



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
MESSENGER  
(Disciples of Christ)**

July, 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

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup>It will be a healing for your flesh  
and a refreshment for your body.

Proverbs 3:5-8

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

Check out the new sidewalks leading to the reflection spot on the southwest corner of the church grounds. It is being built by Garrison and Keegan Layes as their combined Eagle Scout project. When it is completed it will include brick paving and benches surrounding a Japanese Dogwood. It will be a great addition to our property.

Hey everybody invite every child you know to our VBS. The theme is Crocodile Dock and it includes God-centered stories and activities. Registration forms can be picked up

in the office. So bring the grandkids, neighbors and any other kids you might know. We also still need donations. The list is on the sanctuary wall or contact Dani Layes to contribute.

On Labor Day weekend we are planning on having our annual yard sale. So please consider donating items to our church that we can sell.

**News from the Pews**

!!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!  
2009 High School Grads:  
Ashley Hastings and Dakota Dynes

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Vacation Bible School**  
July 6-10, 2009  
6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.  
There will be places for all ages to attend or help.



## Spaghetti Dinner

**at the Salvation Army  
Saturday, July 18**

Tickets \$8.00 each or \$25.00 for a family of four. Please see Vicky Brooks to purchase tickets. This fundraiser will help the Salvation Army as they continue to provide for the many needs in our community.



## 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. Registration deadline is July 6 for Chi Rho and CYF and July 27 for Kids and Jr. Camp.

### **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)

### **Clarkston Community Garden**

Currently a small community group is interested in a successful community garden in Clarkston. Using a basic working model from Moses Lake, they would like to present a proposal to the Clarkston City Council for use of property within the city limits. The garden site would be ready for next summer.

Resources that have already been offered include a storage shed for tools from the

Clarkston Chamber, and seeds from Hay's Produce. Sites being proposed would have water and a fence with gate.

At this point interest includes a farmer, someone currently growing food for the Farmers Market, a person who can lead in proposal writing, a city counselor, the interest of the Master Garden Program for free training, and some community volunteers. Additional volunteers are needed for the preparation of the proposal, for preparation of the site, and some will be needed later both for oversight of the program and for help in the part of the garden which will be set aside for the Asotin County Good Bank garden.

If you can help in any area, even for the short term, please come to the meeting on Monday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Asotin County Library Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Linda Mael.

### **Meals for Kids Offered At Several Locations**

The Summer Food Service Program will offer free lunches for children ages 1-18 around the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, with programs at most locations starting Monday June 8. Meals will be served Monday through Friday except for July 3 (Independence Day holiday). The meals will be presented at the following sites:

#### **Clarkston:**

- **Beachview Park**, Chestnut and Second Streets, 11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. through August 14.
- **Arnold Park**, Ash and Maple Streets, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., through August 14.
- **Grantham Elementary School**, 1253 Poplar Street, 11:30 a.m.– noon, June 15—July 1 and July 8—July 24 only.
- **Clarkston High School**, 1401 Chestnut Street, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. through August 14.
- **Valley Boys and Girls Club**, 1414 Highland Avenue, 8:00—8:45 a.m.

(breakfast); 11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m. through August 14.

**Lewiston:**

- **Valley Boys and Girls Club**, Fenton Park Gym (Vollmer Bowl), noon to 1:00 p.m. through August 14.
- **Jenifer Junior High School**, 1213 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 11:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m. through August 7.
- **Sacajawea Junior High School**, 3610 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 11:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m. June 15 through August 14.
- **Tammany Alternative Education Center**, 1982 Tammany Creek Road, 7:00—7:30 a.m. (breakfast); 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (lunch) June 15 through July 30.
- **McGhee Elementary School**, 636 Warner Avenue, 11:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m. through August 14.

**Precious Daughters Summer Conference**

“Encourage One Another”—Precious Daughters Summer Conference—is August 8, 2009, at the Quality Inn. The time to register is now. Where else can a woman spend seven hours and \$35 and come away refreshed, refueled and encouraged by God’s word to face her busy world? Early registration is encouraged because of limited space. If you have questions about the conference, you may email sah32@cable one.net or call 758-6970.

**Splinters from the Board**

**Ministry Reports-**

**Administration**—June 8, 2009

**Old Business:**

Keegan and Garrison Layes- Eagle Scout project has received all the required BSA signatures.

