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NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



## Not Quite a Month of Sundays

Somehow, 3 Sundays have sneaked into my 19 days as an Idahoan.

That must be a riddle of *chronos* time, and a gift, for time's mysterious expansions have come along with me into my new life and role as your pastor at United Church! I've not lived in Moscow 3 full weeks, but I feel as if I've lived here much longer. I think that's a good thing because it means I'm feeling at home at a lickety-split pace. Maybe it also means we have made a good match.

To be sure, it was hard to leave the 83 degree Bay Area, with a fabulous restaurant beckoning on every corner. My faith community there, Shell Ridge Church, is a thriving sister-community to ours, here. My friends there released me to you with enormous love, a number of good lucks with that cold-weather thing, and a hand-knit hat you may never see me wear. They are genuinely happy for us all, that we will come to shape and enrich each others' lives. I'll miss them for a while. For 19 days, familiar California voices calling on the phone have made my heart pull.



But in my short time here I've heard a few poignant stories, felt deeply for those with pressing concerns, and come up with a couple decent sermons. I know my way to the bank, the co-op, and Kamiak Butte. So far, Sister's Brew is my favorite coffee house, and I'm striving to keep that house on E Street warm. I love the sparkle of a *real* Autumn day and I still mess up on Moscow's one-way streets.

So I'm wading in, to observe and connect, with thoughts and ideas and love for the work. I'm happy to let God be revealed in the unfolding of our ministry together, and believe we have much to look forward to.

Thank you for calling me to the privilege of becoming your pastor.

Let's love each other as God loves us, and let's have some fun.

Along the path,

*Godie*

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## We Welcome Neighbors from Nicaragua

United Church was a busy place  
American Baptist missionaries,  
grow from their lives in  
traveling in the states from  
the good news of their  
life to families in Nicaragua,  
Faith Explorations and in



this weekend. We warmly welcomed  
Ketly and Vital Pierre, whose ministries  
Bluefields, Nicaragua. Ketly and Vital are  
September through December, sharing  
demanding daily efforts to bring hope and  
the world's second poorest country. In

Worship, the Pierres shared their

strategies and stories of Joel and Francisco, who were lost, then found, and eventually, ordained. It's  
clear the Pierres' ministries are helping many folks of rural Nicaragua make a new home in God's arms.

Ketly and Vital Pierres' 4-day visit required beds & breakfasts, transportation, meals,  
entertainment, attention to technology, special treats, borrowed warm clothing, and event invitations and  
coordination.

While we want to be sure to thank everyone who contributed to our  
weekend's success, we share these above-and-beyond awards to:

Alberta Hill  
Donna Francis  
Ginny Garton  
Oz Garton  
Tiffany Thompson  
Christine Suquet  
Lee Fruits  
Lou Stevens  
Charlene Hettinger  
Brent Bradberry  
and Iris Manning

### Sojourner's Voice of the Day

St. Benedict tells me to run to Christ. If I stop for a moment and consider what is being asked of me  
here, and what is involved in the act of running, I think of how when I run I place first one foot and then  
the other on the ground, that I let go of my balance for a second and then immediately recover it again.

It is risky, this matter of running. By daring to lose my balance I keep it.

--Esther de Waal, from her book *Living With Contradiction: An Introduction to Benedictine Spirituality*

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## Tiffany's Treats

To celebrate our weekend with the Pierre's, Tiffany Thompson sent along her recipe for the Pumpkin Bread and Muffins she made for the occasion. Try this delicious recipe out at home! Perfect for Fall!

### Coffee Hour Pumpkin Bread

- 15 oz can pumpkin
- 4 eggs (can substitute  $\frac{1}{2}$  banana per egg)
- 1 cup applesauce (or oil)
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup water
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 cups white sugar
- $3 \frac{1}{2}$  cups flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp ground cloves
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp ground ginger



Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour 1 loaf pan and prepare muffin pan (grease and flour or line with baking cups). Mix pumpkin, eggs, applesauce, water, brown sugar and white sugar until well blended. In separate bowl whisk dry ingredients until thoroughly mixed. Stir dry ingredients into pumpkin mixture until just mixed. Pour into prepared pans. Bake 50-75 minutes for loaf, and about 45 minutes for muffins. Done when toothpick comes out clean.

## MOVIE NIGHT

*The first Friday of the month, at 7 pm, will be Movie Night.*

*The next one will be Friday, November 6th and it will be "The Basket"*

*Starring: Peter Coyote (Martin Conlon), Karen Allen (Bessie Emery), Robert Karl Burke (Helmut Brink), Amber Willenborg (Brigitta Brink) and Jock MacDonald (Nicholas Emery).*

*In the midst of World War I, the people in a small Pacific Northwest town are tired, confused and careful. When a strange teacher with unconventional methods arrives in town to teach them a strange new game called basketball, they react with suspicion followed by enthusiasm. Along with the daily opera lesson he gives, he offers basketball as a metaphor for life, with its focus on the necessity of teamwork.*



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### Joke of the Month

A minister was completing a temperance sermon.

