The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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Flurries from Chris

You might recall that the four typical themes of Advent are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. This year I find myself thinking not only about how Jesus embodies these themes and continues to serve as a reminder, but also about what these themes mean to me in the present. What kind of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love am I not only looking for but needing in this moment.

While we may continually use language of years ago when the people of God were awaiting the birth of the savior... each year we have the opportunity to consider the ways that the presence of God in the world brings us a new hope for what is possible. Through our faith we are set on a quest for peace that is not found in human empires or countries but in the kin-dom of God. Even though this season has become heavily about presents and giving tangible items, through

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment

Every day, noon & 5:30 p.m.

Citizenship

Preparation

Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

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

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delivers hot meals to clients every weekday.

North Hill Christian is responsible for

delivering one week a month. Please call or

email Michele Fleck,

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Christ's presence in our lives we are assured that joy is not in things; it is in us, and we have the opportunity to share that joy with others. Finally in celebrating God breaking forth into the world, to be born in a stable, the divine has drawn close. Instead of being far off we can embrace that God's love actually is all around us, as we are bound together in community seeking to share that love with those around us.

Peace in Christ,

Chris Snow

Christmas baskets for CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are trained volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in family court. CASA volunteers deal with abuse, neglect, and abandonment cases referred to them by Child Protective Services (CPS).

North Hill is providing Christmas food baskets to five host families that will be picked up on Sunday December 22nd.

Food needed for the baskets:

Hams, Rolls, Milk, Scalloped/Au Gratin Potatoes, Canned Baked Beans, Canned Yams, Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail), Canned veggies (peas, corn, beans, olives), Brown sugar Butter/Margarine, Frozen Pies (apple, cherry, pumpkin)

Jell-O, Christmas Candy, Hot Chocolate Mini marshmallows
\$ for Extras (please indicate on your giving envelope and place in the offering basket)



Northern
Lights
Region

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 

The Christmas offering is a chance for each of us to give additional support to our region (Northern Lights). The theme this year is "God's Love Visible". North Hill is in covenant with the region to help support and make visible the many ministries of the region...summer camps, Commission on the Ministry (they ensure that the Disciples pastors in this region are in good standing along with helping new pastors be ordained), search and call process when a congregation needs a new pastor, new church ministries, etc. As we move into the new year, let us join with other congregations to make God's love visible in our region and add our financial support to the many ministries that are happening now in the Northern Lights Region! Our Christmas offering will be collected on December 15th & 22nd.



Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for Celeste and Jim Gallinger. Celeste will be having surgery December 4th.
- Prayers for those impacted on the West Coast from the Bomb cyclone.

Joys

- Dee Benjamin is out of rehab and recovering at a friend's house.

Birthdays

- 12/4 Bill Cockburn
- 12/14 Sarita McReynolds
- 12/22 Randy McReynolds
- 12/27 Joan Williams
- 12/31 Natasha Carter

Anniversaries

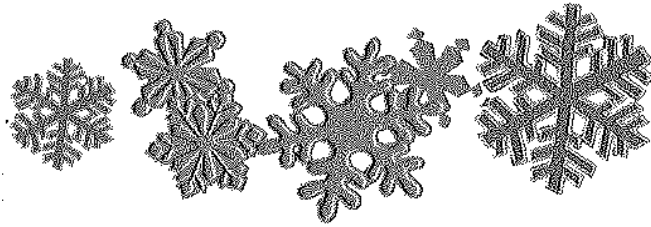
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Citizenship Class Vacation

The citizenship class will be on vacation during the month of December. Class will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

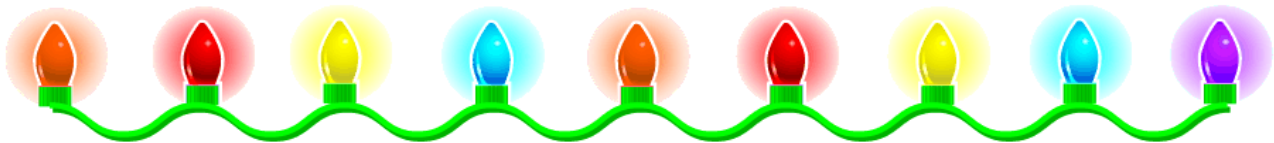
Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday December 8th to review and vote on the 2025 church budget.



