



UNITED CHURCH OF MOSCOW

April 2009 NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM YOU INTERIM PASTOR

The church year is moving us very rapidly along in our march towards Easter. Palm Sunday is April 5th and Easter Sunday, of course will be celebrated on the following Sunday. It's always been one of my customs to remember family members who have died with "Easter Lillie's" on Easter Sunday in the church. I don't know if we do that here or not. (There may be at least one fresh Lilly in the church, and if it is joined by others, I think that would be nice). Some of you may want special people remembered in a bulletin announcement and I'm sure we can get that done if we know the names in advance.

Also, I'm in hopes that some of you can join us in the Community Maundy Thursday service that will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, April 9th, at 6:30 p.m. Our choir will be part of a combined choir from the Presbyterian and Methodist churches who will all be singing together. (The section leaders will probably be from our choir!) I will be giving a "brief" reflection. I hope you can come.

Among other things, Easter is a time of hope and new beginnings. I think so many of us are so ready for those themes to happen. The winter has been long, the economic news has been bleak, the tragedies of war continue to plague us, and sickness has been in abundance. We should be ready for a time of hope. Theologically, Easter is the culmination of a time of some personal self-reflection and an examination time of who we are and how we can better respond to our highest calling. Jesus is our example of a life lived to its highest potential and for the betterment of others. As disciples, we have a calling to grow and become more like him. At least, this is the point of Lent and the observance of Easter.

If you're a bit behind in all this, don't worry. I don't believe God's time line for growth is as self-condemning as ours sometimes is. God is patient with us, God is forgiving of our slowness, and God is a loving God. Most of all, Easter assures us that God is ever present in our lives and very much a part of our world.

Remember your church in your prayers.

Pastor Warren
Interim Pastor, United Church of Moscow

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH



Sunday, April 12th, come and join us for Easter Brunch! We are having a potluck at 9:30 a.m. and everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the United Church at ucmoscow@gmail.com, or call 208-882-2924.

"...CREATED TO DO GOD'S WORK"

The American Baptist Women will be holding their conference in Yakima April 17 – 19th. The theme of the conference is "American Baptist Women.....Created to Do God's Work". Patti Duckworth, the Associate Executive Minister for the American Baptist Church of the Northwest will be the Bible Study leader. Mission Speaker will be Chris Marziale from the International Ministries. The conference begins at 2 p.m. April 10th is the deadline for registration if you are interested - registrations forms and information is posted on the bulletin board. If you have additional questions, please call the First Baptist Church of Yakima for registration details, (509) 248-4435.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Is a home of your own just a dream? For many it is. Palouse Habitat for Humanity can make homeownership dreams come true. Palouse Habitat for Humanity will be taking applications for their new partner family that can live in Palouse, Washington, presently live in inadequate housing in Latah or Whitman counties, and meet income and other guidelines. Applications will be accepted from March 1 to May 1, 2009. If you would like more information, please contact Habitat for Humanity at 208-883-8502, or email habitat@moscow.com, for additional information.



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RECLAIMING HOPE IN NEW ORLEANS

Your Help is Needed! Rebuilding Homes, Reclaiming Hope in New Orleans

National Ministries, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, will partner with Church World Service and its member denominations in spring 2009 to rebuild 12 homes for families in the Little Woods neighborhood of New Orleans. This ecumenical build-"Rebuilding Homes, Reclaiming Hope"-will take place April 19-May 16, 2009. Join us as we show the world how people of faith, working side-by-side, can make great things happen for our neighbors in need.

Volunteers are asked to arrive on Sunday, begin work Monday, and leave for home on Saturday of each week. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, and no construction skills are required, but any knowledge of or experience with construction is appreciated. Skilled laborers, such as electricians, plumbers and carpenters, are especially critical, along with skilled individuals who can provide leadership. Volunteers are responsible for their transportation, housing and food. Space is limited; deadline to register is March 10, 2009.

Additional information about registration and housing and more is available on the National Ministries Web site at http://www.nationalministries.org/caring_ministries/vim/. Contact Victoria Goff, National Coordinator of Volunteer Ministries, with any questions at 1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2449 or by email. Again, the deadline to register is March 10, 2009.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL?

Being a church with two denominational identities can pose some problems. But there are advantages too. One of these is that we get twice as many opportunities to attend national conventions that are held.

We've just received information on two denominations national meetings and they sound like wonderful opportunities for anyone interested in some travel. Please note the following:

The American Baptist Churches, USA will be holding their biennial meeting this year in Pasadena, CA on the dates of June 26 – 28. The agenda is challenging and looks to be exciting. Our newest member, Charlene Hettinger, will be attending and you can also check this out for yourself by going to the following website: www.abc-usa.org

The Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, has allotted us two voting delegate spots for their General Assembly being held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 29 – August 2, 2009. Further information and registration forms can be obtained by anyone interested.

