



United Church of Moscow February Newsletter 2010

These Things I Love...

My favorite teacher, ever, was Mrs. Paul, my 11th grade English teacher in Albany, NY. Lorraine Paul was an orthodox Jewish woman who'd been a legendary favorite at Albany High for years, but my first semester in her class was her last semester to teach, because she was battling cancer, in 1972. Mrs. Paul taught Shakespeare, grammar and creative writing as if they'd all lead to world peace; she could wring a lesson about love out of a lecture about the correct use of a semicolon.



To open a unit on poetry, Mrs. Paul had us replace Rupert Brooke's words with our own: "These things I love..." we all scribbled a list of adolescent affections, to share them with our classmates. Right alongside her lessons about our writing, Mrs. Paul taught us to listen to one another. As a dying middle-aged woman, Mrs. Paul knew something about living. I think she'd say that the point of being human is to get better at love.

With Valentine's Day here, consider again that which you love. Whom do you love? And what takes you closer to God? Hiking the mountains? Singing out loud with others? Coaxing forth a thriving garden? The point of being human is to get better at love. Believing that Mrs. Paul was on to something, let's love each other by listening well, listening deeply.

May love find you in February—along with peace, and a little rock 'n roll.
Along the road,

Jodie

Blest Be the Tie! Our January Highlight!

January 17th brought the Installation of Jodie as our new pastor! Sixty-two family and friends came to the morning's worship service, and our guest preacher was Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Executive Minister of our Evergreen Association. Music was provided by Ginny, Chris, Brent and Bruce, who sang a lovely version of *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*. It seemed like *everyone* stayed for a lavish spread of sandwiches, beautiful salads, and a delicious cake, frosted with a rainbow. The heart of a pastor's Installation is the promise of love that binds us together, and Iris and Bonnie led the way. *Thank you to all* who prepared this meaningful new start and *congratulations* to the Pastoral Search Committee!



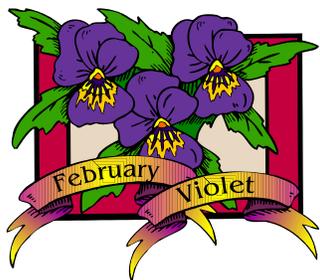
Music was provided by Ginny Garton, Chris Talbott, Brent and Bruce Bradberry.



Pastor Jodie Tooley and Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, Executive Minister of Evergreen Association



February at a glance



February is African American History Month

February 5—Movie Night!

February 5, 6, 7—Vagina Monologues @ Kenworthy (Tiffany's in ensemble)

February 7—United Church of Moscow @ Clark House and Good Sam

February 14—Valentine's Day

February 17—Ash Wednesday

February 21—Josiah's Recital

February 21—First Sunday in Lent

February 24-27—Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival

Joke of the Month

A good joke come 'round again, with thanks to Glenda Hawley



Smokey Macgregor was eager to make a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. When the Baptist church wanted to restore its building, Smokey bid the painting. His price was so low, he got the job.

So Smokey set up his scaffolding and bought his paint, and set to work thinning it with turpentine. Smokey's paint job was nearly complete when suddenly, the sky opened with a loud thunderclap. Rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from the church walls and knocking Smokey clear off his scaffolding. He landed among the gravestones, surrounded by puddles of thin, useless paint.

Smokey knew this was a message from God, so he cried,
"O God, O God! Forgive me! What should I do?!"

A mighty voice spoke from out of the thunder:
"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"



MOVIE NIGHT, Friday, February 5th at 7p: 50 First Dates, with Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Rob Schneider. It is a very funny romantic comedy about a bachelor who meets the girl of his dreams but she has short term memory loss. Every night all memory of her day is erased....



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A wonderful visit with Immaculee Mukakalisa



Oz & Ginny Garton recently enjoyed a wonderful visit with Immaculee Mukakalisa, her son Douglas & her sister Aloysie. They now live in northern Spokane in a lovely home which Immaculee bought 1 1/2 yrs ago. Immaculee now works full time as a nurse (day shift) at the state mental hospital near Cheney, on the Forensics unit. She is also taking online classes to get her MS in Social Work - helping to make community resources available to parolees & released mental patients.

Douglas is now 13 (!), & doing well at a school for gifted & talented students. Aloysie got her degree in business over a yr ago, & is still looking for a permanent job, though she does have a part-time job. Immaculee sends all of the church her greetings & love, & hopes to visit on a Sunday soon, though her usual work schedule includes weekends. She says she looks on all of us as part of her Family, & is very thankful for our support & love thru the years since '95, when the church was instrumental in bringing her here from Rwanda. What a long way she has come!

