



UNITED CHURCH OF MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER FINAL PASTORAL CANDIDATE

The Pastoral Search Committee and the Board of Directors for The United Church of Moscow are happy to announce that after looking at fifteen candidates and interviewing four, we have a candidate to present for the position of Pastor for our congregation. She comes highly recommended by our area ABC Regional Minister, Dr. Marcia Patton. Her name is Jodie Tooley, currently the Associate Pastor/Pastor Intern for the Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek, California.

Ms. Tooley has a BMin from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, an MS from Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and an MDiv from the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, California. She has a varied work history involving music therapy, community action projects and hospital chaplaincy as well as being an associate pastor.

Ms. Tooley began her career as a registered musical therapist working as Director of Musical Therapy with troubled patients for six years at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She worked with a small HMO in St. Paul, Minnesota, for four years cultivating productive relationships with hospital and clinic physicians and administrators to provide affordable health care for all. She was the executive director for the Thomas-Dale District 7 Planning Council, St. Paul, for seven years working to restore affordable housing for the disadvantaged. Ms. Tooley was the Conferences and Training Manager for the League of Minnesota Cities for seven years producing large and small conferences and training events for elected officials, and managed a budget of \$500K. After moving to California she served as a Chaplain Resident for several years in two diverse Bay Area hospital systems delivering interfaith spiritual care services to the ill and dying patients and their families. Her current position is the Associate Pastor's position mentioned above in Walnut Creek, California.

We've invited Ms. Tooley to deliver the message on Sunday, September 13th. There will be a potluck brunch at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall so you will have an opportunity to interact with her before she delivers the Sunday morning message at 11:00 am. A secret ballot will be cast by church members immediately after the close of the worship service. If you will not be able to attend, an absentee ballot may be requested from Chris Talbott, clerk, at (208)882-2130 or sctalbott@gmail.com. Return the ballot to The United Church, 123 W. First, Moscow, ID 83843 by September 13th.

The Search Committee is unanimously impressed with Ms. Tooley's enthusiasm and expertise. They believe she possesses the skills to guide our spiritual growth and to implement the projects our congregation identified in our Visioning Session last fall.

HELLO FROM JODIE TOOLEY

Hello to you all as the early autumn air sparkles with the excitement of new beginnings! September 13th is in sight! Soon I'll pack a bag and fly your way to meet you all, and begin to hear the stories that have shaped and formed your lives, your faith, and community. Our stories give substance to our faith, and deepen our connections with those around us, including those neighbors Jesus asks us to love. Last month I wrote about a call to ministry that pried me loose from Minneapolis—like Abraham, I was shown a wildly unfamiliar place. In this month's paragraph maybe you'll enjoy learning that I adore my three nieces: Carrie, Rachel and Erin. I never turn down ice cream, nor skimp on chocolate. I love baroque music, especially the cello's deep voice. I dig spicy food, PBS, and Ann Patchett's wise and elegant writing. As much as anything, I love to laugh!

Since I'm eager to cultivate our relationships, I'm committed to planting their roots in truth. It's important to me that you're aware that I prefer women when the time is right to fall in love. Your Search Committee folks have been terrific. They have confidence in your Welcoming & Affirming stand and they have encouraged me to share my truth, my way.

These days my only traveling pal on the Idaho road is my pup, Bailey, though we carry with us the love of a large community of family and friends! I know God created each of us in God's image and loves us more than we can imagine. I hope you do too and I welcome your questions and stories anytime.

Stay tuned to learn more about me during my upcoming visit and before long we'll share time together over a great cup of coffee.

Faithfully,
Jodie



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CROP HUNGER WALK! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

"I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

Matthew 25:35

"If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much room." African proverb. Provocative? Yes! But occasionally we need a nudge to get us out of our ruts and our comfort zones. See below for a fun way to gather with friends and neighbors and put your feet to the street to help those in need.



PHOTO: JOSEPH LYNDON, III

Join our local CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 11, starting from the Pullman end of the Chipman Trail at 2:00 p.m. The 10K (6.2 miles) Walk will follow the Pullman Greenway to downtown and continue on the path paralleling Grand Avenue to Terre View St., then return. All are welcome to walk or run and raise money to help Church World Service provide both emergency aid for victims of natural disasters and long-term aid for impoverished people here and abroad. Pullman and Moscow food banks benefit, too. CWS returns to us 25% of funds raised here.

From grants for disaster relief in the U.S. to wells and seeds for farmers in Africa to sewing machines for beginning entrepreneurs in Indonesia, CWS brings appropriate and lasting aid to areas in 80 countries. Partnering with local agencies, CWS builds networks ready to respond directly and quickly.

In these times when the world's woes often seem insurmountable, you can respond through action. Walking brings out our empathy with those who must walk far for food or water. Donating allows CWS to bring help where it is needed. Gathering pledges spreads the awareness of need and allows others to join the fight against human suffering.

