



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MESSENGER

(Disciples of Christ)

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**Our Mission:** "Honor God, strive to be more like Jesus, love and welcome all, bring others to discipleship, and put faith into action locally and globally."

Rev. David L. Carringer, Minister

**CHURCH STAFF:**

LaRose Clark, Administrative Assistant  
Dani Layes, Music Coordinator  
Cameron Layes, Pianist/Accompanist  
Cathy Larrabee, Organist  
Becca Koenig, Childcare Attendant  
Helen Bowden, Custodial Service

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP:**

Lee Ann Hancock, Moderator  
Bob Packwood, Vice Moderator  
Janice Dumbauld, Secretary  
Ann Koenig, Treasurer  
Sue Wilson, Financial Secretary  
Ruth Bosserman, DWM  
Marcia Craddock, DWM

**MINISTRY CHAIRS:**

Bob Packwood, Administration  
Ruth Bosserman, Nurture  
Linda Mael, EOH  
Dixie Carringer, Diaconate  
Lee English, Elders

**TRUSTEES**

Stamey English, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

**\*\*HAPPY BIRTHDAY FCC\*\***

This month we celebrate our 110 years as an organized congregation.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Hebrews 13:5-6

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

***Children's Easter Party***

It's true! Easter is right around the corner, and the FCC Children's Easter Party will be Saturday, April 11 with crafts & activities at 10 am with an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30. We need donations of individually wrapped candy (that will fit inside plastic eggs), small toys (that will fit inside plastic eggs), plastic eggs, and people who are willing to help with crafts and activities at the party. Please place any donations in the box in the entry way and contact Dixie Carringer if you can help or have any questions.

**Albertsons Community Partners**

Link your Albertsons Preferred Savings card to our organization now at: [www.albertsonscp.com](http://www.albertsonscp.com)

It will only take a minute.

You must relink your card at the website above by **February 28, 2009**.

FCC earns 4% of your shopping dollars every time you shop. Thanks.

**News from the Pews**

Please Put Cyndi Beeler on your prayer list. She is a Northwest Christian University student currently attending college overseas for a semester. Her safety is of concern right now. We will keep you posted.

Thanks,  
Pamela Beeler

Our very own Church Moderator LeeAnn Hancock has been selected as Ambassador of the month by both the Clarkston and Lewiston Chambers of Commerce.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pancake Breakfast

Everyone is invited to the International Day of Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning March 14 at 8:00 a.m. This will be a fundraiser for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) mission stations. This includes the Yakama Christian Mission. Funds will be raised by donations.

### Calling all Men and Boys

Don't miss our CMF breakfast March 28 at 8:00 a.m. here at the Church. Fritz and Ed will cook you breakfast and David will serve you.

### DWM

The DWM are inviting all the women of the church to Breakfast at Station 3 on March 28 at 8:15 a.m.

### **\*\*YOUTH NEWS\*\***

First off I want to thank everyone for your support.

Thanks to your help we have a thriving youth group a.k.a. Tactical Christian Support, and a Youth Council.

For those of you who don't know, our youth council duties are: leading by example (being good influences on their peers) deciding what outside events we will attending (concert, church camps, blood drive etc.), what events we want to try to host (concert for local Christian bands, can food drive and other fund raisers)

### up coming T.C.S.events

**Rock and Worship Road Show Tour**  
MercyMe, Jeremy Camp, Hawk Nelson, Tenth Avenue North, Addison Road  
Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum - Pullman, WA, March 21, 2009 06:00 PM

No tickets required - \$10 AT THE DOOR!

Youth will be paying for their own tickets.

We will take them up.

For info contact: 509-335-3525

<http://www.itickets.com/events/222004.html>

if under 18 we will need a permission slip

see me (A. Fritz Sarbacher)

### **Pizza Hut fund raiser April 8th**

we will be handing out flyers to promote the event up until that night.

That night the youth group will be meeting at the Lewiston Pizza Hut @ 5pm and handing out flyers at the door for every table that leaves the flyer with the bill or hands the flyer to the wait staff pizza hut will donate 20% of that meal's cost to the youth fund.

