



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MESSENGER

(Disciples of Christ)

June, 2009

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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
Charlie Compton, Guitarist
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
Sally Teichmer, DWM

MINISTRY CHAIRS:

Bob Packwood, Administration
Dani Layes, Nurture
Linda Mael, HOE
Dixie Carringer, Diaconate
Lee English, Elders

TRUSTEES

Stamey English, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

"But who is a Christian? I answer, Everyone that believes in his heart that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of God; repents of his sins, and obeys Him in all things according to his measure of knowledge of His will."
Alexander Campbell, from his Lunenberg Letter, Sep 1837

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Bellevue Christian School Says Thank You

On Tuesday night, May 12, we hosted ten high school students and three adult sponsors from Bellevue Christian School in Clyde Hill, WA. They wrote: "Thank you so much for lodging our Statetrip group from Bellevue Christian. We are very grateful for your hospitality and wish you good luck on expanding your church."

News from the Pews

Thank you

Thank you for prayers, cards and phone calls after the hip surgery---glad to be home
Alda McIver



We extend our sympathy to Janice Dumbauld and her daughter, Keri Young, on the passing of Kerry's father, Harold Dumbauld.

We also extend our sympathy to Shirley Denham on the passing of her son-in-law, Robert Vail.

Eagle Scout Project

Anyone interested in helping Garrison and Keegan Laves materially and/or financially with their Eagle Scout project, please contact them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, June 2

at Noon

Beachview Park

Everyone is invited

Bring chairs, beverages, plates and food to share.

Disciples Women's Ministries members, please remember to bring your blessing boxes.

Graduation Party

Everyone is invited to celebrate Ashley Hastings' graduation from Clarkston High School. Please join her Saturday, June 6, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room for her graduation party.

First Christian Church Family Night

Plan to join us on Friday, June 19, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Carringer's backyard (832 10th Street) next to the church. We will have a BBQ, swimming for the kids, and a great time for fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please call Dixie at 758-2124 if you have questions.

Worship in the Park

Community Worship Service
Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.
Join with fellow Christians in praise and worship in Foster Park.



Worship in the Park

Vacation Bible School

July 6-10, 2009

6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

There will be places for all ages to attend or help.



Summer Camps

Summer camp is coming, scholarships are available. So why not go? For many of us camp has been a life changing experience. It might change yours.

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) July 20 – July 25

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

(Chi Rho and CYF will run concurrently)

Samaritans and Strangers

A Women's Conference on Evangelism

sponsored by Grace Reformed Church

1104 Diagonal, Clarkston.

June 21-25, 2009

Content will include: Prayer, Biblical Studies on Strangers and Outreach, Gospel Presentation, Sensitization of Christians to the Need for Witnessing, Assessment of Practical Needs, Training in Techniques, Personal Accounts from a Variety of People in ESL (English as a Second Language), Demonstrations, Studies in ESL, Basic Spanish Vocabulary, Role Playing and Interactive Scenarios, Discovery of What the Lord has for You. For more information and registration forms, please contact the FCC church office.

Splinters from the Board

The board is concerned over the finances of the church. So far this year expenses have exceeded the offerings. There are several reasons for this, such as rate increases for utilities, unplanned for expenses, increased building use and a commitment to outreach ministry. The shortfall has caused us to dip into our reserves. The board is endeavoring to control expenses and it is with confidence that we continue our ministry.

Ministry Reports-

Administration--The kitchen remodel is completed on time and in budget.

Garrison and Keegan Laves' Eagle Scout project was approved by the board.

Nurture--Lee English will remain Elder Chair for the remainder of the year, but will not serve as chair next year.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 6 -10, from 6PM-8:45PM. There will be places for all ages to attend or help.

Disciples Women's Ministry--Seventeen people attended the May 5 luncheon and general meeting. Dixie Carringer thanked those who helped with the Saturday Easter party.

The final meeting of this fiscal year will be the June 2 family picnic at Beachview Park.

The following new officers were installed for the coming year: Co-presidents-- Sally Teichmer and Ruth Bosserman, Treasurer—Mildred McDowell, Secretary—Karen Schmadeka, Program Chairman—Mildred McDowell, Service Chairman—Linda Mael, Sunshine Chairman—Sally Teichmer

Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism--Is planning for Father's Day.

Asotin County Food Bank donations totaled 62 pounds. The food is needed the first week, especially since up to 300 people use the food bank during the last two weeks of the

month. The Salvation Army soup kitchen served 700 people in February and 838 people in March. Our next turn will be in June.

Words from the Pasture

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

Psalm 121:1-6

I can tell you that everyone needs help at times. Who do we turn to when we are in trouble? These days many people are in trouble, one way or another, and I want to remind all of us that when we need help look to God first. Don't look to the government, President, banks, market, parents, friends or even the church but like the psalmist;

Let us lift up our eyes to the hills—
from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

I want to call us all to trust in God, to throw ourselves on God's mercy and reassure all of us that when we do that, God will help.

D.C.

REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Called Regional Assembly May 16

What an exciting day Saturday, May 16 was for the Northwest Regional Christian Church! More than two hundred people from about 38 congregations attended the called

Regional Assembly. Rev. Carringer and our moderator Lee Ann Hancock attended the assembly.

Regional Minister Elected

At the specially called Regional Assembly on Saturday, May 16, The Rev. Sandy Messick was affirmed as the Regional Minister and President Elect of the NWRCC. Rev. Messick begins her duties on June 1, 2009. The Regional Board will be setting a date for her installation to this pastoral office for the fall of this year. Rev. Messick brings a wealth of experience to this call. For more information about Rev. Messick go to www.disciplesnw.org/messick.html

In addition to affirming this pastoral call, the region said goodbye to Transitional Interim Regional Minister, Rebecca Hale. Rev. Hale will complete her tenure in the region on May 31. She will be the Acting Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Tennessee through August of 2009.

NWRCC Becomes a Global Mission Region

The NWRCC officially became a Global Mission Region committing ourselves to increased intentionality in developing relationships with our global partners. We will through prayer, giving, advocacy, and attention seek to strengthen our global understanding and relationships. It is hoped that the regional church can move towards having a meaningful partnership with one area of the globe where global ministries is active and then allow that relationship to take root in our local congregations. For more information about what being a GMR means, please go to: www.disciplesnw.org

Samoan Congregational Christian Church Chartered

In a delightful celebration the Samoan Congregational Christian Church in Federal Way, WA, was affirmed as a fully chartered congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples

of Christ). The congregation has been working towards this milestone since 2001 and brings a rich experience and heritage to the NWRCC. Moderator Cherilyn Williams and Regional Minister Rebecca Hale attended a celebration with the congregation on Sunday 17 where the historic day was celebrated with communion, prayers and blessings and a feast!

Pastor Frank Needles and the congregation at Chelan Christian Church invite you to celebrate **100 YEARS** with them on Saturday, June 27, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Open House Sunday, June 28, for Worship and potluck at 10:00 a.m. 210 East Wapato Ave., Chelan, Washington

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

The **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, founded on American soil in the early 1800s, is uniquely equipped to live up to its identity that it is a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." The denomination was born in the 1800s, and continues to be influenced by its founding ideals of our unity in Christ with openness and diversity in practice and belief.

The Disciples Vision, Mission, Imperative and Covenant statement calls the communion to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

Our denomination is identified with the Protestant "mainstream" and is widely involved in social and other concerns. Disciples have supported vigorously world and national programs of education, agricultural assistance, racial reconciliation, care of the

developmentally disabled and aid to victims of war and calamity.

The denomination now counts about 700,000 members in the United States and Canada in about 3,700 congregations. Numerically, the strength of the Disciples of Christ runs in a broad arc that sweeps from Ohio and Kentucky through the Midwest and down into Oklahoma and Texas.

Denominational Executives Gather for Summit on Theology and Social Action

Two Disciples leaders are among those gathering at the Claremont School of Theology to discuss how theology helps churches with social action, and how social justice changes theology. General Minister and President Sharon E. Watkins and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches Michael Kinnamon are among those attending the Claremont Denominational Summit May 27-29. The summit includes a public forum on May 28 on the topic "Contemporary Theology for Social Action in the Churches," where both Watkins and Kinnamon will participate.

"In light of the new political landscape in America, church leaders must talk about how theology impacts social justice, and vice versa," said Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki, program co-director and professor emeriti at Claremont School of Theology. To find out more about the summit, see: www.disciples.org/Portals/0/PDF/DNS/2009/20090527-ClaremontSummit.pdf

Scripture Passages for the Sundays in June

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

- June 7: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

- June 14: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13)
14-17
Mark 4:26-34

- June 21: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23)
32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

- June 28: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

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*

SCHEDULES, FACTS AND FIGURES

May Attendance and Offering

	Attendance	Money given to support our ministry
May 3	70	\$1,461.78
May 10	102	\$2,717.84
May 17	83	\$2,448.41
May 24	65	\$2,492.38



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Maureen Callahan
- 8 Samantha Ziegeldorf
- 13 Vie Davis
 Suzanne Mock
- 14 Jo Epperson
- 15 Glada Thayer
- 16 Mary Jo White
- 17 Briana Parks
- 18 Marcia Vowell
- 22 Joshua Davis
- 26 Ashley Hastings
- 28 Jerry St. Amour

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Bob and Winnie Packwood
- 16 John and Lee Ann Hancock
- 18 Lloyd and Ruth Bosserman
- 21 Doug and June Litchfield
- 29 Clint and Pamela Beeler

JUNE BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Brady Mock
 Brandon Mock
- 25 Thomas LeMere
- 30 Ruth Bosserman

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Our Partners in Service for Jesus

This month your offerings helped support the following ministries:

- Disciples Mission Fund
- Asotin County Food Bank
- Church Finance Council
- Interlink
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- National Benevolent Association
- Northwest Christian College
- Pension Fund of the Christian Church
- Snake River Community Clinic
- VALCAN (Valley Christian Aid Net)
- Zephyr Conference Center



Happy Father's Day

June 21, 2009

