

Thursday's Thoughts

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

Scripture Text & Sermon for 17th Sunday after Pentecost: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7
(It's American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday-- we'll hear three reflections.)

Serving Sunday: Liturgist-- Steve Talbott; Elder-- Glenda Hawley; Communion Bread baker-- Alberta Hill; Communion prep-- Adrien & Mike Loehring; Usher-- Lee Fruits; Special Music-- A Hymn Sing!!

Faith Exploration Resumes this Sunday, 9:30a!

Coffee's HOT! Everybody come!

This season our opening DVD Discussion brings *Walking the Bible*-- a PBS option based on the book by NY Times journalist, Bruce Feiler. "Both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest, *Walking the Bible* presents one man's epic journey-- by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel-- through the greatest stories ever told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mount Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler's inspiring odyssey will forever change your view of history's most legendary events." John Doty leads us in these opening weeks.

The Welcome Table (community ART project) Tells Stories! We're having fun getting our Fall community art project underway! Folks are already bringing place settings for our colorful tables! We're seeing 'first' sets of dishes, dishes from other countries, and plain old fare that nourishes us every day. This Sunday, Sept 19, bring a dinnerware place setting (or two) from home to place on tables set up to become ART: a visual statement to our community that ALL are welcome at United Church! A steering group will be here and ready to guide you as you bring your dinnerware to the project. Bring a plate, cup, saucer, glass, silverware. Dessert and salad plates are great additions. Place settings can be carried to the tables over 2 weeks, so no worries if you're not up for bringing something yet!

Growers' Table @ United Church! Continue to bring fresh treasures from your garden as September flows on. Let's share the earth's bounty and offer each other physical, spiritual and culinary nourishment!

News 2 Use

Friday, Sept 17 @ 5:30p-- Peace Vigil @ Friendship Square. "Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be attained through understanding." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Sunday, Sept 19-- Faith Exploration @ 9:30a: (PBS adventure: *Walking the Bible*, by NY Times Journalist, Bruce Feiler); **Worship @ 11** (It's American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday-- celebrating ancestors and faithful women who make a difference.); **The Welcome Table** community ART project, Week #1.

Tuesday, Sept 21, 7p-- Music & Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 22, 7p-- Elders & Deacons, yer up!

Sunday, Sept 26-- All-Congregation Meeting & Salad Potluck. Plan now to remain after worship for a brief meeting to receive our Annual Report, and share updates on our minds. Bring a salad to share, and we'll eat together at The Welcome Table.

This Just In! Today, Jeanette Talbott attended her 75-year Class Reunion, after graduating from Moscow High School in 1935! Jeanette reports that 8 folks were there (tho that included a couple daughters of celebrating alums). The event was held at Aspen Park Healthcare Center because it's the current home of one of the nonogenarian alums! Watch the Moscow Daily News because the Reunion was newsworthy enough for a reporter to show up with camera in hand. Congratulations, Jeanette! You're a star student!

Pearl & Don Jensen Memorial Bench Installed. This morning Tresko Monument of Spokane installed a beautiful granite bench under our tall ponderosa pines as a memorial to our beloved friends, Pearl & Don Jensen! The bench was chosen by their daughter, Linda, and paid for, in part, by memorial funds collected more than a year ago. Be sure to notice the bench when you're next here, and before long we'll dedicate it; we'll honor Pearl & Don, thank Linda and all who had a hand in bringing it our way. We hope the Jensen memorial bench will offer an inviting, restful stop for those who pass by.

Pardon Our Dust. Our Men's Restroom continues to undergo its reconstruction! Thanks to our Property Committee, workers are making the room more accessible to folks needing more space for mobility. The project is almost complete-- a wider door is still on order. It's likely both restrooms will become Unisex restrooms, so we'll work together to smooth that transition. This is one way United Church is working out what it means to make a way to welcome everyone! *Thank you, Property Committee!*

This Week's Palouse Adventure. Last Saturday, a stellar Fall day, I was treated to a gloriously scenic ride in a brand new direction! Chris & Steve Talbott ferried me to the Juliaetta Blackberry Festival! We headed out pretty early, and even so, breakfast was sold out! They made us BIG pancakes anyway and we were into our day. Steve drove all backroads, told stories and shared helpful info the whole way! Let's see, there are 7

ridges as you approach Juliaetta: Fix Ridge, American Ridge, Texas Ridge... Did you know Juliaetta is named after the Postmaster's two daughters, Julia and Etta?! It was a perfect day start to finish. We peered at vintage cars (some with that old car smell...). We came home by another way and stopped to pick blackberries out of the biggest patches ever, right on the river that sparkled like diamonds. We topped it all off with a late lunch at The Filling Station in Troy, and there was a Ferdinand's scoop in it for me. *Thank you, so much, Chris and Steve!*