### **Third Day and Brandon Heath**

Toyota Center At Three Rivers, Kennewick, WA, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 7:00 pm more details on this later. We also have other things in the planning stages

### **NO MORE ZOMBIES-**

#### **Take Action!!!**

#### **2009 Winter Retreats**

Chi-Rho (Jr. High) Session: March 6-8

CYF (Sr. High) Session: March 27-29

At the Double K in

Easton, Washington

Contact the church office for more information.

#### **2009 Summer Camp Dates at Zephyr**

Kids (grades 2, 3) August 10 – August 13

Junior (4, 5, 6) August 10 – August 15

Chi Rho (7, 8, 9) June 22 – June 27

CYF (10, 11, 20, grads) July 20 – July 25

#### **Splinters from the Board**

The board has approved the use of the sanctuary by Confluence Community Church on Sundays between 4:30-7:00 PM.

#### **-Ministry Reports-**

**Admin-**Parking lot light replaced, LCD TV and Blu-Ray player donated, "No Food or Drinks" signs posted on entrances to the sanctuary, Still looking for another delegate to the General Assembly to serve along with Dixie Carringer.

**Nurture-**Will host the fellowship time on the fourth Sunday of the month.

#### **Hospitality, Evangelism and Hospitality-**

Linda Mael is now the Chair of this ministry. It will host the fellowship time the first Sunday of each month. Thank You to Sue Wilson and Barbara Brown for all your hard work.

### Words from the Pasture

FCC has been in existence 110 years. An incredible amount of ministry has been done by this congregation during all those years. This church has touched countless lives; I have met many people who once attended worship or other events here. The other day a woman brought her daughter to see the church where she and her husband had been married 30 years ago. This once again reminded me just how much this church has helped to build up the body of Christ in its history. FCC has helped foster the faith of countless new Christians and those individuals have gone to many other churches, both in this valley and around the world. That is a good thing. I'd like everyone to think about this. When we make disciples we are making them disciples of Christ and sending them out into the world. Making disciples isn't about keeping them in just our church, but rather helping them mature in faith for as long as they are with us.

D.C.

Now I'd like to share with all of you some of the history of our church:

The Church of Christ was organized March, 1899, by George F. Stivers (born 1851 or 1854 died 1920) of Garfield. There were 16 charter members. Services were held in a school building until May 1900 for the membership of 85, when a new church was built near 13<sup>th</sup> and Highland. Rev. Stivers was the Pioneer Inland Empire Evangelist.

In 1903 the building was moved to the present location, Tenth and Sycamore and enlarged to seat 200.

On January 1, 1912, the old building was razed and the corner stone for this present building laid. The dedication was March 23, 1913. The \$18,000 mortgage was lifted in November 1919.

Through the years many improvements have been made to keep the church beautiful and functional. These improvements included updating the heating system, the lighting, carpeting and drapes in the sanctuary, and now the addition of the education unit.

Ground breaking ceremonies were September 14, 1978, with construction completed March, 1979, of the 2,276 square feet of new area and the remodeled 1,920 square feet. These new and remodeled areas included the fireside room, kitchen, library, one classroom two restrooms on the lower floor, Minister's study, secretarial office, communion kitchen, three classrooms and two restrooms on the upper level for the construction cost of \$108,017.07.

### **Stained Glass Windows**

From old ledgers and secretary-of-board minutes, it is recorded that the stained glass windows were purchased from a company in Portland, Oregon, and shipped by rail to the Lewis-Clark Valley. Minutes of the October 27, 1912, Building Committee meeting read as follows:

“Building committy (*sic*) met at church Oct. 17, 1912. Bros. Present, Ware, Mohundro, Fitzsimmons. First discussion of time to Place the new windows. On motion Decided to put them in all at once. Chairman appointed bro Fizsimmons as a Committy to confer with the Laydes (*sic*) of the Church in Regard to them Purchasing the Large East window in honor of Brother Cooper. Then the chair appointed a Committy of Four to Solicit for Donors, Bros. Mohundro, Jones, Bethal & Thomason. The Treasure (*sic*) was instructed to pay for the dedning (*sic*) felt, the Evans Bill, Twin City Lumber bill, & Clarkston Commercial Bill, as far as funds will admit. Nothing farther (*sic*). Adjourned subject to a call.”

