

# Thursday's Thoughts

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

**Scripture Text & Sermon for 14th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 14: 1, 7-14; Open Table**

**Serving Sunday: Liturgist-- Lee Alan Fruits; Elder-- Bonnie Nelson; Communion Bread baker-- Joan Gustaveson; Communion prep-- Joan Gustaveson; Ushers-- Linda Rasmussen & Bob Johnson**

**Worship begins @ 9:30: No 'Faith Exploration' until Fall. (Fall schedule resumes Sept 12)**

**August Sundays-- Growers' Table @ United Church! On August Sundays head to the Growers' Table in the Fellowship Hall. If your garden's offering up its delicious miracles, please bring in a few items to share with others. Maybe something you place on the Table will be the perfect addition to someone else's Sunday dinner. Let's share bounty as physical and culinary nourishment. Include a favorite recipe if it suits you.**

## **News 2 Use**

**A Special Health Update:** Lois Bradberry continues to hold her own as her treatment continues @ St. Joe's in Lewiston. Lois has received a third chemotherapy and is now breathing without the help of backup oxygen. She's working with a physical therapist to begin to move and strengthen. On nice days she's enjoyed a bit of sun, sitting with Bruce on a balcony not too far from her room. Carl, Brenda, and grandkids have returned to their homes while Lois continues her treatment path. Please continue to hold all the Bradberrys in your hearts. Consider a short visit, an email encouragement, or drop a card in the mail.

Drop Lois a card at St. Joe's Regional Medical Center, Room 3C19, 415 Sixth Street, Lewiston, 83501.

Or send an encouraging message to any Bradberry @ 1026 Showalter Rd., Moscow, ID, 83843.

Email: [bbradberrys@gmail.com](mailto:bbradberrys@gmail.com).

**Friday, August 27 @ 5:30p-- Peace Vigil @ Friendship Square.** Peace is the bread we break.

**Saturday, August 28 @ 10:00a-- CROP Walk Organizing Meeting @ Simpson United Methodist Church in Pullman.** This year's CROP Walk is October 12. 25% of what's raised in Moscow, stays in Moscow. Let Jodie know if you're interested to be a point person for United Church as CROP Walk organizing gets underway.

**Sunday, August 29 @ 12 Noon-- Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting @ United Church.**

**Sunday, August 29 @ 1p-- Badminton Blast.** Summer's Badminton Blast is winding down. If you've played, or even THOUGHT of coming by to play or cheer, let's use these last 2 Sundays for smacking birdies and sipping lemonade @ Jim Lyle Rotary Park @ F and Orchard in Moscow! Come one, come all! Let's play the summer out!

**Sunday, August 29 @ 2p-- Church Women United meet @ United Church.** Questions? Contact Charlene Hettinger, 509/758-2336 and [preciousclk@localnet.com](mailto:preciousclk@localnet.com).

**Wednesday, Sept 1 @ Noon-- Moscow Interfaith Alliance meets @ United Church.** Jodie's the Alliance's Convever this year, so we will host & lead this year. Come, be part of this ministry!

**Wednesday, Sept 1 @ 7:00p-- Board of Directors' Meeting.** Not our usual meeting night, but a chance to meet as Fall moves into view.

**Friday, Sept 3-- NO Movie Night this week due to Labor Day weekend!** Movie Night moved one week to September 10 @ 7p. September's movie is: Guarding Eddy.

**Wednesday, Sept 8-- Choir Gathers and Sings.** Singer-songwriter Bill Staines sings: "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir; some sing low, some sing higher." United Church's Choir re-unites on Wednesday, September 8, @ 7p, in our Sanctuary. Rehearsals are 2 Wednesday evenings per month; Choir sings only 1 Sunday morning per month. Great fellowship, plus the joy of taking on a musical project together. Join in yourself, and/or invite someone else you know to expand our ranks and multiply the fun!

**Sunday, Sept 12-- Homecoming Sunday!** Fall Schedule Returns!  
Potluck Brunch @ 9:30a. Worship @ 11a!

**Sunday, Sept 19 & Sunday, Sept 26-- The Welcome Table,**  
a community art project of United Church of Moscow! More details coming soon.