Can You Hear Me Now? Mid-September through Christmas, listen to Northwest Public Radio (FM 97.1 and AM 1250) for United Church of Moscow Sponsorship announcements. Help us get out the word that United Church is the place to be!

Photos attached:

- 1-- Chris & Steve Ride the Festival 'Bus' From the Parking Lot
- 2-- Wagon Wheels
- 3-- Tanner Raylyn @ 10 wks (Tammy's & Jerry's granddaughter)

Can U Help? We continue to seek committed non-profits with missions consistent with ours, looking for space to rent. We have open opportunities on our downstairs level, attractive, roomy, and affordable spaces. Help us spread this word, too!

September/October Snapshot:

- Sept 18-- Advocacy & Ballot 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
- Sept 26-- "The Welcome Table" Fall Season Art Project @ United Church
- Sept 21-- Music & Worship Committee
- Sept 22-- Elders & Deacons
- Sept 26-- All-Congregation Meeting & Salad Potluck, 12 Noon
- Oct 1-- Movie Night @ United Church, 7p
- Oct 8 & 9-- Evergreen Association Annual Meeting
- Oct 10-- Moscow/Pullman CROP Walk
- Oct 1-12-- Jodie takes off for Maine & Minneapolis
- Oct 17-- Harvest Potluck
- Oct 24-- Blessing of the Animals

Special Thanks This Week: *Thanks!* to Tiffany Thompson for taking the lead on last Sunday's Potluck Brunch! *Thanks!* to Ginny, Lee Alan, Sandy, and Tiffany for their vision and time as we set up The Welcome Table art project! *Thanks* to John Doty for leading our first segment of Faith Exploration! *Thanks* to Barb Hisel and *all* who had anything

to do with the installation of the Jensen memorial bench! *Thanks!* to Joan Gustaveson who continues to keep our gardens growing! *Thanks!* to Christine and Lee Alan for Movie Night activities!

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.

- Jerry Leonard (*very rough beginnings following back surgery-- stay tuned*)
- Bruce, Carl, Brenda, Brent Bradberrys (*Christian sympathy, loss of Lois*)
- Donna Spencer (*Mom's health declining-- Donna traveling to Edmonton*)
- Bonnie Nelson, Leigh & Eric & girls (*grandson Mitch arriving early; complications, but moving in ok direction*)
- Mike Whitney (*Lee Alan's friend, liver transplant derailed*)
- Barbara Hisel (*healing continues following surgical procedure*)
- Monita Westberg (*serious lung condition*)
- Peter Lanting (*@ Good Sam, healing, encouragement. 640 N. Eisenhower, Room 111*)
- Karen Davis's friend, Red (*healing*)
- Tom Sandell (*chronic migranes*)
- Safe travels to many still on the road & the river
- Our Muslim friends whose lives are in danger; faith is marginalized
- 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 (*"See you, in September; see you when the summer's through..."*)
- Pat & Dale Gentry (*health concerns, cancer recovery*)
- 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 Meditation

Here's a comment spotted in a writing by Rev. Catherine Fransson, who was a speaker at my ordination in May:

"Often, faith is not being able to walk on water. Faith is daring to believe, in the face of all the evidence, that God is with us in the boat, made real in the community of faith as it makes its way through the storm, battered by the waves.

The miracle is not being able to walk on water. The miracle is being able to walk on the green earth in the present moment. The miracle is not being able to dare dangerous things to prove God exists. The miracle is knowing God is real in the ordinary moments of every day, waking and sleeping, inhaling and exhaling; not only in beginnings and endings, the spectacular and the dramatic, but in all the moments in between when we are confident, and when we are not very sure of ourselves.

The miracle is to trust God, regardless."

Shalom, friends.

See you Sunday, on a full and busy morning.

Jodie

3 attachments

Chris & Steve on the Blackberry Festival Bus.jpg

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Wagon Wheels.jpg

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Tanner Raylyn.jpg

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