F. M. Hartley, Sec

The ladies purchased the window depicting Christ praying in the garden. Other windows tell of Christ's ascension, Christ as the Good Shepherd, Christ's invitation to follow Him, and Christ in the temple at the age of 12. Besides these main windows, the sanctuary contains three smaller windows at the rear of the choir loft and a dome window containing a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit.

O. W. Jacks, a man who served on the building committee during construction of the church, recalled that the windows were originally installed at a cost of about \$3,800, a sizable

portion of the total cost of \$18,000 for the building.

Just since Sep 2007 we have hired a new pastor, painted the sanctuary, and reroofed the church, painted the outside, had the parking lot resealed and repainted and added 40 new members.

Our past is grand and our future bright in service to God.

D.C.

## **REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS**

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: MOVING FORWARD**

The search for our new regional minister entered the next phase this week as the official papers for all 14 candidates were delivered to the committee members. Over the next several weeks the committee members will prayerfully examine the statements of each candidate in light of our missional strategy and position description. In January the committee will convene to begin the process of narrowing down the list and calling references.

The committee asks that you keep them in your prayers.

## **GENERAL CHURCH NEWS**

### **Exploring the Call to Ministry**

Fourteen college students may be one step closer to accepting the call to ministry. They and their home church pastors visited Lexington Theological Seminary this fall to discuss what it means "to be called to ministry."

"Exploring the Call: A Conference on Ministry" was a joint project between Director of Admissions Jerry Fuqua, and Dr. A. Guy Waldrop, regional minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. The college students were identified by their pastors as persons considering a call to ministry. The goal was bring them to Lexington Theological Seminary for three days in mid-September to discuss what it means to be called to Christian ministry, to see a seminary in operation, to interact with ordained clergy from a variety of ministries, to interact with current seminary students, and to talk with others like themselves.

"We were excited by the high level of interaction among all the people involved" said Fuqua. "We were especially pleased with how well our own students gave themselves to the project. They were an amazing blessing to the whole conference."

Judging from the evaluations, the Conference was a challenging, spiritually rewarding experience, one that will be repeated next fall.

*. . . open as many doors as possible to each young person*

Diane Zehr, co-pastor of Florence Christian Church in Kentucky, noted that in her church there are a number of young persons being nurtured as prospective ministers.

"I am appreciative for the rich gift of this conference," she said. "Whether as acolytes in their grade school years, offering stewards in their teen years, youth group leaders or teachers in their young adult years, mission trip participants, camping program or youth group members, I see it as my job to open as many doors as possible to each of these young people for serving God. There are always a few who continue to say, 'Give me more.' So I am grateful for the seminary and the regional church for helping us equip these people to identify and nurture the call of God in their lives."

Zehr also noted that the conference was a nurturing experience for the ministers. Keynote speaker for the opening worship service, Fred Craddock, speaking to the ministers said, "I want every morning to be a butterfly morning, every afternoon to be a wildflower afternoon, but they're not. No, ministry is best understood as a mixture of duty...and delight."

Kara Kleinschmidt, a student from Louisville, KY, came to the conference with mixed feelings. She was excited about coming to the conference but afraid people would begin to expect her to go to seminary--and she hadn't made up her mind. Afterward, she identified two things she gained from attending. She was glad she had an opportunity to talk with other people who were considering seminary and she was thankful for the inner turmoil she has been feeling about her future and deciding which direction to go.

*. . . my faith is learning and growing from this experience*

"I now realize that my faith is learning and growing

from this experience," she said. "If God were reading a message from me right now, it would be saying three words, 'Which way now?'"

The Conference was underwritten by gifts from Mr. and Mrs. William M. Arvin of Nicholasville, KY, The Oreon E. Scott Foundation, and Rose Mary E. Brooks of Lexington. William J. Arvin, and Elizabeth Hartsfield of Lexington were honored during the opening night's dinner entitled, "A Time of Honor and Thanksgiving." The dinner was hosted by President Harrison and Dr. Waldrop.

