

Thursday's Thoughts

a weekly e-communication to keep our community United...

Scripture Text & Sermon for 21st Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 18: 1-8; Ask Boldly, Live Justly

Serving Sunday: Liturgist-- Oz Garton; Elder-- Jerry Leonard; Communion Bread baker-- Tiffany Thompson; Communion prep-- Kim Stockton; Ushers-- Steve & Chris Talbott; Special Music-- Kim Stockton

Faith Exploration: 9:30a!

I heard last Sunday's Faith Exploration was a packed house. We'll pick up a new episode, so now's a great time to jump in! *Walking the Bible* is a PBS piece based on the book by journalist, Bruce Feiler. Feiler's quest takes us to the places named by the stories of scripture, and he discovers that his yearning to touch the places of the Bible takes him closer to God than he anticipated. Sip hot joe and connect with friends. Jodie is John's backup this week as Vernetta & John travel west.

Growers' Table @ United Church! Have a fresh vegetable to share from your garden's bounty? From seed to dinner. Amazing.

Harvest Potluck is Sunday evening, 5-7:30p! Bring a dish or two to share @ this all-church potluck! Beyond seasonal fare we'll enjoy stories and projected pics of our community's summer travels. Come, tell a tale or kick back and watch the show! Elephants, mountains, newborn babies, the best of Vegas, and water that's bluer than blue.

News 2 Use

Friday, October 15 @ 5:30p-- Peace Vigil @ Friendship Square. "Peace, Salaam, Shalom."

Friday, October 15-- United Church has 'Faith Matters' column of Moscow Daily News. Check it out!

Sunday, October 17-- Faith Exploration @ 9:30a: (PBS adventure: *Walking the Bible*, by NY Times Journalist, Bruce Feiler); **Worship @ 11a; Harvest Potluck @ 5p.** (See above.)

Wednesday, October 20, 7p-- KaWire! No, 'er, Kwyer! Sorry... Choir! Rehearsal night. All voices welcome!

New Things Afoot @ United Church:

October 24-- Blessing of the Animals. Bring your well-mannered pets/animals to worship @ 11! Please bring them on leashes, and in carriers and cages, because they'll join us in worship! Invite your friends, whether they use legs, wings or fins to get around. Help us spread the word!

October 31-- Fifth-Sunday XL Hymn Sing! It's our first "5th Sunday" to enjoy an expanded Hymn Sing morning. Most of our worship hour is given over to music & prayer! Old & new favorites! Something for everyone!

Welcome 2 Our Planet, Aspen! Babygirl Aspen Marie Suquet was born to proud parents, Ivan & Brooke Suquet in the early hours of Wednesday, October 13th. Aspen weighed in @ 6 lbs, 11 oz, and is 19.5 inches long. Brooke & Aspen (& Ivan, too) endured long, rugged hours of childbirth. Aspen's doing fine, and no doubt Brooke will snag extra rest and healing. Hearty congratulations, Christine & Paul, too!

HillClimber Kamiak Butte Adventure-- Let's squeeze in a Kamiak hike before October's over! Maybe pick up Subways for an EZ picnic? I'll connect to see which Saturdays and Sundays are possibilities! (Note: HillClimbers are our community's adults on the younger side of life's stretch. Kids welcome, too.)

Special Thanks This Week: *Thanks!* to John for leading Faith Exploration & preaching! *Thanks!* to Adam for last Sunday's music! *Thanks!* to Joan for scrubbing and varnishing window wood in back stairway! *Thanks!* to Elders & Board Members for time and attention given to our community's details! *Thanks!* to all for a warm "welcome home!"

Now thru December Snapshot:

- Oct 17-- Harvest Potluck, 5-7:30p
- Oct 24-- Blessing of the Animals, 11a
- Oct 31-- Fifth Sunday XL Hymn Sing, 11a
- Oct 31-- United Church @ Aspen Park Health Center, 2p
- Nov 5-- Movie Night @ United Church, 7p
- Nov 13-- Game Night
- Nov 18-- Moscow Interfaith Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1912
- Nov 21-- Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov 28-- First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 5-- Caroling & Chili Feed
- Dec 13-- Food 4 Finals begins @ Campus Christian Center
- Dec 19-- United Church Christmas Dinner
- Dec 24-- Christmas Eve: Lessons, Carols, & Candlelight

Prayer Matters:

If you know of someone nearby or across the world, who needs our love through prayer and meditation, please carry them in your heart this week.

- Ivan Suquet, and all his family (proceedings, Monday, 9:30a)
- Welcome, Aspen! (daughter of Ivan & Brooke; granddaughter of Christine & Paul)
- Chilean miners returned to LIFE (pray for easy re-entry)

- Betty Leonard (stepmom died)
- Jerry Leonard (recovering from back surgery)
- Bruce, Carl, Brenda, Brent Bradberry (Christian sympathy, loss of Lois)
- Donna Spencer (Mom declining and on dialysis)
- James Leonard (struggling to make ends meet)
- Monita Westberg (seeks connection)
- Peter Lanting @ Good Sam (healing, encouragement)
- Karen Davis's friend, Red (healing)
- Karen Duran (Jodie's friend, breast cancer, discerning treatment)
- Ken Hooge (Jodie's friend, bypass surgery, improving)
- Diane Hooge (Jodie's pastor, new beginnings)
- People of Pakistan (devastating floods, not enough aid)
- Bill and Liz Clement (Sandy Cooper's dad and stepmom-- dealing with Liz's malignant lesion)
- Patrick Barnes' grandmother, Bertha (cancer)
- Leona Nelson (health declining)
- Iris and Royce Mannings' grandchildren (guidance, strength, wisdom)
- Scotte Hecht (Hi, Scotte! See you soon!)
- Pat & Dale Gentry (health concerns, cancer recovery)
- Christine Suquet and Paul Santoro (health, strength, guidance)
- Jenet Johnson (cancer recovery)
- Sheila Batey (seeks to be connected to faith community)
- Pray for Peace

Mid-Week Meditation:

Sojourner's Quote of the Week--

"For hatred is corrosive of a person's wisdom and conscience; the mentality of enmity can poison a nation's spirit, instigate brutal life-and-death struggles, destroy a society's tolerance and humanity.

I hope therefore ... to counter the hostility of the regime with the best of intentions, and defuse hate with love."

- *Liu Xiaobo*, literature professor & essayist, awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize.

To my United Church family,
it's great to be back with you!
Peace,
Jodie
