



# THE UNITED MESSENGER

Newsletter of The United Church of Moscow  
an American Baptist/Disciples of Christ congregation  
Roger C. Lynn, Pastor

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## Notes From The Journey . . .

Sometimes the journey is slow and steady. And sometimes it seems to be racing ahead at breakneck speed. And the shift from one to the other can happen very quickly. That is a good description of my life in recent days. As many of you are aware, the last few months of the year found me at the center of a whirlwind of love and relationship. If there have been occasions when I have seemed distracted and pre-occupied, this is why. My life has taken on a variety of new and multi-dimensional layers. It all seems a little crazy at times, but it also seems very, very good. I have found someone to connect with in deep, intimate, and life-transforming ways. My faith in God is being enriched and expanded as I learn to share my life with someone whose values and beliefs closely mirror my own, even as she expresses those values and beliefs with different language, images and metaphors. We are learning to trust each

### Thank You

Words of thanks are so inadequate to express how much I value this congregation and the positive and supportive relationship we have developed and maintained over the years. Your incredible Christmas gift is but the latest example of your generosity. It highlights the love and support you offer me on an ongoing basis. In the midst of wild and crazy wedding plans, I can assure you that the money will be well spent and greatly appreciated. Thank you. - Roger



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other and we are learning to trust God's presence in the midst of our relationship. I am excited and awed and overwhelmed as I look towards the days and months and years ahead, not because we can predict how the future will take shape, but because we continue to witness on an ongoing basis what can happen when we dare to risk allowing God's love to shine in us and through us.

I am so very appreciative of the ways in which this congregation has reached out to embrace Veronica and Maia and Zoe with your love and acceptance. Thank you for your gentle, loving support. You have once again re-affirmed what I have long known to be true - you are a remarkable community of which I am proud to be a part.

- Roger

*Veronica Lassen & Roger Lynn  
invite you to join them in celebrating their marriage  
at a reception on Saturday, January 24, 2004  
in the Moscow Jr. High Multi-Purpose Room  
1410 East "D" Street • Moscow, ID*

*There will be a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m.  
& a contra dance beginning at 7:30 p.m.*

*- Potluck Suggestions -*

*A.G. - Hors D'oeuvres / H.R. - Main Dish / S.Z. - Salad*

*For those unfamiliar with contra dancing, please don't panic.*

*It is very beginner-friendly.*

*There is a caller who teaches every dance.*

*Just remember to wear comfortable shoes & clothing.*

*It is a wonderful community experience  
guaranteed to leave a smile on your face.*

*Your presence is the only gift we desire.*

*If you feel moved to give an additional gift,  
there will be a "Honey Pot" available  
for contributions to the honeymoon.*



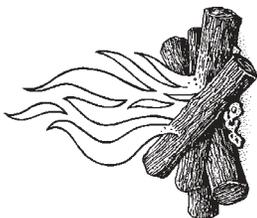
*Please RSVP by January 15, 2004  
reception@rogerlynn.com or 208.882.2562*

## Taking Down The Greens & Tree Burning Party — January 4th

Immediately following worship we will be taking down the greens from the sanctuary.

Then at 5 p.m. we will gather out at the Leonard farm on Robinson Park Road for a tree burning bon-fire to light up the new year.

You are invited to bring the tree from you home. Dress warm. Come join the celebration.



## Christmas For Kids Update

Again this year our participation in the Christmas for Kids program was significant. We provided gifts for eight families with a total of 14 kids. Each child received a minimum of five gifts. In addition, there was enough extra money to pick up 21 additional tags from the Christmas tree at Walmart. Money collected, through the efforts of the Crafters and from direct donations, totalled over \$900. Thank you for your generous support to this very important project.



## Snow Removal Volunteers



You can get in on the ground floor of something new and exciting and very helpful. Sign up now to be a snow removal volunteer at the church. This would be for Sundays only. There is a list posted on the bulletin board across from the office. There is space for two volunteers for each Sunday when snow is likely. You can sign up for one Sunday, or several. It's sort of like a lottery. If snow falls on your Sunday, you win! The walks and ramps would need to be cleared on Sunday morning by 9 a.m. Thank you for your help with this important task.

## Tables & Chairs

The board recently authorized the purchase of new tables and some new chairs for the fellowship hall. The tables will be much lighter-weight, which will allow them to be put up and taken down with much less strain. There will even be a few round tables. If you would like to contribute to this special project, you can make the check out to "*The United Church of Moscow*" and make a note that it is for the "*Table & Chair Fund.*" Once the new tables arrive, there will be several of the older tables available for "re-distribution." If you donate enough money to purchase a new table, you can take possession of one of the old ones, on a first-come-first-served-while-supplies-last basis. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.



