



# UNITED CHURCH OF MOSCOW

## JULY 2009 NEWSLETTER

### *WORDS FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR*

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I told you all last month that I'm reading John Izzo's book called "Second Innocence.... Rediscovering joy and wonder." It's a good book for me to be reading right now because we're in one of those "life is what happens to you when you're making other plans...." phases of life. John writes in one of his chapters about being selected by the family to make a trip visit to see his grandmother,( who is recovering in a New York Hospital from a broken hip), and there deliver to her the news that one of her daughters had just jumped to her death from the Bayonne Bridge and died. After moments of silence and tears, his grandmother had responded with the words, "John, it takes a great deal of courage to live. Shirley, the poor girl, she never had much of that." John explains that the words were spoken with no cruelty, but with the loving knowledge that only a mother can have.

Those words, "It takes a great deal of courage to live," are very thought provoking. I think it does take a lot of courage to live. Of course, the alternative isn't too great to think about either. There are so many things in life that can get discouraging and difficult, and we all have them. In the midst of all that "life stuff" it does get hard sometimes to not get cynical and in the process forget about the joys and wonders of life. One of my grandson's who lives in Seattle has just had his 6th birthday celebration. Sarah and I didn't know what to get him and finally I took the easy way out. I asked my son what Nathan would really like for his birthday. Do you know what an Optimist Prime Robot is? Well, we certainly didn't. But, thanks to Bing.com and Google.com, a whole new world opened up regarding the toy industry for young children! I remember playing with a big old wooden toy tractor when I was a kid and I thought it was great.... but I'm old now and really feeling out of touch with so much of the world that kids are growing up in today. I really don't understand what the world is like to a child anymore. Maybe some of you can identify with that feeling. I honestly believe the world is changing so fast that if we'd all take a few months off we'd come back into a world we'd barely recognize.

I tell you about Nathan's birthday and our education into modern toys for a reason. I have to confess that after sending off this "Optimist Prime" monster-looking contraption I felt rather energized. It was as if I had learned something and somehow connected to a bridge that brought me back into the world. I think there was even some rekindling of my sense of joy and wonder a bit and I liked the feeling. I don't think it will last long, because that's the way life is for me. I tend to see the serious side of things too much of the time. But, right now at least, I do think I'll look for some other ways to find that spark of joy and wonder in life that is so important to us all.

Last Sunday I felt that sense of joy too. I shared with you a very personal family concern Sarah and I share for the Dubish family, part of Sarah's son Jacob's world, an Independent Baptist missionary team serving in the southern tip of India. Mrs. Dubish flew home to be with her father who had just had a heart attack and then she herself suffered a very serious heart attack that has left her life in question. The family is without funding or medical insurance and the special offering we received produced \$720.00 of encouragement and support for them. I think more importantly, they received a message of love and concern from people they don't even know that will help them sustain themselves far from home, surviving and sharing one room in a near-by hospital as they wait for news. I have a sense of what that kind of support feels like and I know it is appreciated by all. Sarah and I feel fortunate, as I hope all of you do also, to be a part of such a caring community of people who still see the joy and wonder of life and are willing to help keep the dream alive for others.



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Some of you will be traveling this summer. Drive safely and come back refreshed. Find some joy and rediscover the sense of wonder that God has placed in the world for all of us to find. I spoke about our "entitlements" last Sunday and really should have added a third entitlement:

- 1) We are entitled to reap what we sow
- 2) We are entitled to another chance / and
- 3) We are entitled to some joy and wonder.

Pastor Warren,  
Interim Pastor, United Church of Moscow

### *PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE*



The year-long work of your search committee is finally bearing fruit. We have interviewed a prospective candidate first by telephone conference call and then brought her here for a face-to-face interview and time to get more thoroughly acquainted. This also gave her an opportunity to view our facility and size up our committee and both communities. We felt she would be a good fit and she is excited by what she saw here. After negotiating salary and moving expenses, we decided to invite her to come to give a sermon and meet the congregation probably in a social event (picnic or potluck). The date for that is Sept. 13th which would give her time to tie up "strings" before she leaves Walnut Creek, CA. It is very important that you make room in your schedule to be here to hear and meet with her since you will then vote that day on whether or not to call her to be our pastor.

### *2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT*



The 2008-2009 Annual Report is completed. If you would like a copy mailed, or emailed to you, please contact United Church at [ucmoscow@gmail.com](mailto:ucmoscow@gmail.com), or 208-882-2924, and we will send one to you.

### *SUMMER CAMP*

Do you know any High School or older looking for volunteer work?



#### *COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP*



It's a commitment, but you are committed to the youth of this Region, we know it! Several Camps are still in need of counselors at Gwinwood (in Lacey near Olympia, WA):

Kids Camp (Grades 2-3) needs 1 male counselor July 6-9

Chi Rho Camp (Grades 7-9) needs 2 male counselors July 13-18

CYF Camp (Grades 10-Grads) needs 1 each male and female July 13-18

If you would like to apply to counsel at one of these camps, need a registration form, or additional information, please visit the Region's Summer Camp web page at

<http://www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/summercamp.html>



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### *CHURCH RASPBERRY GET-TOGETHER*

Want to try something new? How about a "group-picking" gathering at the raspberry patch as they ripen? We can meet for picking (maybe three or four times) and turn the raspberries into all kinds of goodies! Maybe ask for volunteers who have especially delicious raspberry offerings (shortcake, pie, cake, jam or jelly, or maybe ice cream or punch)---like we used to do for our "chocolate frenzy!" I anticipate two pickings a week (maybe Monday's and Thursdays---mornings or evenings). If the warm weather continues this could happen shortly after the 4th of July. Maybe the Fellowship Committee could coordinate the affair. Let's have your opinions Please contact Barbara Hisel, co-chairman, Property Committee at [bhisel@turbonet.com](mailto:bhisel@turbonet.com) , or leave a message at the church office, 208-882-2924.