There are "annual meetings", and then there are ANNUAL MEETINGS! These two denominational meetings are outstanding. If you've never been, but always wanted to go...here is your chance. These meetings are truly enriching experiences and those who attend bring many good ideas' back to implement in local congregations. Think about it!

MOVIE NIGHT

Every first Saturday of the month, at 7 pm, will be Movie Night.

The next one will be April 4th and it will be "Dreamer."



"Dreamer", a true story, with Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning rated PG - a perfect family film. It is an inspirational about an injured horse that is nursed back to health. The horse trainer (Kurt Russell) for a wealthy businessman (David Morse) who in turn works for a sheikh who owns the horse, declines to put the horse down when it falls during a race, breaking its foreleg. In exchange for giving up \$3,000 of his wages, the trainer now buys the horse. He and his daughter (Dakota Fanning) and two stable hands, with help from the vet, patiently nurse the horse back to health. They expect only to keep the animal alive; however, its spirit and drive gives them hope that she might actually race again.

Everyone is invited!



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PRAYER LIST



Neda Farnum – Neda would welcome a boost of energy. It's been a long winter and colds and aches just don't seem to go away. Cards and telephone calls are good.

Lou Stevens – Lou is back in her home in Moscow after her back surgery and progress will be slower than she'd like. Cards and phone calls please.

Tammy Leonard – Tammy Leonard - still in the midst of treatment and care. Cards or telephone calls of support appreciated.

Bob and Lois Leonard are also trying to stay well.

Also remember **Pat Gentry, Scotte Hecht, Pete Lanting** and **Rita Boyd** in your prayers.

Reaching out and remembering each other in prayer keeps a church very much alive. Please remember all these people in your prayers and surround them with your support and concern.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S!

16TH - Jean Mouelle

18th - Lois Leonard

17th - Jamie Huffman-Scott

19th - Timothy Garton

IN MEMORY OF PEARL JENSEN

We were recently saddened by the death of one of our long time members, Pearl Jensen. As you know, Pearl had been undergoing a treatment for cancer for some time. Pearl had been very active in the Vandal Booster organization and the community V.F.W. organization, even serving as the Idaho State President from 1992 - 1993. As you probably remember, she also worked in our church's daycare program for many, many years. She had her special pew in the church and was there faithfully until her illness prohibited her from being there. Services were held in Moscow on Saturday, March 28. She will be missed by all of us. Our prayers will go out to her family and all her friends in the community.



EIGHT TO EAT

The Eight to Eat groups have all been meeting and enjoying their meals together. From eight some have had as many as eleven! Some have already met a couple times and we hope plans are ongoing for future get-togethers. Come and join us! Enjoy the fellowship, the good food, and remember that two students have signed up for filling empty seats. If you would like to join a group, email addresses and telephone numbers are posted on the bulletin board at the bottom of the groups list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Retreats Ross Point Baptist Camp in April – information for all retreats posted on bulletin board.
 - April 3rd – 5th Marriage Enrichment Retreat at Ross point Baptist Camp
 - April 17th – 19th Spring Youth Retreat for Junior High and Senior High
- April 4th in Pullman, WA at Pullman Regional Hospital: Ethics, Faith, and Medicine by Bill Kabasenche
- April 17th – 19th American Baptist Women's Ministries / PNW Conference, Clarion – Yakima, WA – registration form posted on bulletin board.



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REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Registration Opens for Special Regional Assembly on May 16th.

Join the NWRCC in celebration as we "Live Forward" into God's rich future with a special regional assembly.

Date: May 16

Time: 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Address: Englewood Christian Church, Yakima

This is a special day in the life of the region – they will be considering:

- ❖ The RISE Ministry Design Plan for the NWRCC
- ❖ The Calling of a new regional Minister
- ❖ Becoming a Global Mission Region

Registration materials can be found at: www.disciplesnw.org/assembly09.html

FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Items that are coming up on the agenda for the Board of Directors for the month of April are mostly the events associated with our end of the year activities. A Budget Committee has been appointed and will meet soon to work out our operating budget for 2009-2010 according to the income we can expect derived from the pledge cards turned in this past month.

A nominating committee composed of the outgoing members of the Board and the Board Chair will also meet to nominate people for the positions of Board Members, members of the Board of Elders and Deacons, and several standing committees. The Board would be most grateful if you can give a positive response if you're contacted for any of these positions.

This year's annual meeting will be April 26th immediately after church followed by a potluck salad lunch in the Fellowship hall. We hope to see you all there.