Kitchen Remodel is complete. Thank you to Charlie Compton for donating the paint and his time in painting it. He got the paint free from Columbia Paint.

Confluence Community Church continues the use of our facility with no problems.

**New Business:**

Flerchinger Electric fixed the SW Sanctuary ceiling fan.

Fritz would like the youth to work on and towards having the concrete on the B-ball court re-laid. A plan was requested from Fritz.

Cameron and Cathy are of the opinion that we need a new sanctuary piano. Our current one is worn out. If we removed the choir director’s platform we have approx. 72”x60” of space available. Cathy reported that a Baby Grand was available for \$3,900.00.

**Priorities:**

The following items were prioritized as to what order they should be addressed, acquired or implemented.

1. New Staff Positions- -Children’s Education Coordinator, Youth Ministry Coordinator.
2. Basement Egress windows--Waiting on requirements from CFD.
3. Consider how or if to buy any property adjoining the church property to the west of the church, across alley, that comes on the market. It was recommended to the board that all undesignated memorials should be placed into a special account for property acquisition.
4. Church Van--on-going expenses are the biggest concern.
5. A shower in the basement--an estimate has been requested from Mangum Construction.

**Nurture**—June 11, 2009

Worship in the Park June 28 at 10:30 a.m. with a BBQ afterwards. Paul Christianson from Grace Reformed Church will preach. The

offering will be donated to Trinity Baptist Church. There will be Sunday School that day ending 15 minutes earlier than usual. No children's music time due to Cameron and Dani involved in worship music. Charlie Compton will also be playing with the music ensemble. Ed Layes will help with the BBQ cooking.

Preachers for Rev. Carringer while at General Assembly and vacation: Tamara Byrd, July 26, and Janice Dumbauld, August 2. Dani will be gone those Sundays also.

Music for the summer will be presented by congregants who are interested in helping. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

Rev. Sandy Messick, our new Regional Minister, has been invited to visit and preach on September 27. That day we will have an 8:00 a.m. breakfast meeting with her and church leaders. A potluck will follow worship.

Fellowship time after Worship—a new signup sheet is downstairs for those who want to prepare refreshments.

Kitchen improvements are done. Check out the new paint job. Dani is looking into curtains for around the new wash area for a finer look.

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, June 27. Study from the "Fellowship of the Carpenter" material will continue. There will not be a men's breakfast in July. Lloyd Bosserman would like to retire from the treasurer position of the Men's Fellowship. A new treasurer will be voted on.

Upper Room class: a Video about the Bible will be shown on June 14.

Pastor's Class: has been better attended lately.

Children's Class: Tamara is doing a fine job with the children. She would like more help from the congregation.

VBS "Crocodile Dock" with Dani Layes as Director will be July 6-10. A leader meeting is scheduled for June 17. Two positions need to be filled in the pre-school VBS. Donation sheets

are in the sanctuary for everyone to participate. Decorating will begin as soon as possible.

The following people have signed up to help: Charlie Compton, Rev. David and Dixie Carringer, Marcia Craddock, Ashley Hastings, Nick Spring, Rickie Parks, Adam Hastings, Landon Klodt, Suzanne and Briana Mock, and Karen Schmadeka.

The youth group will meet through the summer on special dates.

Dani Layes,  
Chair

### **Disciples Women's Ministry—June 2, 2009**

Disciples Women's Ministry met at Beachview Park for its annual end-of-the-year potluck picnic at noon on Tuesday, June 2, with Iva Peer and Lela Martin again serving as hostesses and reserving the shelter for our group. Fourteen women, four men, one child, and one young buck deer attended. Reminding us of the beauty of God's creatures, the deer ambled by, paused at the fence so everyone could see him, then sprang gracefully over the fence and disappeared down the hill.

As in the past, no business meeting was held. However, women turned in their "blessing box" offerings. In September each member starts with a folded "blessing box" or other container in a place conspicuous to her. During the day as she remembers the special ways in which God has blessed her, she drops coins into that designated container and continues to do so each day from September until May or June when the group collects the offerings. Then the treasurer sends those offerings to the Regional disciples Women's Ministry where they are distributed according to the group's policy.

There will be no meeting in July or August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, at noon, with Mildred McDowell and Karen Schmadeka as hostesses.