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

This year we will be worshipping in a joint service with the Ukrainian congregation for our Christmas Eve service in the sanctuary (Dec. 24th). Time TBD.



Carols & Brunch Potluck

Come join us in Hazen Hall on Sunday, 12/29, for our annual carol singing and brunch. The brunch is a potluck, so bring something to share with everyone. We will have a time of carol singing (with a few worship pieces – no sermon) before partaking in the wonderful food that everyone brings. If you are willing to help with setup and/or cleanup, please let Debbie Jennison know. It should be a fun time!

Preparing for Christmas

It is hard to believe that the Advent and Christmas seasons are almost here. As we start to make preparations for these seasons we wanted to pass along a little information to you.

1. We will be bringing some new and old practices into our worship service. As we learn some new songs that help us enter into the mindset of preparing the inn to house the holy, we will also be bringing back the practice of a weekly children's moment.
2. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to join us as we begin a new church year on December 1st.
3. Some of you will be excited to hear that each week we will be singing a Christmas carol during our service, (sometimes with a new verse or two) as it helps us get into the mood of the season.
4. Each Sunday of advent there will be some slips of paper for you to write prayers for Hope/Peace/Joy/Love that will be placed in the manger throughout the season. These pieces of paper will be used to line the manger in preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. We are inviting the 1st Ukrainian Baptist Church in joining us in this practice.
5. We have enough copies of a special Advent Devotional "Daring to Connect: Advent as

adventure" by Dawn Darwin Weeks, for each household to have their own, as we can move through the season together in our devotional practices.

6. During coffee hour in the month of December those who wish to participate are invited to help prepare luminaries to light our path on Christmas Eve.
7. On the evening of December 21st we will hold a Blue Christmas Service, also known as Longest Night service, in the Fireside room at 3 pm. This service is designed to give space to those where this season may be difficult and not the happiest time of the year.

Dyslexia

This is a learning disability that makes it difficult for some people to read and write. They often have trouble differentiating between letters and numbers like d-b, p-q, s-5, etc. We are trying out a new font to make it easier for dyslexic people to read the newsletter. This font is weighted on the bottom of the letters, as well as having more space between letters and lines.

Church Calendar

As our lives get busy we like to keep calendars of what is happening. Hopefully so that we don't double book ourselves or miss appointments. With a similar mindset in mind we have posted the calendar of the church to our website. Please note that this calendar does not only contain the ministries and events of our congregation but for all of those who are also utilizing our space throughout the week.

If you would like to have an event added to the calendar please be sure to let the office know, because if the office doesn't know then we are not able to ensure the space will not be double booked.

	November	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 10,005	\$ 127,710	\$ 123,763
Expense	\$ 13,731	\$ 145,819	\$ 150,177

General Offering income was above budget by \$22

Thanksgiving offering was \$631

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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December, 2024 --- Serving Schedule					
	1	8	15	22	29
Count	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander Patty Morris	Sheila McCrea Michele Fleck	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau
Diaconate	Nathan Burford	Linda Alexander	Michele Fleck	Patty Morris	Linda Alexander
Elder	Debbie Jennison	Sheila McCrea	Janie Selley	Bill Jennison	Sarita McReynolds
Lay Leader	Debbie Jennison	Sheila McCrea	Nathan Burford	Bill Jennison	Jenn Snow
Power Point	Natasha Carter	Jenn Snow	Natasha Carter	Debbie Jennison	None
Sound	Bill Jennison	Ben Greene	Jenn Snow	Nathan Burford	None
Pick Up	Sally Deranleau	Janie Selley	Bobbie Belton	Sally Deranleau	Michele Fleck
Greeter	Bill Phipps	Patt Hooker	Bill Phipps	Arlene Pandelis	Sarita McReynolds
Song Leader	Riley	Riley	Riley	Riley	Riley
Coffee Hour					
				Christmas Sunday	