



## WORDS FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR

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Getting started after a great Memorial Day week-end was hard to do. The weather couldn't have been better, allowing many folks to get those flowers and gardens started while others were enjoying baseball games, outdoor activities, overdue yard work and, I'm sure, maintenance projects. It's a great time of the year!

As you probably know the Church got caught up in this kind of pre-summer routine also. Looking out the office window now gives me a very different perspective. The great big tree is gone! It was removed last Thursday by some very capable fellows who did it professionally and with dignity. Barbara Hisel recorded the whole process with her camera and Lee Fruits has it on our office computer for any who wish to view the process. It was kind of sad for me. Seeing a great big old tree felled is always kind of sad. Trees just kind of stand there doing their thing, while all the time bringing shade and a kind of comfort to all who pass. I, like most of you I'm sure, have a real love for trees. Whatever would we do without them? This one however, was becoming a danger and city officials required us to have it removed. Now we'll have to have a new design for this frontage space. The wheels are probably spinning right now in some of your heads.

On a more positive note (?), the basement is smelling much better as it dries out from the broken water pipe that flooded part of it. All the educational classes held there have been moved to our upper level this week and Barbara and Lee are working with the insurance adjuster to figure out when we can get things back in place. And, the issue of our bathroom accessibility looms on the horizon. And, we can always worry about the roof, and even some of the windows I suppose. We are blessed with a great building, but one that ages like all of us and is always in need of attention and repair. Barbara, Lee and Steve deserve our special thanks this month for all they've been doing.

On June 7th, we begin our summer schedule of services. Some of you will be pleased because you like the earlier hour and some of you will not be so pleased. We'll make do.....that's what a family does!

Please remember one another in your prayers!

Pastor Warren

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

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The Pastoral Search Committee is aiming to choose a person to recommend to the congregation by July 1st. The process has been slowed by committee members being unavailable for meetings, etc. It has been about a year since we started this process which is an average time for filling this position so we are on track. Please keep your prayers for guidance for us.

Glenda Hawley, Chairperson



## SECOND INNOCENCE

Rediscovering Joy and Wonder by John Izzo, Ph.D. Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc. San Francisco, 2004.

I'm reading this book and am finding some helpful thoughts to pass along. Early in the book the author quotes his grandfather who reminds him that "most of life is rowing and if you don't learn to be good at – and enjoy – the rowing, you will grow up to be a very unhappy man." Izzo then explains this a bit further by sharing his philosophy about how one improves his/her rowing technique in life: "It seem to me that it begins with realizing that life is not about where we are going as much as it is about being where we are. How much of our lives are lived with the future as our focus – saving for retirement, waiting for the weekend, counting the days until vacation, looking forward to graduation, the next promotion. We seem destined to believe life will be better when we finally get there. Are you enjoying the moments of your life fully or waiting for some future sunset when life will be what you desire it to be?" Maybe it's a good thought for all of us to ponder in these somewhat less hectic summer days.

Pastor Warren

## A SPECIAL NIGHT OF GOSPEL MUSIC AT THE CHURCH

Direct from Nashville... Tribute Concert Event!

Performing well loved favorites like "Beulah Land" and "How Great Thou Art"

**Blackwood Legacy** with Gospel Music Hall of Fame Member, Rick Price, former lead singer for the **Blackwood Brothers Quartet**

**Thursday, June 18, 7 pm**  
United Church of Moscow  
123 W 1st Street  
Info: 208-882-2924

Admission is Free! Come Early for Good Seating

The Nashville-based "Blackwood Legacy" gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer and Gospel Music Hall of Fame Inductee Rick Price, will be performing at the United Church of Moscow. As a national touring group they will be in our area and we have the privilege of hosting them.

Rick Price gathered some of the most talented artists to create a dynamic Blackwood Brothers tribute concert that features the well-remembered favorites such as Beulah Land and How Great Thou Art, as well as fresh new gospel and worship music. Included in the talent lineup is Washington State native, Luke Yates, a dynamic pianist and vocalist, and former Florida Boys Tenor, Don E Thomas with his signature "high as the sky" tenor voice.

The original Blackwood Brothers are part of history now but their ministry of music continues through several other groups they inspired along the way. Admission is free and a love offering will be received.