**This Week's Palouse Adventure.** This week I was treated to an enormous, piled-to-the-sky Helmer Burger (and fries)!! Thanks to Tom and Susie Heustis, I can still taste onions. Susie & Tom treated me to dinner at the Helmer Cafe on Tuesday evening, and along the way Tom pulled in to trailheads to point out beautiful places to walk, ride, and take my enthusiastic pup, Bailey. I also enjoyed a quick scan of a vintage photo wall that included a snap of Mr. Helmer himself. We closed the place, since they close @ 7p. It was a lovely evening all around, and included a full moon bathed in a peachy sunset. *Thank you, Susie & Tom!*

**Photos attached:**

- 1-- Susie & Tom Heustis after Helmer Burgers
- 2-- Jodie & Susie are benched after Helmer Burgers
- 3-- The last of summer roses @ Christine's and Paul's

**ArtWalk Gallery Display.** The lovely watercolor paintings hung along the back of our sanctuary come from Palouse Watercolor Socius! They are with us through ArtWalk 2010, and will remain there for our enjoyment all summer long. Take time to visit downtown Moscow businesses to enjoy

this year's amazing ArtWalk contributions! Faith and Art are cousins! Congratulations to our artists, and thank you, Watercolor Socius!

**Spread the Word.** EvenStart has moved out of our lower level after 7 great years. We're eager to lease our downstairs spaces to committed non-profits with missions consistent with ours. Do you know of an organization that might wish to check out our roomy and attractive digs? Please spread the word; hook us up; pray for a terrific match that serves us and our local community. *Thanks!*

### **August/September Snapshot:**

- August 29-- Pastoral Relations Committee, @ 12-ish
- August 29-- Badminton Blast @ 1p
- August 29-- Church Women United Meeting @ United Church @ 2p
- Sept 1-- Board of Directors' Meeting
- Sept 8-- Choir Begins (All Voices Welcome!)
- Sept 10-- Movie Night @ United Church
- Sept 12-- Homecoming Sunday! Fall Schedule Returns!
- Sept 15-- Music & Worship Committee (date may change)
- Sept 18-- Advocacy Issues Workshop, St. James Episcopal Church, Pullman
- Sept 19-- American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday
- Sept 19-- "The Welcome Table" Fall Season Art Project @ United Church (more info soon)
- Sept 26-- "The Welcome Table" Fall Season Art Project @ United Church (more info soon)

**Special Thanks This Week:** *Thanks!* to Donna Francis for more varnish applied to outside windows! *Thanks!* to Bonnie Nelson for warmly welcoming our Elders to her table! Delicious dinner! *Thanks!* to Alberta Hill for tuning me in to the Lentil Festival and for her gifts of Festival news and recipes!

### **Prayer Matters:**

The following folks have asked to be included on our prayer list.

Please keep them in your hearts this week.

If you'd like to add yourself or a loved one to our Prayer Matters list, just be in touch.

- For ALL students, professors, administrators as the school year opens
- Madison and Mark (newly engaged; wedding next year)
- Barbara Hisel (resting @ home following surgical procedure)
- Jerry Leonard (back surgery in September likely)
- Lois Bradberry, and Bruce, and whole family (chemotherapy, strength, healing)
- Monita Westberg (serious lung condition)
- The Leonards-- Betty, Gene, James, Heather, Thomas (James' re-connect with law)
- Peter Lanting (tumble @ Good Sam, healing, encouragement. 640 N. Eisenhower, Room 111)
- Adrien Loehring's niece, Elli (Elli has left ICU, but kidney concerns still serious)
- Ginny Garton (brother-in-law, Dan, stable after heart attack; sister, Carol, sorting care options)
- Iris Manning (cousin, Sharon, cancer recovery)
- Karen Davis's friend, Red (healing)
- Tom Sandell (chronic migranes)
- Sarah Marhevsky, Matthew Rudd, and Maggie Lu (adjusting to life in Tennessee)
- The Orihuela Family (adjusting to life in Colorado)
- People of Pakistan (devastating floods)
- Wisdom for leaders in light of the day's immigration issues
- Tammy Lanting-Leonard (working with new medications for a minor health concern)
- Bill and Liz Clement (Sandy Cooper's dad and stepmom-- dealing with Liz's malignant lesion)
- Patrick Barnes' grandmother, Bertha (cancer)
- Leona Nelson (health challenge)

- Iris and Royce Mannings' grandchildren (guidance, strength, wisdom)
- Scotte Hecht (Happy August Dog Days, Scotte!)
- Pat & Dale Gentry (health concerns, cancer recovery)
- Donna Spencer (health concerns; parents' health concerns)
- Christine Suquet and Paul Santoro (health, strength, guidance)
- All who battle addiction
- Jenet Johnson (cancer recovery)
- Sheila Batey (seeks to be connected to faith community)
- Our seniors who face challenges of aging

### Mid-Week Chuckle

Here's an oldie come 'round again:

A minister was completing a temperance sermon.

With great emphasis she said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With greater emphasis she said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And finally, shaking her fist in the air, she said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, she sat down.

The song leader stood cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing hymn, let us sing #365, Shall We Gather at the River."

See you Sunday, friends.

End your August with sweet gratitude for summer's best.

Peace,

Jodie