



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.”

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CHURCH STAFF:

LaRose Clark, Administrative Assistant
 Sue Wilson, Office Assistant
 Dani Layes, Music Coordinator
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 Charlie Compton, Guitarist
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CHURCH OFFICERS:

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

MINISTRY CHAIRS:

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

TRUSTEES

Stamey English, Ronnie Mock, Bob Packwood

Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ 29 Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” 31 The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ 32 Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; 33 and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

News from the Pews

The members of the nominating committee for the 2010 church officers include LeeAnn Hancock, Bob Packwood, Sally Teichmer, Barbara Brown and Rev. Carringer.

Sunday Fellowship/Coffee hour

There is room for more volunteers to host our after church fellowship time. Please sign up but DO NOT feel obligated to provide more than a snack, coffee and water.

Thank you

Thank you so much for all the help with the Harvest Party! Thanks to all who donated time, energy, cakes, candy, food, and money. Our Harvest Party seems to get bigger and better every year, but we couldn't do it without your support. Thanks for being so great!

Dixie Carringer

Christmas Parade Float

Once again we are going to participate in the annual Clarkston Christmas Parade. The parade theme this year is the Twelve Days of Christmas. Our float will depict the first day of Christmas. On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me a partridge in a Pear tree. The first day of Christmas is Christmas Day, the twelfth day of Christmas is epiphany. So our float will depict the greatest gift ever given, Our Savior. D.C.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scrapbooking Bible Study

On Saturday, November 14, 10:00 to noon there will be a scrapbooking Bible study at the church. Please contact Linda Mael at 758-7003 for information about what to bring and to reserve a book.

Gideon Dinner

The Gideons in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley are sponsoring a dinner for laymen on November 2 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning about the Gideons or in joining their organization, you are invited to this complimentary meal. If you would like to attend, please contact Harmon Brotnov at 758-9437 to make a reservation and get more information.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The LC Valley Christian Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 1242 Highland, Clarkston. Everyone is invited. If you have questions, please call Pastor Shane Moore at 758-7551



Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 28,
at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us as we decorate the church for Christmas. Cookies and cider will be provided

Splinters from the Board

Ministry Reports:

Administration-Actively working on next year's budget. A nominating committee was established and has met.

Nurture- Plans for the rest of the year have been laid. Upcoming events include Hanging of the Greens and our annual Christmas program.

Hospitality, Outreach and Evangelism-Parade float has been designed.

Disciple Women's Ministries--Tuesday, November 3, meeting at noon with lunch and program, "Refueling Our Souls."

Saturday, October 31, 8:15 a.m. breakfast at Station #3 restaurant.

Tuesday, December 1, Disciples Women's Christmas Party at noon.

Join in donating hats, gloves, socks, underwear, and new or gently used stuffed animals. These will be donated to teachers at Parkway who share them for those in need (including Grantham). Monetary donations are also needed.

.... And in baking for our annual Cookie Sale and Soup Lunch on Saturday December 12 from 10:00 to 1:00.

Contact Linda Mael or Sally Teichmer for more information.

HAVE YOU USED YOUR BLESSING BOX TODAY? (still need yours?)

Words from the Pasture

This article was submitted by one of our members to be shared with all of us.

The Devil's Beatitudes

If the devil were to write beatitudes, they would probably go something like this:

- 1. Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians—they save me the effort of trying to keep them from God's blessings.
- 2. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked—it's pretty easy to keep them from working for God.
- 3. Blessed are the touchy who stop going to church—they are my missionaries.
- 4. Blessed are the trouble makers—they shall be called my children.
- 5. Blessed are the complainers—I'm all ears for them.
- 6. Blessed are those who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes—for they get nothing out of the sermons.
- 7. Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to their own church—for they are a part of the problem instead of the solution.
- 8. Blessed are those who gossip—for they shall cause strife and division—that pleases me.
- 9. Blessed are those who are easily offended—for they will soon get angry and quit.
- 10. Blessed are those who do not give their offering to carry on God's work--for they are my helpers.
- 11. Blessed is the one who professes to love God but hates brother and sister—for they shall be with me forever.

REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Northwest Regional Christian Church currently has connections with seven seminarians in Chicago, Fort Worth, and Seattle? As school begins this fall we ask that you would keep these students in your own prayers and within the prayers of your congregation. We give thanks for these students, for their passion and their commitment to serve the church. Guiding them through an in-care process during the years of their study is a privilege and an honor for us. We thank Laurie Rudel, the denominational representative and liturgical coordinator for Disciple students at the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry for collecting the bios and photos of these students. You can read more about each one at:

<http://www.disciplesnw.org/ourwork/commissionnonministry.html>

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

Moments in Disciples History

The Centennial Came First

Clouds had floated in the October skies above Pittsburgh for a week, though the tens of thousands of Disciples crowding the city below in fall 1909 had their minds on much more than the weather. On Sunday, conditions changed, according to Christian Evangelist editor J. H. Garrison. That day, blue skies canopied the 25,000 Disciples who gathered at Forbes Field - - the only place in the city that would hold them -- to take the Lord's Supper.