With great emphasis she said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."



With greater emphasis she said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And finally, shaking her fist in the air, she said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, she sat down.

The song leader stood cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing hymn, let us sing #365, "Shall We Gather at the River."

## Announcements

### The Mannings' New Digs

After living many years in Pullman, Iris and Royce Manning will become Lewiston's newest citizens on November 4th! Even though the miles to Lewiston create a new stretch, Iris wants us to know she'll continue to be an active contributor to our faith community here at United Church!

Here's the Mannings' new contact info:

1819 Imnaha Lane  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
(208) 413-6702

### Annual Community Thanksgiving Service Coming Soon

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, organized by the Moscow Interfaith Association, is Thursday, November 19th, 6-7 pm at the 1912 Center. The heart of the service is Thanksgiving storytelling from within our Jewish, Bahai'i, Muslim, Christian and Buddhist traditions. Music will be provided by the St. Mary's School Choir.

### A Creative Call

You are invited to think about ways you can add a creative new dimension to United Church's monthly newsletter! Is there a poem you love, your own or something borrowed? Would you write a paragraph to recommend a book or film you've enjoyed? Have you snapped a photo that our whole community should see? Over the coming months we hope to add a few fresh profiles and images to our newsy connector. If you can help, please be in touch with Jodie or Annette.

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4th - Tammy Lanting  
 5th - Deborah Lanting-Leonard  
 11th - Jeanette Talbott  
 12th - Kalena Suquet  
 15th - Sally Smithee  
 23rd - Loke Elijah Leonard

### ~~~ Raise the Joy of Harvest Home ~~~

Even though we'll worship with others at a Thanksgiving service prepared by the Moscow Interfaith Alliance, we'll celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday here at United Church on Sunday, November 22nd, too. Stay tuned to learn more about a special Sunday of gratitude. We'll enjoy a full and beautiful harvest table and make a way to say a personal thanks to a few people in our lives. Thanksgiving Sunday will prepare us for Advent, which follows soon after. Please place Thanksgiving Sunday into your hearts and onto your calendars.



### Serving in November 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Elders/Deacon</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Bread</u>	<u>Communion Prep</u>	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>
11/01	Bonnie Nelson	Bonnie Nelson	Linda Rasmussen	Bruce & Lois Bradberry	Volunteer Needed
11/08	Glenda Hawley	Christine Suquet	Joan Gustaveson	Oz & Ginny Garton	Volunteer Needed
11/15	Karen Davis	Bob Johnson	Volunteer Needed	Donna Francis	Volunteer Needed
11/22	Lee Fruits	Paul Santoro	Volunteer Needed	Helen Tribble	Volunteer Needed
11/29	Bonnie Nelson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Bob & Lois Leonard	Volunteer Needed



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>2 Janitor Spiritual Mysteries</p>	<p>3 Janitorial AA Mtg 5:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Palouse Clear Water Color 10am – 12pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm</p>	<p>5 Janitorial AA Mtg 5:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Janitorial Movie Night "The Basket" 7pm</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>9 Janitor Spiritual Mysteries</p>	<p>10 Janitorial Grief Support Group 12 pm AA Mtg 5:30 pm</p>	<p>11 Cancer Support Group 12 pm Board Meeting 7p</p>	<p>12 Janitorial AA Mtg 5:30 pm</p>	<p>13 Janitorial</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>16 Janitor Spiritual Mysteries</p>	<p>17 Janitorial AA Mtg 5:30 pm</p>	<p>18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm</p>	<p>19 Janitorial AA Mtg 5:30 pm Community Thanksgiving service at the 1912 Ctr – 6 pm</p>	<p>20 Janitorial</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30 am Adult Education 11:30 am Thanksgiving Sunday</p>	<p>23 Janitor Spiritual Mysteries</p>	<p>24 Janitorial Grief Support Group 12 pm Deacon's/ Elder's Mtg 7pm AA Mtg 5:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Janitorial AA Mtg 5:30 pm</p>	<p>27 Janitorial</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30 am Adult Education 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>30 Janitor Spiritual Mysteries</p>	<p><b>Church Phone:</b> 208-882-2924  <b>Church Office email:</b> <a href="mailto:UCMoscow@gmail.com">UCMoscow@gmail.com</a>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.unitedchurch.cc/">http://www.unitedchurch.cc/</a>  <b>Pastor's Office Hrs:</b> office hours will be determined soon.                      If you'd like to speak with Jodie in the meantime, please call the church at 208-882-2924, or email <a href="mailto:ucmoscow@gmail.com">ucmoscow@gmail.com</a>  <b>Church Office Hrs:</b> Tues 3:30 – 5 p.m.                      Wed. &amp; Fri 8 – 11a.m.</p>				