## Sound System Upgrade

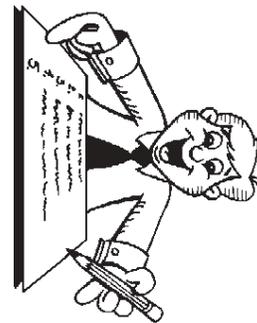
Thanks to a special memorial gift in memory of Louise Hecht, the sound system in the sanctuary has been significantly enhanced. The upgrade includes a new pulpit microphone, which will provide much improved pick-up for the variety of voices which use it. Also included is a wireless microphone that will allow amplification for those parts of the service which take place away from the pulpit, such as communion, moments with the children and the benediction. And we now have a hearing assistance system, which includes individual transistor radio devices with headphones through which the service will be broadcast. If you have trouble hearing parts or all of the service, please ask for additional information.

## Personal Glimpses

Congratulations to *Kara Hawley and Keith Bonine*, who became engaged on Christmas Eve. They have not yet set a date for the wedding.

*Bonnie Wallace* spent some time in the hospital in December, following a heart attack. She is now back at Good Samaritan Care Center.

*Brent Bradberry* spent some time in the hospital after a sudden onset of pneumonia, septic shock and organ failure. He is vastly improved and recuperating at home.



## Welcome To Our Newest Members

In December *Clinton and Mo Westberg* officially placed their membership with this congregation. They have been actively participating with us for some time. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to meet them, be sure to seek them out and get acquainted.

### Celebrating Birthdays . . .

. . . *In January*

2nd - Lisa Hawley  
5th - Mariah Talbott  
13th - Iris Manning  
15th - Shaylee Martling



28th - Scotte Hecht

. . . *In February*

6th - Donna Bradberry  
7th - Bonnie Nelson

26th - Linda Fleener

16th - Lou Stevens  
21st - Naomi Blacker  
21st - Agnes Kottke  
22nd - Dale Gentry

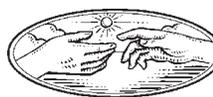
18th - Oz Garton  
20th - Greg Skinner

*If we've missed your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records. We want to include you.*

## Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

An introduction to Nonviolent Communication (aka Compassionate Communication) will be offered Wednesday, January 28, 7-9pm in the basement of the Yellow House, next to the Unitarian Universalist Church at 420 East Second Street. A 13-week NVC Study Group will be held Wednesday nights, 7-9pm, in the Yellow House basement starting February 4.

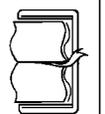
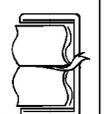
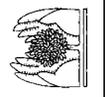
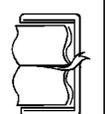
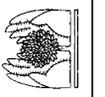
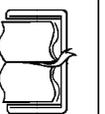
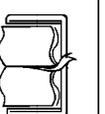
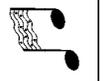
Nonviolent Communication is a process designed to help get everyone's needs met, personally and globally. As we study NVC we learn the difference between needs and strategies, the violence of rewards and punishments, why we experience depression and how to heal from that, and the true message of anger. It is not about being nice; it is about connecting compassionately with yourself and others so that all forms of violence not only become unnecessary, but impossible. The workshop is based on Marshall Rosenberg's book: *Nonviolent Communication, A Language of Compassion*. This is an understanding of communication that is particularly useful for parents, workers, bosses, husbands, wives, anyone who has parents or relatives, and those interested in the peace movement. Please call *Veronica Lassen*, 334-0326, for more information.



**Sign Up To Help With A Variety Of Needs At The Church**  
Your assistance will make a big difference at the church.  
Sign up now to provide communion bread, to serve as an usher/greeter, to shovel the walks to provide soup for the Campus Christian Center, or to serve as a liturgist during worship.  
Check out the bulletin board across from the office.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Fellowship Fund 5:30 PM, Tree Burning Party @ Leonard Farm 	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>6</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study resumes 	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM, Watercolor 10:00 AM, Bible Study resumes 	<b>8</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 6:00 PM, Elders/Deacons 	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>13</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study 	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM, Bible Study 2:00 PM, Sunshine Club 	<b>15</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 2:00 PM, Care Center Worship 	<b>19</b> MLK Jr. Day 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>20</b> no Bible Study today 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 	<b>21</b> no Bible Study today 7:15 PM, Board Meeting 	<b>22</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM, Roger Lynn & Veronica Lassen Wedding Reception Potluck & Contra Dance 
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>27</b> no Bible Study today 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 	<b>28</b> no Bible Study today 	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
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