

# Thursday's Thoughts

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

**Scripture Text & Sermon for 18th Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 32: 6-15;**  
**Surprising Investment**

**Serving Sunday:** Liturgist-- Lee Alan Fruits; Elder-- Sandy Cooper; Communion Bread baker-- Iris Manning; Communion prep-- Iris Manning; Usher-- Linda Rasmussen & Bob Johnson; Special Music-- A Friendly Ensemble

**Faith Exploration: 9:30a!**

**Last Sunday's hour was a terrific beginning-- fine cinematography, compelling story, thoughtful discussion!**

This season our opening DVD Discussion brings *Walking the Bible*-- a PBS option based on the book by NY Times journalist, Bruce Feiler. (Last Sunday's group calls him "The Guy.") "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.

**All-Congregation Meeting & Salad Potluck: 12 Noon!**

Stay after Worship to snag your copy of this year's Annual Report (bound for the Bestseller lists!) and hear brief comments from Brent, our Board's Director. Following the short meeting we'll sit down at "The Welcome Table" to enjoy our Salad Potluck! Please bring a salad to share (tossed leafy green, fresh fruit, classic potato, Greek, caesar, pear & gorgonzola, pasta, ripe tomatoes & mozzarella, nicoise, Waldorf, grilled vegetable, mac & tuna with those little tiny peas... ) Or bring an ingredient or two to combine with offerings of others. Keep it simple and enjoy!

**The Welcome Table (community ART project) Tells Stories!** Every place setting is a story that's fun to tell and hear! This Sunday, Sept 26, is the fulfillment of our project, so it's the last day to bring a place setting (or 2) to our tables! If you've already contributed, it's fine to bring something more. "The Welcome Table" is built of tables set up to become ART: a visual statement 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.

**Growers' Table @ United Church!** Today's Fall's first day! As September slows, continue to bring treasures from your garden, delicious gifts for others.

## News 2 Use

**Friday, Sept 24 @ 5:30p-- Peace Vigil @ Friendship Square.** "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." (Mother Teresa)

**Sunday, Sept 26-- Faith Exploration @ 9:30a:** (PBS adventure: *Walking the Bible*, by NY Times Journalist, Bruce Feiler); **Worship @ 11; All-Congregation Meeting & Salad Potluck @ 12 Noon; The Welcome Table** community ART project, Week #2. (*We're gonna eat at The Welcome Table, Allelu!*)

**Wednesday, Sept 29-- A 5th Wednesday means NO Meetings or Rehearsal.**

**Greetings from Christine!** Christine Suquet has emailed greetings from Kathmandu, and she's headed back to Bangkok today. Christine says her experience has been incredible, and she has many stories to tell! Her Nepal trek was very difficult, in almost constant rain! Christine will rest up in Phuket and arrive home in about a week.

*Incredible journey!*

**Sit Awhile.** If you haven't met our newest addition under our pines, please take time to get to know the beautiful granite bench installed 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 here. Before long we'll dedicate the bench and properly thank 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.

**Restroom Good 2 Go.** (Pardon the pun!) Our Men's Restroom sports a spiffy new W-I-D-E-R door and a roomier inside to make it more accessible to folks needing space for mobility! *Thank you, Property Committee!*

**Jodie's Palouse Adventures.** No Palouse Adventures unfolded this week, but two climbed onto the Fall runway! There are just a few Adventures remaining on the old sign-up list. Let's do 'em-- October's a perfect month for a nearby road-trip. Stay tuned for Adventure news! Ideas are humming...

**October's Around the Corner.** October's chock FULL @ United Church! Next Thursday's 'Thoughts' will provide more details about things like: the Harvest Potluck, Our 5th Sunday Hymn Sing, and Blessing of the Animals! *Blessing of the Animals?!* Really?! Uh-huh. Stay tuned!

**Come Again?** 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!

## **This Week's Photos:**

- 1-- Chris, Steve & Jodie @ Juliaetta Blackberry Festival
- 2-- Patrick holds McKenna
- 3-- First day of Fall crocus in our garden
- 4-- Fridge sparkles thanks to Susie

**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!

## **October/November Snapshot:**

- Sept 26-- "The Welcome Table" Fall Season Art Project @ United Church
- Sept 26-- All-Congregation Meeting & Salad Potluck, 12 Noon
- Oct 1-- Movie Night @ United Church, 7p (Uncross the Stars)
- Oct 8 & 9-- Evergreen Association Annual Meeting
- Oct 10-- Moscow/Pullman CROP Walk
- Oct 1-12-- Jodie takes off for Maine & Minneapolis
- Oct 12-- Music & Worship Committee
- Oct 17-- Harvest Potluck,
- Oct 24-- Blessing of the Animals
- Nov 5-- Movie Night @ United Church
- Nov 13-- Game Night
- Nov 18-- Moscow Interfaith Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1912 Center
- Nov 21-- Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov 28-- First Sunday of Advent

**Special Thanks This Week:** *Thanks!* to Music & Worship Committee (Chris, Linda, Adrien, Madison, Jodie) for their time and consideration! *Thanks!* to Ginny, Lee Alan, Sandy, and Tiffany for their vision and time as we work though "The Welcome Table" art project! *Thanks* to John Doty for leading our first segment of Faith Exploration! *Thanks!* to Susie Heustis for scrubbing our overdue fridge! *Thanks!* to Charlene for her guidance to prepare American Baptist Women's Ministries Sunday!

## **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 (condition improving-- expects to be discharged from hospital this evening)
- Bruce, Carl, Brenda, Brent Bradberrys (Christian sympathy, loss of Lois)
- Donna Spencer (Mom's health declining-- Donna in Edmonton)
- Bonnie Nelson (Congratulations! Safe landing of Mitchell Nelson Fife!)
- James Leonard (has job, but struggling to make ends meet)
- Kim Stockton (feeling under the weather)
- Mike Whitney (Lee Alan's friend, liver transplant derailed)
- Monita Westberg (seeks connection and encouragement)
- Peter Lanting (@ Good Sam, healing, encouragement. 640 N. Eisenhower, Room 111)
- Karen Duran (Jodie's friend, breast cancer diagnosis)
- Karen Davis's friend, Red (healing)
- Christine Suquet (meaningful journey to Kathmandu; safe travels)
- 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 (Hi, Scotte! Looking forward to our visit!)
- Miners trapped in Chilean mine
- 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)
- Our seniors who face challenges of aging

### **Mid-Week Chuckle:**

The children lined up for lunch in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school. At the head of the table was a large pile of shiny red apples.

The nun made a note, and posted it on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE . God is watching.'

Further along the lunch line,

at the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note:

'Take all you want. God's watching the apples!'

Apples... Fall arrived last night @ 8:07p.

My favorite season!

See you Sunday--

Peace,

Jodie

**4 attachments**



**Chris, Steve & Jodie @ Juliaetta Blackberry Festival.jpg**  
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**McKenna and Patrick 2.jpg**  
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**First day of fall crocus in our garden.jpg**  
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