Bring your friends and family and neighbors, and join the crowd! Come at 1:30 p.m. to register, bringing the top sheet of your pledge envelope. Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome but no other wheels, please. The family dog is welcome, too, on a leash. Questions? Call Joyce Strattion, 332-2216 or Nancy Mack, 332-6252
CWS Website: www.churchworldservice.org

AB GIRLS CONFERENCE IN HOQUIAM

Charlene Hettinger just returned from hosting several young women at the AB Girls Conference in Hoquiam at First Baptist Church, August 21-23. The following is her report of the experience.

AB Girls stands for American Baptist Girls In Relationships, Leadership, Service. We had 18 girls in attendance coming from Anacortes, Maple Falls, Seattle, Spokane, Kennewick, Tacoma, Aberdeen, and Hoquiam.

Our Bible Study leader was Rev. Jackie Saxton from Austin Seminary, Austin, Texas. The theme was "Wild About Jesus." One of the scriptures she used was Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." She spoke about doing new things. What new things are you doing? How do we relate newness to our faith? She had the girls move around to get acquainted with someone new. For some, going to the beach was a new experience since they hadn't seen the Pacific Ocean before. Some of us went to the beach in a Van and it got stuck in the sand so we had to get out and push it out of the RUT.

Next year the conference will be at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Seattle.

Thank you for your prayers,
Charlene Vail Hettinger



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PRAYER CONCERNS

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:

- Russ Chrysler - benefiting from some rehab and rest after some heart issues. Doing well and would appreciate cards, calls or visits.
- Tammy Lanting - heading off to Spokane for further surgery. Tammy does so well keeping up with others it would be good to remember her with calls or cards or visits. (If you can catch her.)
- Scotte Hecht - still enjoying being at home. Emails, cards or calls are appreciated.
- Sarah French - in Oklahoma again with her mom going through more tests. Lots of worry and stress as the diagnosis and treatment plan is put together.
- Agnes Kottke - residing now at Good Samaritan Home. Cards or visits would be good.
- Peter Lanting - also residing at Good Sam's..... visits or cards are welcomed.
- Reta Boyd - recovering and feeling better. Cards or calls or visits good. Good Samaritan Center #207.
- Barbara Hisel - getting ready for some more Dr. / Hospital time. Calls, Cards, and interest are welcomed. Barb has worked so hard to help in the church redecorating project.
- Joan Gustaveson - doing well and appreciative of your concern.
- Frank and Linda Fleener - lots of work / a bad foot / downsized and our-sourced / not a good valley to be in right now. Some caring support is good.
- Lou Stevens - enjoying her car again / not enjoying her son's heart problems. Calls, cards, and visits all good.

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

WORDS FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR

On August 12th I submitted my resignation as your Interim Pastor to the Board of Directors. It was submitted and received with very mixed feelings. I began my work with you in July of 2008 and have grown during this time to appreciate you and all you are as a Church, very much.

My work would have been ending shortly anyway, obviously because of the progress now being made in the search for a new pastor. The health concerns of Sarah's mom in Norman, Oklahoma have pushed us to make rather a quick decision to relocate to that part of the country. Sarah has resigned her position at WSU and accepted the position of Assistant Director of Disabilities and Student Services at Oklahoma City Community College in Oklahoma City, beginning on the 1st of October. We will be moving there on the 22nd of September, or, at least I will; Sarah could be going sooner depending on the health concerns of her mom.

I will continue my work here until then and will be with you for my final Sunday on September 20, a week after you have had the visit from your Pastoral candidate. I want you all to know how much I have enjoyed my time and work with you over the past months. Sarah and I both feel we have grown and benefited greatly as people through our associations with you. This is a special church and you are very fine people. We will miss you and we can only thank God that we have had this opportunity to spend this time with you on the journey.

We will look forward to hearing exciting things about your future and pray for God's continuing guidance as you move forward.

Warren Jensen, Interim Pastor



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The flat-roof reroofing job is completed except for a few final details. RMR Roofing removed all the old remnants of the former roofing materials and called attention to some problems with the roof-mounted unit controlling the interior air conditioner. Lee Fruits arranged for this repair and supervised the progress of the job and feels the finishing details will be completed soon.

The exterior painting job is nearing completion! The contractor, Jim Stivers, has been extremely agreeable to include "extra jobs" as they develop. As you know, the banisters on the ramp entrance were power-washed and painted to match the darker color on the north side of the building. I also asked that they paint this same color on the standing sign in one of the front flower beds (identifying the Even Start Program downstairs). Linda Rasmussen volunteered to choose the new colors, and the resulting combination looks great.

The new south door has been installed in time to fit the painting schedule. The replacement of the cracked window around the corner from the south door needed to be tempered glass so it should be installed in time for the trim to be painted. Varnishing the interior side of the sanctuary windows will be done by Donna Francis and Charlene Hettinger after the exterior painting has been completed. No plans have been made at this time to cover the "gold" paint on the inside of the window frames (which is visible from the outside).