### *ICE CREAM SOCIAL*

United Church of Moscow will be having an Ice Cream social on July the 12th at 2:00 PM at Janet Tallbot's house. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board to ice cream or other goodies and to bring their own chairs. Any question contact Christine at 882-5422.



### *PRAYER CONCERNS*



Prayer concerns can translate into actions very easily. Phone calls to friends, a card, lunch on a special occasion as well as personal prayers heal many friendships and issues. Let's remember that we can be creative as we focus on some of the following:

- + A prayer for insight into how important the ministry of our church to the community is! We have something special to share and celebrate. Be thankful!
- + Thanksgiving for a church that talks about peace, acceptance and inclusively in the midst of a decisive climate of prejudices.
- + Energy....it takes some energy to have a mission and establish an identity.... pray for the energy!
- + How about our political leaders...local as well as regional and national leaders. It's tough work and the distractions are numerous.
- + Prayers for the search committee as they proceed with their selection and prayers for our candidate as decisions and callings are thought through carefully.
- + Prayers for the Dubish family.....and other families going through crises.
- + Gene and Betty Leonard as they support James and his family.
- + Tammy Leonard and her family as they work towards recovery.
- + Rita Boyd, Scottie Hecht, Sheila Merle Butler, Pat Gentry, Sheila Batey, Pete Lanting, Viva Grove and Agnes Kottke, who all remain kind of housebound. Knowing someone remembers and cares is good. Sheila Batey Cards and Letters are good for Sheila too, her address is PO Box 156, Winchester, ID 83555.
- + Also, Russ Chrysler, Neva Farnum and Alberta Hill.
- + Our elders need to know how much we appreciate them and depend on them being with us.
- + Add your own special concern for our church family..... be creative and find ways to share it.
- + Pray for the future of our church and for the continued good spirit of love and openness that nurtures and guides our ministry.

Please remember all these people in your prayers and surround them with your support and concern.



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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Mathew Orihuela         | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Helen Tribble |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Isabella Orihuela       | 18 <sup>th</sup> - Barbara Hisel |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> - Phillip Lanting-Leonard | 19 <sup>th</sup> - Jason Hawley  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> - Royce Manning           | 21 <sup>st</sup> - Donna Deerkop |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> - James Leonard           | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Helen Tribble |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> - Zoe Lassen-Purser      | 27 <sup>th</sup> - Cliff Grove   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> - Barbara Hisel          | 31 <sup>st</sup> - Rita Boyd     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - Donna Deerkop          | 31 <sup>st</sup> - Steve Talbott |

### *SERVING IN JULY 2009*

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Elders/Deacon</u> | <u>Liturgist</u> | <u>Communion Bread</u> | <u>Communion Prep</u> | <u>Usher/Greeter</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 7/5         | Alberta Hill         | Volunteer Needed | Alberta Hill           | Volunteer Needed      | Volunteer Needed     |
| 7/12        | Karen Davis          | Christine Suquet | Christine Suquet       | Christine Suquet      | Volunteer Needed     |
| 7/19        | Karen Davis          | Volunteer Needed | Volunteer Needed       | Volunteer Needed      | Volunteer Needed     |
| 7/26        | Lee Fruits           | Steve Talbott    | Volunteer Needed       | Volunteer Needed      | Volunteer Needed     |



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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                                     |
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|  |   |  | <i>1</i><br>10 - 12p<br>Palouse Water<br>Color | <i>2</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg.  | <i>3</i>                                    | <i>4</i><br><i>Independence<br/>Day</i> |
| <i>5</i><br>9:30<br>Morning<br>Worship                                     | <i>6</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>7 pm Spiritual<br>Ministries  | <i>7</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg.                                      | <i>8</i><br>12 pm Cancer<br>Support Group      | <i>9</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg.  | <i>10</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial | <i>11</i>                               |
| <i>12</i><br>9:30 am<br>Morning<br>Worship<br><br>2 pm Ice<br>Cream Social | <i>13</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>7 pm Spiritual<br>Ministries | <i>14</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>12 pm Grief<br>Support Group<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg. | <i>15</i>                                      | <i>16</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg. | <i>17</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial | <i>18</i>                               |
| <i>19</i><br>9:30 am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                 | <i>20</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>7 pm Spiritual<br>Ministries | <i>21</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial  | <i>22</i>                                      | <i>23</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg. | <i>24</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial | <i>25</i>                               |
| <i>26</i><br>9:30 am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                 | <i>27</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>7 pm Spiritual<br>Ministries | <i>28</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>12 pm Grief<br>Support Group<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg. | <i>29</i>                                      | <i>30</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial<br><br>5:30 pm AA Mtg. | <i>31</i><br>10:45 - 11:45 am<br>Janitorial |   |