Following the dinner, conference participants attended a worship service in which Dr. Craddock was the guest preacher. The Conference began on Thursday and continued through Saturday morning and featured presentations and seminars led by Seminary faculty, regional staff, and students. Friday morning's worship service was led by seminarians and Saturday morning's service was led by prospective candidates with Professor Lisa Davison as preacher.

**A message from Amy Gopp director of Week of Compassion:** *"As we contemplate where our own treasures are this Week of Compassion, I can't help but think about what Jesus was really expressing in the text from Matthew. "Don't store up treasures on earth!" I'm especially mindful of these days and the critical and potentially life-changing choices we all face. It seems to me that Jesus was really commenting on our hearts. What matters most? What do we love? Who do we love? Where is our heart? For what does our heart burn?"*

**SCHEDULES, FACTS AND FIGURES**

**February Attendance and Offering**

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Money given to support our ministry</b>
February 1	93	\$2,560.99
February 8	96	\$1,810.13
February 15	85	\$2,349.25
February 22	94	\$1,989.10

**Scripture Passages for the Sundays in March**

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

- 1 Mar: Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15
- 8 Mar: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38
- 15 Mar: Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-15  
John 2:31-22
- 22 Mar: Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21
- 29 Mar: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 am – Christian Education for children and adults.

11:00 am – Worship

**Fellowship**

There is always a time of Fellowship in the Fireside Room, immediately following worship.

\* An Elevator is available\*



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Lee Ann Hancock
- 5 Chastin Spring
- 6 Alice Jordan
- 8 Cyndi Beeler  
Thomas Parks
- 10 Dan Peer  
Alyssa Johnston
- 12 Angie Johnston
- 13 Myrton Foredyce
- 15 Dorothy Craig
- 17 Reid Schmadeka  
Rebecca Johnston
- 18 Tim Klodt
- 23 Jasmine Carringer
- 24 Clint Beeler
- 27 Brandon Mock  
Kathy Loman

## MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Ronnie and Suzanne Mock
- 21 Mike and Wanda Goold

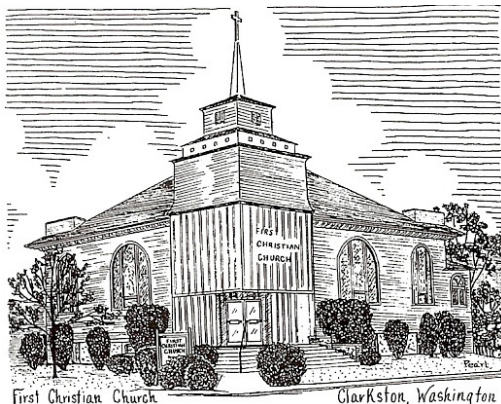
## MARCH BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Heather Klodt    | 28 Sue Wilson       |
| 10 Denise Kuntz    | 30 Maureen Callahan |
| 22 June Litchfield | 31 Hank Craddock    |
| 23 Dane Bacon      | Marcia Craddock     |
- Kayla Bacon  
Jasmine Carringer  
Savannah Carringer  
Nadine Johnson  
Colben Klodt  
Landon Klodt

### First Christian Church

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## GOOD ST. PATRICK

On March 17, many churches, especially those with a large Irish population, will celebrate the life of St. Patrick. He grew up in a Christian home in Britain, but wasn't very religious until a major event changed his life. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, but escaped to Gaul (France) after six years. The years of enslavement strengthened his faith. He later wrote, "In that strange land [Ireland], the Lord opened my unbelieving eyes." He was led by God's voice to return to Ireland where he converted people to Christianity tribe by tribe.

Because Ireland is called the Emerald Isle, those who celebrate St. Patrick's Day will wear something green. Some Christians will even color food or drink green. Many Christians will also eat corned beef and cabbage and decorate tables with shamrocks. Shamrocks are actually three-leaf (not four-leaf) clover plants. Legend has it that St. Patrick used the three leaves to teach about the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