***This will be a wonderful and fun evening of music and we hope you will plan to be part of it.***



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## MOVIE NIGHT

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

*The next one will be June 6<sup>th</sup> and it will be "Taos"*



*Our feature movie will be "Taos," starring Rob Hills and Julie Dorris. Rob Hills, as John Wahlberg, is a fast-track lawyer in the prime of his life when he takes a trip to join his girlfriend for a family vacation to Aspen. When his car breaks down stranding him in Taos, New Mexico, he has an opportunity to take a moment to review his life. John Wahlberg works round-the-clock trying to meet the needs of others while ignoring his own. For young John Wahlberg, the unexpected detour of Taos became the rest stop that saved his life.*

*Everyone is invited!*

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## PRAYER LIST

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**Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers as they recover and deal with health concerns:**

- ✦ Our search committee: they're working hard and diligently.
- ✦ Our newly elected church officers: they could have taken vacations or found other ways to spend their time.
- ✦ THE AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION as it prepares for its coming annual meeting
- ✦ Disciples of Christ as they prepare for their annual meeting in June in Indianapolis.
- ✦ Rev. Sandy Messick, recently elected Regional Minister of the Disciples of Christ.
- ✦ Peace for the world, mentioning especially the countries of Iraq, Afganistan, Israel and Palistine, and the people of North and South Korea.
- ✦ Sarah French - recovering from a painful case of Shingles.
- ✦ Lou Stevens - Lou is "out and about" but needs our support and concern.
- ✦ Reta Boyd – Good Samaritan Society.
- ✦ Pat Gentry – still at home.
- ✦ Scotte Hecht who is enjoying being in his home again.
- ✦ Carol Perkins – back home after a check-up in Spokane.
- ✦ Chris and Steve Talbott in the recent death of Chris's sister-in law in Pennsylvania.
- ✦ Peter Lanting who is now continuing to recover back home at Tammy and Jerry's.
- ✦ Jean and Betty Lanting as their family adjusts to changes in their family life.
- ✦ Also pray for our church.

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

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## INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR REVEREND TABITHA ANDERSON

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The congregation of the United Christian Church of Yakima (DOC – UCC) has invited us to attend the Installation Service for their Pastor Reverend Tabitha Anderson, with a reception following. Clergy are invited to participate in the processional with stoles and robes.

The services will take place:

Sunday, June 14th

Time: 3:30 pm

Address: 317 S. 41st Street, Yakima, WA



## THE ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR MISSIONARIES

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We all know the economy has taken some huge hits lately. What we don't always realize is how it impacts the church. Charlene Hettinger recently sent me some information describing the impact our falling economic support is having on our missionary work. While this information refers specifically to the American Baptist side of our United Church, it is applicable to all of our major denominations at the moment and we should be aware of it. Charlene gleaned the following information from the International Ministries website of the ABC Missionaries. The following is from the ABC website:

"The economic crisis has affected us all. International Ministries has reduced their staff by 16% because the Basic Mission Fund has decreased. Last year there was a deadline in the World Mission Offering. This offering helps to support our missionaries around the world. To help with this need, the Luther Rice Society members have offered a Matching Gift Fund. New donors who send \$200 - \$2000 to International Ministries in a missionary's name will be matched by the Luther Rice Society. The deadline for this offer is June 30th. Missionaries will have until September 30th to reach the 100% goal of their support. This is affecting 100+ missionaries serving in 70+ countries."

As you know missionaries in the ABC often solicit funding for their work directly from people interested in their efforts. It connects people in a very personal way to the hands on work being done in other countries. It's something to consider.

## IS IT TOO EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS TALK?

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Maybe it is. On the other hand, sometimes you have to talk about Christmas when the theme enters your mind. I recently came across the mission emphasis from an organization called "ANGEL TREE", a Division of the ministry of the Prison Fellowship Ministries headquartered in Salem, Oregon. Angel Tree is an organization of concerned churches who make a special effort to remember the children of men and women who are incarcerated in one of our prisons. It is a ministry that focuses on the transformation in the lives of the children of inmates and fostering reconciliation between the children, their incarcerated parent and their extended family.

Our prisons house many men and women, separating and sometimes expanding the already fragile family ties that may still exist. When you're in a prison your time and exposure to family life is removed along with many other privileges. The voids this creates in the lives of young children are difficult to surmount and sometimes impossible. The forgotten, and often neglected or abandoned children left behind are the victims of our prison systems too. Angel Tree Ministries works to build and maintain bridges between these parents and their children. They do this by encouraging involvement with the churches and interested persons who reside close to prisons. Christmas Time is big, because it's often a first step for churches to take as they learn how and make the decision to participate in this very needed ministry. Angel Tree makes it quite simple to participate. Church folks purchase gifts and Angel assists in helping with a distribution system at Christmas time, reaching out to the children of men and women who can't do it themselves. It helps a child hang on to the knowledge that a parent still cares and at least is trying to still provide for their needs. Do we need another mission project like this one? I have information in my office and I'm sure our board of elders or even our church officers would be glad to hear of your interest. I think Christmas happens whenever the spirit of Christmas speaks to you. Maybe this is your time to listen.