The communion service on October 17 a century ago followed a week of lectures, reports, and other activities of the Centennial Convention, a unique commemoration of the 1809 publication of Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address in nearby Washington, Pennsylvania.

Disciples thronged the city for the nine-day convention. Hotels overflowed as chartered trains from as far away as California delivered attendees. Venues for the convention sessions -- including Carnegie Hall -- couldn't keep up with the demand for seats. On Sunday morning, Disciple ministers stepped into the pulpits of 250 Pittsburgh churches of various denominations.

Reports from Disciple agencies trumpeted the church's growth and influence. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions, for example, reported 244 church workers in the United States and 256 in countries stretching from the Caribbean to the South Pacific, according to historian James DeForest Murch. The National Benevolent Association informed attendees about the two hospitals, three homes for the elderly, and seven orphanages it sponsored at the time.

But in the background, fissures already began to dim the Stone-Campbell dream for unity.

A couple of years earlier, Tennessee editor David Lipscomb had urged census officials to consider Churches of Christ -- congregations opposing "human inventions" such as missionary societies and instruments -- as distinct from Disciples. And controversy flared over Disciples who began to embrace the liberal theology of the day, as fights waged on the pages of the Christian Standard and the Christian Evangelist. Pittsburgh organizers battled over including University of Chicago Disciple Herbert L. Willett on the program, ultimately allowing him to speak.

Neither the exciting reports nor the controversies could diminish the power of the Sunday afternoon communion service. Both leading Disciple journals put the attendance at the home stadium of the Pittsburgh Pirates at 25,000 people, and both spoke of the uniqueness of the experience.

"The events of the week -- memorial addresses, great board reports, college banquets and

imposing parades -- important in themselves, were dwarfed in comparison with this sublime service," wrote Standard editor J. A. Lord. "Friends and aliens together confessed its supreme interest and pre-eminent spiritual power."

"The blue skies above us seemed to bend in heavenly benediction over the solemn scene," wrote Garrison in the Evangelist. "The stillness that fell upon the great throng of ... worshipers was in itself an awe-inspiring fact. Nothing but the cross of Christ, symbolically set forth in the Lord's Supper, could have awed into silence that vast throng of people."

Fast-forwarding a hundred years, the heirs of Thomas Campbell's call for unity -- now spread among congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Churches / Churches of Christ, and Churches of Christ -- gathered again, this time for the bicentennial of the Declaration and Address. In contrast to their forebears, they chose to celebrate locally. DisciplesWorld magazine reported "Great Communion" celebrations attended by more than 1,000 people in Abilene and Pittsburgh, along with "hundreds of smaller gatherings" in other cities and towns. Celebrations also took place in Brazil, Kenya, and Australia, the magazine said.

"None of us... will ever see another scene like that," editor Garrison said of the 25,000-strong Centennial communion service. Garrison would be pleased to know that today's Disciples -- while mourning division in their own past -- still work for the unity that the editor's generation so dramatically attempted to embody under the blue Pennsylvania skies.

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The bicentennial Great Communion celebration was sponsored by Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Learn more about Disciples heritage at www.discipleshistory.org



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Linda Beck
- 4 Rev. David Carringer
Tiger Carringer
- 6 Dorothy Kazda
- 7 Stevie Byrd
- 8 Brady Mock
Xsavior Lamere-White
- 12 Mildred Keeler
- 13 Teagan Byrd
- 18 Mildred McDowell
James Keeler
- 20 Ruth Bosserman
- 30 Holly Rourick
Lloyd Bosserman
Kent Turner

NOVEMBER BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Mildred White

Scripture Passages for the Sundays in November

Read ahead, pray and ask questions of the pastor.

- Nov. 1: Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34
- Nov. 18: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44
- Nov. 15: 1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8
- Nov. 22: 2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37
- Nov. 29: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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

October Attendance and Offering

	Attendance	Money given to support our ministry
October 4	75	\$4,465.51
October 11	76	\$2,105.53
October 18	71	\$1,691.46
October 25	86	\$ 885.25

Our Partners in Service for Jesus

This month your offerings helped support the following ministries:

- Asotin County Food Bank
- Disciples Mission Fund
- Interlink
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- Northwest Christian University
- Snake River Community Clinic
- VALCAN (Valley Christian Aid Network)
- Zephyr Conference Center



A Day of Gratitude and Friendship



Most Americans, learning about Thanksgiving's origin, hear or read about the destitute Pilgrims who suffered greatly during their first bitter winter in America. Many Pilgrims got sick, and half of them died

What we don't focus on enough is the fact that Native Americans took pity on the Pilgrims. They befriended the newcomers and gave them food. They taught them how to survive the vicious cold months.

Then, when the earth grew warm again, the Indians taught the Pilgrims how to grow various crops and how to store any surplus. It was primarily because of the natives' friendship and helpfulness that the Pilgrims began to eke their way from disaster to fruitfulness.

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It's no wonder that when the Pilgrims had their first successful harvest, they invited their Indian neighbors to celebrate with them. The natives didn't come empty-handed. They furnished venison, wild turkeys and probably vegetables from storage. It was, more or less, a potluck affair. The Pilgrim leaders prayed gratefully at the occasion.

We can be confident that an unseen but not unexpected Guest was very much present that day.