Karen Schmadeka  
Secretary

**Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism**—June 22, 2009. On Thursday, July 2, the committee could use help at “Alive after Five” in downtown Clarkston. First Christian will have a simple booth with handouts and candy giveaways. This month the promotion will be Vacation Bible School and the Pie Social Auction to benefit the Asotin County Food Bank. Other opportunities will be on August 6, September 3 and October 1 when we share “What’s Happening at First Christian Church?” Contact Linda Mael for further information.

Other promotion of Vacation Bible School can be seen on LC Today, and in the Newspaper. Contact Linda Beck to promote your project on LC Today.

The Pie Social Auction will be after church on July 19. Pies will be auctioned by an auctioneer to eat on site, to share, ala mode or take with you. Pre-orders will be taken with your highest bid. Help will be needed with pie baking and from pie lovers. Further information from Sue Wilson.

There is also an opportunity to help at the Salvation Arm Soup Kitchen on June 29 and August 31. A sign-up sheet for June 29 is at the back of the sanctuary. Further information from Vicky Brooks.

Please read the article about the community garden. Both gardeners and non-gardeners are needed. The next meeting is June 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Asotin County Library meeting room.

A cookbook is in the works to benefit the Asotin County Food Bank. If you have favorite recipes with a budget in mind, we would love to include them. A box for the recipes will be on the table in the Elder Emeritus room.

Family Promise will return to the church August 2-9. Overnight volunteers are always needed (8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., bed provided). The program is currently doing intake for all new families. Two of the three families have moved to their own homes. The third family was asked to leave because of rule

breaking. (They are housed with family at this point.) With more successes than failures, they will consider any families that you might refer. Contact Marcia Craddock for further information.

We know there are many more projects coming from the church. We ask that you pray for all of the projects to be as God wants them.

### **Words from the Pasture**

I prayed for wisdom this morning so that I could put something exceptional in this space. I’m sure I hoped just a little, that whatever I put here would sound good and cause everyone who read it to think, with appropriate credit going to me. The answer I got was the following and I can take no credit for it.

### **Proverbs 3**

My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;  
for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them round your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
So you will find favour and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
It will be a healing for your flesh  
and a refreshment for your body.

Honour the LORD with your substance  
and with the first fruits of all your produce;  
then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.  
My child, do not despise the LORD’s discipline  
or be weary of his reproof,

for the LORD reproves the one he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.

Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding,  
for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than gold.  
She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honour.  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called happy.

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;  
by understanding he established the heavens;  
by his knowledge the deeps broke open,  
and the clouds drop down the dew.

My child, do not let these escape from you  
sight: keep sound wisdom and prudence,  
and they will be life for your soul and  
adornment for your neck.  
Then you will walk on your way securely  
and your foot will not stumble.  
If you sit down, you will not be afraid;  
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.  
Do not be afraid of sudden panic,  
or of the storm that strikes the wicked;  
for the LORD will be your confidence  
and will keep your foot from being caught.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is  
due, when it is in your power to do it.  
Do not say to your neighbour, 'Go, and come  
again; tomorrow I will give it'—when you  
have it with you.  
Do not plan harm against your neighbour  
who lives trustingly beside you.  
Do not quarrel with anyone without cause,  
when no harm has been done to you.  
Do not envy the violent and do not choose any  
of their ways; for the perverse are an

abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in  
his confidence.

The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked,  
but he blesses the abode of the righteous.  
Towards the scorners he is scornful,  
but to the humble he shows favour.  
The wise will inherit honour,  
but stubborn fools, disgrace.

Thank God for the Bible and all it has to say to  
us, if only we would read and understand. D.C.

## **REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS**

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY...**

**Rev. Sandy Messick**

*(This is the first in a series of articles reflecting  
on the objectives outlined in our Regional  
Mission Plan)*

And so it begins... June marks the beginning  
not only of my ministry with you as Regional  
Minister and President, but also the beginning  
of the living out of our Mission Plan. We affirmed  
the Mission Plan at the Regional Assembly in  
May. As we are all too aware, it's one thing to  
write it down; another to bring it to life. As we  
begin to put our dreams and vision into action, I  
plan to use this space to reflect upon the  
importance of each objective, why it's  
important, and how it fits into the vision.