submitted by: Ginny Garton

Prayer Matters



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

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

- Tammy Lanting (surgery, February 3)
- Scotte Hecht, (vertigo increasing)
- Royce Manning (surgery, recovering at home)
- Royce and Iris Manning's grandsons (guidance, strength, and positive directions)
- Tom Sandell (chronic migraine headaches)
- Scott Davis (Kim's friend—serious injuries following 4-wheeler accident)
- Greg Skinner (interview in Vacaville February 6-- Am Bap/Disciples Church)
- James Leonard (seeks employment and needs community support)
- Betty and Gene Leonard (health, strength, guidance)
- Betty Leonard's mother (esophageal cancer; other health concerns)
- Christine Suquet and Paul Santoro (health, strength, guidance)
- Lucille Green (rehab for broken leg @ Aspen Park Healthcare, Room 203)
- Peter Lanting (@ Good Sam for healing, Room 101)
- Barb Hawley (recovery from surgery continues/long way to go)
- All Lanting Leonards (loving caregivers for Peter)
- Pat & Dale Gentry (health concerns)
- Jenet Johnson (cancer recovery)
- Donna Spencer's parents (health concerns)
- Sheila Batey (seeks to be connected with faith community)
- Duke Addicks (Jodie's friend-- faces blindness with risky surgery)
- Christine Tooley (health concerns)
- People of Haiti, and all traveling to assist
- Pray for Peace



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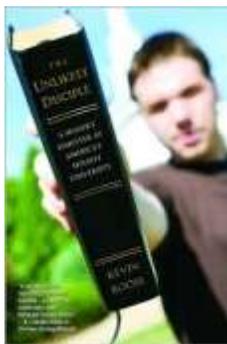


4th - Lee Fruits
7th - Bonnie Nelson
18th - Carol Perkins
26th - Linda Fleener

6th - Donna Bradberry
18th - Oz Garton
20th - Greg Skinner
26th - Ruthanne Keenan Orihuela

The Unlikely Disciple **A Book Review by Bonnie Nelson**

Roose, Kevin. 2009. *The Unlikely Disciple: A Sinner's Semester at America's Holiest University*. Grand Central Publishing. New York.



This book was recommended to me by Rev. Dr. Roger Zimmerman and Rev. Mary Zimmerman. Roger Zimmerman was my pastor at University Christian Church in Hyattsville, MD in the early 1970's. In 2003, he retired from First Christian Church in Lynchburg, VA. While in Lynchburg, he did some work with Jerry Falwell. Kevin Roose, as a writing assistant for A.J. Jacobs, (author of *The Year of Living Biblically*) attended a service at Thomas Road Baptist Church on the Liberty University campus where he met some Liberty University students. Roose, a sophomore at Brown University at the time, son of non-practicing Quaker parents, raised in Oberlin, Ohio, was stymied when the Liberty students asked him "Do you know Christ?"

Following his visit to Thomas Road, he started reading up on Liberty and other evangelical colleges, began to realize the importance of knowing about his Christian peers. He decided to leap the God Divide and try to experience it himself. His peers at Brown were talking about study abroad (i.e. Paris, Barcelona, Munich, etc) in first world capitals with low drinking ages,. From a university perspective, the appeal of these programs is experiencing a foreign culture makes students more informed global citizens. Kevin decided to experience a different culture in his own time zone and enrolled as a student at Liberty University.

Kevin's semester at Liberty is described in this book. It is an entertaining account of following "The Liberty Way" - the 46 page code of student conduct, of trying to reconcile his ultra liberal Brown student persona with the ultra conservative Liberty student body. He sang in the choir at Thomas Road church during that semester sitting behind the pulpit watching Rev. Falwell preach. In a twist of fate, he conducts what would turn out to be the last print interview of Rev. Falwell's life. The interview was reprinted in the funeral program.

This book is a fascinating account of a student experience. For a 19-year old, Kevin writes in entertaining prose. Liberty became more integrated into Kevin than he expected.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Spiritual Mysteries	2 5:30 p AA Mtg	3 10a – 12p Palouse Clear Water Color 7p Choir Rehearsal	4 5:30 p AA Mtg	5 Movie Night Featuring "50 First Dates" 7p Vagina Monologues @ Kenworthy	6 7p Vagina Monologues @ Kenworthy
7 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship United Church of Moscow @ Clark House 2p and Good Sam 2:45p 2p Vagina Monologues @ Kenworthy	8 Spiritual Mysteries	9 12 pm Grief Support Group 5:30 p AA Mtg	10 12 pm Cancer Support Group 7pm Board of Director's Mtg	11 5:30 p AA Mtg	12	13
14 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship Valentines Day	15 Spiritual Mysteries	16 5:30 p AA Mtg	17 Ash Wednesday 7p Choir Rehearsal	18 5:30 p AA Mtg	19	20
21 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship First Sunday in Lent 4 p Josiah's Recital	22 Spiritual Mysteries	23 12 pm Grief Support Group 5:30 p AA Mtg	24 7pm Deacon's/ Elder's Mtg	25 5:30 p AA Mtg	26	27
28 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship	<p>Church Phone: 208-882-2924</p> <p>Church Office email: ucmoscow@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: http://www.unitedchurch.cc/</p> <p>Jodie: If you'd like to speak with Jodie, please call the church at 208-882-2924, or email jodietooley@gmail.com</p> <p>Church Office Hrs: Tues 3:30 – 5 p & Wed. & Fri 8 – 11a</p>					