

Thursday's Thoughts

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

Scripture Text for Sunday, October 31st: Psalm 149.

5th Sunday XL Hymn Sing!

It's October's 5th Sunday, so we'll enjoy our 5th-Sunday XL Hymn Sing!

Sunday morning's worship hour will be given over to music & prayer!

Come to relax, sing, pray, & listen for God's voice in the music, silence, & community spirit!

Serving Sunday: Liturgist-- Tom Heustis; Elder-- Lee Alan Fruits; Communion Bread baker-- Steve Talbott; Communion prep-- Oz & Ginny; Ushers-- Bob & Linda; Special Music-- All of us!

Faith Exploration: 9:30a!

The Power of Sound & Music! No DVD this morning, but since this morning's worship hour leans on music (October's 5th Sunday XL Hymn Sing!), Jodie will share & discuss thoughts about music as a function of Creation, Conscience, & Community. Music holds special meaning for 'most every human; we'll explore a bit of how & why. (Don't forget the 4th C: Coffee.)

Halloween Coffee Hour?! BOO! Sunday's Halloween! We won't sing Pumpkin Carols in worship, but we can enjoy the day's treats @ Coffee Hour! This is an invitation to bring Halloween goodies to share: fresh cider, cupcakes, Twix bars, popcorn balls, crisp apples? Bring 'em.

News 2 Use

Friday, October 29 @ 5:30p-- Peace Vigil @ Friendship Square. "I've Got Peace Like a River in my soul."

Sunday, October 31-- Faith Exploration @ 9:30a: (Jodie discusses: The Power of Sound & Music); **Worship @ 11a,** includes **October's 5th Sunday XL Hymn Sing;** Halloween Coffee Hour.

Wednesday, November 3, 7p-- Choir rehearsal. Thanksgiving & Advent music. YAY!

Friday, November 5-- Want Soup With That Movie?! Come as early as 6 to snag homemade soup simmered by Sandy Cooper. Sandy's cooking up a batch of white bean chicken chili that isn't too spicy, and if we get it together, there will be a non-meat option too. November's movie title isn't firm yet, tho will be announced shortly. Come for a soup-er time with the big screen. Junior Mints for dessert. Soup @ 6; Movie @7.

Saturday, November 6, Daylight Savings ends. Turn clocks back & thank God for an extra hour of ZZZzzzzs. (Or, an extra hour to work on a sermon...)

Dedicated to Dorothy. A very special THANK YOU to Joan Gustaveson, who has provided us a gift of a shiny, brand new microwave for our Fellowship Hall, as a memorial to Dorothy Roberts, whose life we celebrated last June. Thank you, very much, for your thoughtful generosity, Joan! Our countertop looks updated & fresh, and our new microwave is ready to go! Be sure to take a look at it Sunday!

Roger Williams Symposium: it's a GREAT one! WSU's Common Ministry presents the 33rd Annual Roger Williams Symposium, November 15-16, on the WSU campus. **Registration deadline, November 8.** This year's theme is: *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith.* Its speakers are widely known as "The Three Amigos." They are co-authors of *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith: The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi and a Sheikh.* Tix begin @ \$30, and these are three worth hearing! Let's go! Need a registration form? See Jodie.

HillClimber Kamiak Butte Adventure-- Still interested in a Fall hike. Please stay tuned to see if we can make busy calendars and weather match up.

Two Jodie's Palouse Adventures. Tales of Two Adventues: First, Lunch With Lou. I joined Lou Stevens for Lunch @ Seniors on the day before I left for Maine! It was Thursday, and the Fiddlers were star entertainers! Boy, did they play - for the better part of an hour! Lou was at the piano, beautifully dressed for the stage! I bet those Fiddlers played 2 dozen tunes! My favorite was *She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain.* Lunch was tasty & just the right price (I was Lou's guest!). Sliced roast beef & my fave, green beans. Can't believe the dessert table, enough for everyone in Moscow! Folks were warmly welcoming, sun streamed into the 1912, and political candidates abounded. I fully enjoyed my Lunch with Lou! *Thank you, Lou!* **Second, Moscow Mountain Cedar Grove With Brent.** Last Wednesday, Brent Bradberry guided me (& Lee Alan, too) as we hiked from Winter Gate on Tamarack to the Cedar Grove! We walked 2.5 miles straight up the rutted road, watching for all wonders-- vistas, mushrooms, moose tracks. I dearly

appreciated the walking stick Lee Alan lent me! When we reached the Grove, we walked in & down, down, down into the sacred dark, to emerge into a breathtaking sanctuary of ancient cedars, Brent sez, at least 600 years old! We were brought to reverent silence. Eventually, we came back out & down the mountain, picking up trash left by hunters. Brent bagged himself some fancy chanterelles, and we all took in the surrounding beauty. Our morning was topped off by Brent's homemade chili. *Thank you, Brent!*