## IT'S A BOY!

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Oz & Ginny Garton's daughter, Jodi and her husband Adam McClory, at 11:45 am Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, had a baby boy, Orion Sean McClory, 8 lb's 4 oz., 20.5" long; also special because he was born on his sister, Geneva's, birthday.



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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE....

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In case you've been wondering how your life and energy might impact the world in a more significant way here is another idea. Every Friday night, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., a determined group of people gather at Friendship Square to be a reminding presence for peace in the world. On June 19th, the group will also meet at United Church from 7pm – 8pm.

These folks come together from diverse backgrounds and faith traditions and offer their often silent but continuous reminder of the importance of peacemakers in the world. It's an opportunity for your personal statement to the community and to the world. There may be prayers, a quiet witness for a resistance to war and some encouragement toward non-violent alternatives. Originally begun by Emmanuel's Lutheran Peace Fellowship, this group has evolved into the Palouse Peace Coalition and now oversees a local radio show (KRFP 92.5 FM), sponsors numerous panel discussions, a film series, rallies, an occasional volunteer parade and a great peace band. Their web-site is [www.palousepeace.org](http://www.palousepeace.org), or you could email [sperrine@potlatchy.org](mailto:sperrine@potlatchy.org), or call (208)882-7076 for more information. New people are their life-line to spreading the message!

## PROPERTY REPORT - TREE AND BASEMENT NEWS

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Barb Hisel and Lee Fruits have been doing great work in monitoring the property needs of our building and grounds these past weeks. I'm taking the liberty of editing Barb's reports here (the complete reports are posted on the bulletin board off the kitchen area) so many of you can understand more fully what has been happening. Barb has written:

Ashley Day, Insurance Adjuster for Assurance of America, is working with our claim for damage done when a pipe broke under the concrete floor of the old furnace room. Much time was spent measuring and charting the basement area flooded as a guide for compensation for the damage done. We have requested David of Bestway Cleaning, to complete the repairs. Initial estimate about \$1400.00). He is planning to proceed quickly with pad and carpet installation to be completed very shortly. Lee is obtaining bids from Powell Plumbing and McCoy Plumbing on work fixing broken pipes, and the insurance should cover this cost. It appears at this time that the insurance money will cover most of the damages.

Also, because so many have expressed interest, I want to update you on the removal of the diseased Douglas fir tree in front of the church. The wood has been removed, thanks to Brent Bradberry and Adam McClory (Oz and Ginny Garton 's son-in-law). I have contacted Dick Naskali, retired UI botany professor and arborist, regarding whether I need to "treat" the stump area after the grinding (in a week or two) to neutralize any soil infection caused by the diseased tree. He referred me to George Nucombe, UI professor of plant pathology. I am waiting for a reply. Dick Naskali is going to loan me a book on flowering trees to look through to attempt to make a choice for planting. He said to look for "persistent" fruit qualities which means the fruit (like a flowering crabapple, etc,) will remain on the tree to be eaten by the birds and not drop onto the ground to be disposed of (like the little fir cones). I hope to offer a choice of two or three different trees for approval by the congregation.

Thanks for your support and patience.

Barbara Hisel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The Annual Report will be printed and distributed in June. They will be made available at church. If you want it mailed to you, please contact the church office at (208) 882-2924.
- Adult Faith Explorations class will not be meeting in the summer. The class will resume in September.
- The choir will also be taking a summer break and plans to resume in the fall.
- June thru August, Sunday Worship begins at 9:30 am



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:45 – 11:45 am Janitorial  7 pm Spiritual Ministries	2 10:45 – 11:45 am Janitorial  5:30 pm AA Mtg.	3 10a -12p Palouse Water Color	4 10:45 – 11:45 am Janitorial  5:30 pm AA Mtg.	5 10:45 – 11:45 am Janitorial	6 <i>Movie Night</i> 7:00 pm "Taos"
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28 9:30 am Morning Worship	29	30				

## Serving in June

Date	Elders/Deacon	Liturgist	Communion Prep	Communion Bread
6/07	Alberta Hill	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Joan Gustaveson
6/14	Bonnie Nelson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Joan Gustaveson
6/21	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Joan Gustaveson
6/28	Bonnie Nelson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

## June Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting
6/10	7:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting
6/24	7:00 pm	Deacon/Elder's Meeting

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Wed. & Fri 2 pm – 4 pm