This month, I begin at the beginning with our  
first objective: "Teach, model, and encourage  
open communication." In every church I've  
served there has been a "they." You know who  
"they" are. "They" are the ones who make all  
the decisions. "They" are the ones who say no to  
all my good ideas. "They" are the ones who are  
keeping us from growing, or always wanting to  
change things, or secretly making all the  
decisions. Apparently, "they" exist on the  
Regional and General level of the church as  
well. Of course, in reality "they" are us. We are  
the church. We are the ones charged with the  
living out of the mission and the carrying out of  
God's vision in the world. But the perception of

“they” comes about when there is a lack of communication and trust within a congregation or organization, and when there is a lack of shared vision for who we are to be and what we are called to do.

Our first objective is an intentional response to “they.” It charges us to listen to one another, *especially when we disagree* (emphasis mine). It charges us to ground our decision-making in prayer and discernment; in other words, to listen for God’s voice and to seek God’s leading rather than our own desires. And it charges us to create settings that foster faith development and the sharing of the Good News. As we create the opportunities for communication and as we learn to listen to each other and to Spirit, we are knit together in a common purpose and move away from us versus them. We celebrate becoming “we.”

Grateful to be in ministry with you,  
Sandy

### **GENERAL CHURCH NEWS**

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) grew out of two movements seeking Christian unity that sprang up almost simultaneously in western Pennsylvania and Kentucky - movements that were backlashes against the rigid denominationalism of the early 1800s.

Thomas and Alexander Campbell, a Scottish Presbyterian father and son in Pennsylvania, rebelled against the dogmatic sectarianism that kept members of different denominations - and even factions within the same denomination - from partaking of the Lord's Supper together.

Barton W. Stone in Kentucky, also a Presbyterian, objected to the use of creeds as tests of "fellowship" within the church, which were a cause of disunity, especially at the Lord's table.

"Christians," the name adopted by Stone's movement, represented what he felt to be a shedding of denominational labels in favor of a

scriptural and inclusive term. Campbell had similar reasons for settling on "Disciples of Christ" but he felt the term "Disciples" less presumptuous than "Christians."

The aims and practices of the two groups were similar, and the Campbell and Stone movements united in 1832 after about a quarter of a century of separate development.

The founders of the Christian Church hoped to restore Christian unity by returning to New Testament faith and practices. But the church found that even this led to division. One group which opposed practices not specifically authorized by the New Testament, such as instrumental music in the church and organized missionary activity, gradually pulled away. That group finally was listed separately in the 1906 federal religious census as the "Churches of Christ."

Another group remained with the Disciples but began a separation in 1926 over what it felt were too liberal policies on the mission field in the practice of baptism. More than 40 years later (1967-69) some 3,000 of those congregations formally withdrew at the time of Disciples restructure. They refer to themselves as the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ.

### ***Scripture Passages for the Sundays in July***

Read ahead, pray and ask questions  
of the pastor.

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| July 5:  | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10<br>Psalm 48<br>2 Corinthians 12:2-10<br>Mark 6:1-13       |
| July 12: | 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19<br>Psalm 24<br>Ephesians 1:3-14<br>Mark 6:14-29         |
| July 19: | 2 Samuel 7:1-14a<br>Psalm 89:20-37<br>Ephesians 2:11-22<br>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 |

July 26: 2 Samuel 11:1-15  
 Psalm 14  
 Ephesians 3:14-21  
 John 6:1-21

**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\*

***JULY BIRTHDAYS***

- 2 Dani Layes  
Keegan Layes  
Garrison Layes  
Latisha Black
- 3 Dakota Dynes  
Richard Ziefeldorf
- 10 Judy Key
- 11 Wayne Teichmer
- 13 Diana (Koenig) Remacle
- 15 June Litchfield  
Becca Cable
- 16 Amanda Fisher
- 19 Mary Davis
- 23 Paul Lautenschlager

***JULY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES***

- 22 Nick Spring

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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 University
- Pension Fund of the Christian Church
- Snake River Community Clinic
- VALCAN (Valley Christian Aid Network)
- Zephyr Conference Center

**SCHEDULES, FACTS AND FIGURES**

**June Attendance and Offering**

	Attendance	Money given to support our ministry
June 7	96	\$7,813.50
June 14	85	\$1,318.84
June 21	83	\$1,157.50
June 28	Worship in the Park with 5 other Churches, we'll all count everybody who shows.	