Seeking This Week's Photo: Blessing of the Animals-- If you took a keeper snapshot @ last week's Blessing, please email it to me @ jodietooley@gmail.com, or bring it by. I didn't get to take even 1, but other cameras worked overtime. We'll share pix as they come.

Can U Help? Do you know of free community calendars on which we can list our community's events & projects? Newspapers, newsletters, listserves, communication tools @ your job? We're updating our communication habit & would love to find our way to more free community calendars. United Church of Moscow is a community gem! Let's let others know what we're up to! Please email your idea, jodietooley@gmail.com.

One L O N G List of THANKS!

Thanks! to John Doty for leading us in our *Walking the Bible* discussion over a 4-Sunday span! *Thanks!* to Joan Gustaveson for the hard work of closing down our gardens for winter, on a cold day! *Thanks!* to Barbara Hisel for festive Halloween decorating! *Thanks!* to Lee Fruits for handling several repairs & maintenance tasks! *Thanks!* to all who contributed to making our Animals' Blessing a great day! *Thanks!* to all who came together to do the work of the community this week: Music & Worship planners, & Elders, too.

Thru December Snapshot:

- Oct 31-- Fifth Sunday XL Hymn Sing, 11a
- Oct 31-- United Church @ Aspen Park Health Center, 2p
- Nov 5-- Movie Night @ United Church (6p for soup; 7p for movie)
- Nov 6-- Fall Back 1 Hour time change
- Nov 8-- Registration deadline for Roger Williams Symposium
- Nov 13-- Game Night
- Nov 15 & 16-- Roger Williams Symposium @ WSU
- 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.

- People of Haiti (cholera outbreak)
- People of Indonesia (7.7 earthquake)
- People of Mexico border cities (unimaginable violence)
- Betty Leonard (recovering from eye surgery)
- Mitchell Fife (Bonnie's grandson; concern about his ability to hear)
- Ivan Suquet, Brooke, and ALL his family (difficult transitions)
- Happy Birthday to sage elders with October birthdays (Neva, Russ, Alberta)
- Peter Lanting (Good Sam, Room #103)
- Traveling mercies for all our travelers
- Jerry Leonard (recovering from back surgery)
- Donna Spencer (mom declining, on dialysis)
- James Leonard (struggling to make ends meet)
- Monita Westberg (seeks connection)
- Karen Davis's friend, Red (healing)
- Jodie's friend, Karen (Stage IV lobular breast cancer)
- Bill & Liz Clement (Sandy's dad & stepmom-- dealing with Liz's malignant lesion)
- Patrick Barnes' grandmother, Bertha (cancer)
- Leona Nelson (health declining)
- Iris & Royce Mannings' grandchildren (guidance, strength, wisdom)
- Scotte Hecht (Hey, Scotte! Enjoying your emails!)
- Pat & Dale Gentry (health concerns, cancer recovery)
- Christine Suquet & Paul Santoro (health, strength, guidance)
- Jenet Johnson (cancer recovery)
- Sheila Batey (seeks to be connected to faith community)
- Pray for Peace

Mid-Week Thought:

**With our XL Hymn Sing on tap for Sunday,
here's Stephen Mitchell's beautiful adaptation
of Sunday's Psalm, #149--**

Sing to God a new song;
 praise God with words & silence.
Praise God through all your actions;
 praise God in sorrow & in joy.
Praise God with music & dancing,
 with bodies moving in delight.
Let the wise sing out in their freedom;
 let the whole earth echo their song.
Let all God's creatures be peaceful
 & walk in the path of true life.

Come to Faith Exploration @ 9:30,
where we'll explore the power of music!

See you Sunday, friends.

Peace,
Jodie