The ornamental crab-apple tree has been purchased and will need to be planted as soon as the painting is finished. The specific variety of crab-apple tree I had wanted was not available until spring so I chose a different one which may be even better---the leaves are unusual and also have a color (not green) that will blend even better with the new paint colors. Hopefully volunteers will come forward to help plant this tree. In the meantime, Prairie Blooms Nursery is caring for the tree.

Joan Gustavson, with help from her daughter Janice Becker, have been busy improving the plantings from the ramp to the alley. The foundation plantings have been changed to shade-loving varieties. They have been applying a preservative to the timbers bordering the three flower beds and will continue this around the property as time permits. There is a need to replace a few missing sections of these timbers.

The future of the "Library" has been turned over to the Board of Directors for a decision. Barbara Means cleaned the shelving and inventoried the contents. If anyone has any suggestions, please feel free to visit with Iris Manning before their meeting in September.

Barbara Hisel, Co-Chairman, Property Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Adult Class on Sunday Mornings: We will be studying the DVD series "Living the Questions" starting on September 20. Come join us for an opportunity to learn and discuss issues and questions concerning topics related to faith.
- Choir resumes Sept. 2: Looking for a chance to sing with a fun, informal, non-professional group? Then our church choir could be just right for you! We rehearse on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and sing for worship services once per month on the Sunday following the third Wednesday. In September, we will also sing on September 13th for the special service with Jodie Tooley. The honor of directing will be shared by Josiah Stocker, Chris Talbott, and maybe another musical member or two!
- The 2009 Annual Reports have been handed out at church in August and if you would like yours sent through the mail, please let us know. There will be no September congregational meeting since passing out the annual reports is typically the only reason for that meeting.
- We have a unique opportunity to participate in the University Inn's reimbursement program. If you save and turn in your receipts from *The Pantry* and *The Broiler* to the church office, we can receive 10% back in a cash donation. When turning in receipts, please remember that receipts must be sent in within 30 days of the original transaction.
- For your interest: Sharon Kehoe just returned from her study time in France. We are delighted to welcome her back safely and will hope to hear something of her research in the future.



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

13th - Kyle Hawley

19th - Karen Davis

16th - Gene Leonard

23rd - Sandy Cooper

16th - Sheldon Russell

17th - Brandon Suquet

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Carlinville, Illinois, July 25th -31st ☆ Women...Destined for God's Purpose

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands." Psalm 138:8 NIV

Our Bible Study leader, Reverend Betty Wright-Riggins spoke about the Perils of Destiny. Some of her quotes were:

- ◆ Do we have rooms in our houses that we don't live in?
- ◆ You can't be where God wants you to be without getting our hands dirty.
- ◆ Are my choices God's choices?
- ◆ You can't make a disciple if you are not in relationship with someone.
- ◆ God needs to prune us so we are available for God's service.

At a workshop on "Know Your Purpose," Reverend Carol Shannon stated that every Christian will have a time in the wilderness during this life. Our wilderness experience is uniquely designed for each of us. No two experiences will be the same for two different people. The duration of your experience depends on how long it takes for you to learn and/or surrender to God's will.

During Free Time the DVD of Nick Vujicic from the Biennial was shown. He is a paraplegic sharing his life in the "wilderness" and in the Word.

The AB Girls took a missions tour to visit one of our Christian centers in Peoria. They learned one of the buildings needs a handicap ramp which would cost \$1,700. That evening they presented the program and designated the offering be used for the ramp.

At the White Cross workshops the AB Girls jointed us and together we rolled 50 bandages that will be sent to the Congo where our missionaries, Bill and Ann serve in health clinics and the hospital. I have been asked to send the White Cross Quotas to our Inland South Area Churches this year.

In New Hampshire, youth collected 60,000 pennies to represent 60,000 children in hunger. Now they are asking you to help collect 14,000,000 pennies to represent 14,000,000 children in poverty in the United States and Puerto Rico. A pamphlet about this project will be posted on the bulletin board.

Last month, I wrote about Rainbow Acres. While at the conference, I introduced myself to the representative from Rainbow Acres. She said, "I heard about you. Those ranchers look forward to those birthday cards from you." I will place their last booklet by the bulletin board.

Charlene Hettinger



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SERVING IN SEPTEMBER 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Elders/Deacon</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Communion Bread</u>	<u>Communion Prep</u>	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>
6 th	Volunteer Needed	Bob Johnson	Joan Gustaveson	Joan Gustaveson	Volunteer Needed
13 th	Volunteer Needed	Oz Garton	Volunteer Needed	Brent Bradberry	Volunteer Needed
20 th	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Tammy & Jerry Lanting-Leonard	Volunteer Needed
27 th	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Bonnie Nelson	Volunteer Needed