FROM OUR ELDER'S AND DEACON'S COMMITTEE

The Board of Elders has the following overall focus and goals:

- Responsibility for worship service including pulpit supply, Liturgist, Ushers/Greeters, communion, and elder prayer at communion table.
- Shepherding is also a responsibility of the Elders and includes contacting people in times of trouble as well as paying attention to those specifically under our care via the shepherding lists.
- A member of the Board of Elders/Deacons is also a Liaison with the Board of Directors. Glenda Hawley is the liaison this year.

Pulpit Supply was an important charge for the Board this year with the departure of Roger Lynn. Several people were identified as possibilities. The Board of Directors determined the compensation for pulpit supply during this period and also identified the travel compensation that might be used if supply ministers had to travel and/or spend the night.

Greg Skinner, who was sponsored for ordination and ordained at the United Church of Moscow, was able to fill our pulpit primarily until the interim minister, Warren Jensen, was hired. Kevin Cooper, Bruce Bradberry and other church members filled in as needed.

The shepherding lists were updated and Elders assigned to the lists. Concerns of the fellowship and the shepherding lists are reviewed at each meeting. The Board is also making a more concentrated effort to contact visitors who sign the guest book. Ushers/greeters try to identify visitors and introduce them to the congregation during the morning greeting period.



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FUND RAISER FOR OPERATION EDUCATION

The Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse would like to co-host a community event to raise funds for Operation Education. Operation Education is a scholarship and assistance program for disabled military veterans at the University of Idaho. It is available to military personnel who sustained permanent disability while serving our nation since September 11, 2001. Spouses of qualifying veterans also are eligible for the scholarship. The event will be a spaghetti dinner or chili feed at the 1912 Center on the evening of Sunday, April 19.

The event will feature a speaker from Operation Education who will present a PowerPoint presentation and possibly a graduate of the program. Current students participating in the program will be invited to attend. We will acknowledge their presence and honor the veterans for their service through our thanks and applause after the presentation. A local band will be asked to perform.

We would like to ask members of the religious community to join with us in sponsoring this event. Specifically we need someone with a food handler's license to be present in the kitchen while we cook for the event, people to donate food, people to help cook, and people to help with setup and cleanup.

If your religious community is willing to help sponsor this event, please contact Trish Gardner at tball@turbonet.com or call 208-596-3856. Please help us let our disabled veterans know that we care about them!

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, March 29th, Reta Boyd was reinstated as a member of our church. Reta had been a long time member here and took a brief absence and is now back. We are delighted and want to give her a warm welcome. Cards or telephone messages would be welcomed until she can get to church (some nice warm Spring Sunday) and we can welcome her in person. She lives at the Good Samaritan Home, 640 Eisenhower in Moscow, Apt. #207.

We also want to welcome Charlene Vail Hettinger to our fellowship. Charlene has been attending our church for some time and has chosen now to become a member. We are happy to welcome her. She was to have joined last Sunday but bad weather prevented her from getting here. The weather will get better, and she will be welcomed officially when that happens. In the meantime I have you to know something about her and have asked her to introduce herself. Please meet Charlene.....

I was born and graduated from Snohomish High School in Washington. I attended Sioux Falls College in South Dakota. I also took courses at Multnomah School of the Bible in Oregon, at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas, and at The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. I am retired from CNA, Teaching and Hairdressing.

I attended the Nazarene Church the first nine years of my life and then started attending the Baptist Church. I am devoted to the ministries of American Baptist Women and have been active in Church Women United.

Since my husband died three years ago, I have been pondering how one can leave a legacy to further promote the Kingdom of God. I look forward to serving Him through United Church.

Charlene Vail Hettinger

HELP YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Moscow Food Banks provide for the community, and even though times are tough, they are still here and still need our support. We are fortunate to have food banks that are proud and happy to provide the service and want it to be used as a way to give people happiness and dignity. Our local food banks provide a well needed service to our community. Please help support our food banks by providing personal care items and non-perishable food items such as, Peanut Butter, Hamburger Helper, powdered milk, canned foods, and cereal, and other items that can bring comfort to people. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am – 12 pm Palouse Water Color	2 10:45– 11:45 am Janitorial 5:30 pm AA Meeting	3 10:45– 11:45 am Janitorial	4 Movie Night 7 pm featuring “Dreamer”
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Serving in April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Elders/Deacon</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Communion Prep</u>	<u>Communion Bread</u>
4/05/09	Steve Talbott	Oz Garton	Karen Davis	Volunteer Needed
4/12/19	Glenda Hawley	Volunteer Needed	Donna Francis	Volunteer Needed
4/19/09	Bruce Bradberry	Volunteer Needed	Donna Spencer	Volunteer Needed
4/26/09	Lee Fruits	Volunteer Needed	Glenda Hawley	Volunteer Needed

April Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
4/08	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
4/08	5:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
4/09	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal at Presbyterian Church
4/22	7:00 pm	Deacon’s/Elder’s Meeting

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