



Notes From The Journey . . .



Spring is upon us and Easter is a week away! The hills of the Palouse are showing more and more signs of green. The birds are singing in the early morning hours. The crocus and daffodils and tulips are in bloom. Even the grass is going to require mowing in the very near future. New life is everywhere you look. At Easter we celebrate the resurrection, which is one way of talking about

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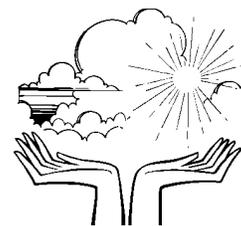
God's gift of life. But so often we limit our thinking to some narrow understanding of life in heaven after we die. It is so much more than that, and it begins right now in this and every moment. Jesus said, "I came that you might have life, and have it abundantly!" I'm pretty sure he wasn't just talking about some other life in some other dimension in some future reality. Over and over again he points us to what it takes to experience abundance in our present living. It is about letting go of our need to be in

control. It is about reaching out beyond ourselves to embrace both God and the world. It is about opening ourselves to the transforming love of God that is always available to us from such a wide variety of sources. It is about giving up on judging and restricting and limiting, and immersing ourselves in celebration and abundance and freedom. It is about seeing God's reflection in everyone

and everything. It is about actively seeking God's peace and wholeness and light, even (especially) in the midst of the turmoil and brokenness and darkness which seems so pervasive. And it is about recognizing that all of this is already true, if we will just open ourselves to it. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "In God you are light! So live like children of light!" Let us continue to celebrate the God of abundant life. Experience that life in your living. Share that life with the world. Thanks be to God. - Roger

Prayer Team Being Formed

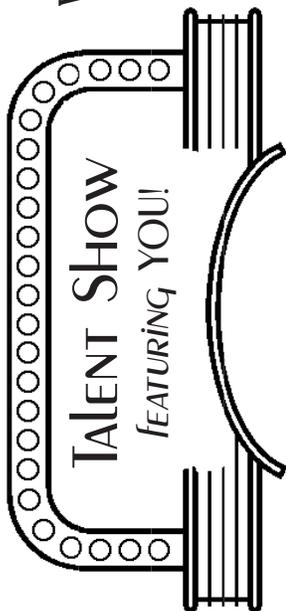
After a conversation with one of our older members who can't get out of the house much anymore but still wants to participate in the life of the church and community, the idea was born to form a Prayer Team. Details of exactly what this would look like have not been completely worked out yet, but members of the Prayer Team would commit themselves to pray for the congregation every day, and would also serve as a prayer chain for specific prayer concerns as they come up. Participation would be open to anyone, but it might be a particularly attractive idea for those whose activities have become more limited but still have a desire to contribute. If you are interested, please contact Roger Lynn.



Talent Show — Saturday, April 24th — 6 p.m.

We have so much talent in this congregation and it takes such a wide variety of forms. Plan to come share in an evening of fun and laughter as we celebrate our gifts.

If you would like to participate with your own talent (be creative), please contact Christine Talbott as soon as possible so we can plan the program.



Holy Week Opportunities



Maundy Thursday — April 8th — 6:30 p.m.

Every year we participate in a soup supper and worship with the Methodists and the Presbyterians. This year it is the Methodist's turn to host the event and our turn to bring the fruit. If you would like to provide one (or more) plates of fruit for a table of eight, please contact Roger Lynn. Join us for this simple meal and time of worship on Thursday evening.

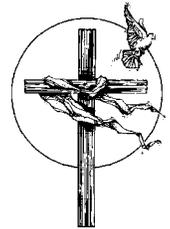


Community Good Friday Worship — April 9th — 12:15 p.m.

This worship experience will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church. It will last less than an hour, so you can attend over your lunch hour. Plan to join us.

Easter Potluck Brunch — April 11th — 9:30 a.m.

Easter morning we will gather in the Fellowship Hall and share our favorite breakfast goodies in our annual Easter Potluck Brunch. Bring your table service, bring your appetites, bring your friends. Join us!



Hearing Assistance System Now Available

There is now assistance available for those who have trouble hearing what's being said during worship. Just ask the usher/greeters for one of our new hearing assistance units — a small radio-like device with an earpiece. It picks up everything that is coming through the PA system, and you control the volume. This system (along with the recently installed new pulpit microphone and wireless microphone) was a memorial gift in memory of *Louise Hecht*.



The New Tables & Chairs Have Arrived

You've been hearing about them for months and now they're here. The Fellowship Hall has new tables and chairs. There are short and long rectangular tables and round ones — all much lighter than the old ones. This will allow us a variety of options for setting up the Fellowship Hall, depending on the size and nature of the event. These were a gift from an anonymous donor.



Congregational Meeting — Sunday, April 25th — Following Worship

This brief but important meeting is for the purpose of voting on a slate of officers for the coming year, and to approve the proposed budget for the coming year. In addition, we may be voting on some proposed amendments to the By-Laws. All materials that will be voted on will be available for review beginning Sunday, April 11th. Plan to attend the meeting and let your voice be heard.



Personal Glimpses

We keep *Lou Stevens* in our prayers as she continues to recover at home following recent knee surgery.

Welcome home *Bob & Lois Leonard*, and *Lois's sister Carol*. They have returned from their extended trip to Florida where they were successful in selling Carol's home.

And goodbye to *Lew & Doris Ann Smith*. After more than a year of trying to sell their home, they now have a buyer, which means they will soon be moving to Boise to be closer to their daughter. They will be missed.

We continue to keep *Chris Talbott* in our prayers. Recent tests to diagnose a skin condition were inconclusive. It appears that whatever it is will be very treatable, but she won't know final results for several months.

Donna Spencer is recovering from a very serious infection in her arm. Please keep her in your prayers.

Joan Gustavson has been experiencing some heart trouble. She is following the doctor's advise to take it easy while new medication is being tried. Your prayers are appreciated.

Congratulations to *Immaculee Mukalisa*, who became a US citizen last month at a ceremony in Spokane. Several people from the congregation were able to attend. To see some pictures you can go to: www.unitedchurch.cc/immaculee/immaculee.html. Then next month she will be graduating from nursing school and will be the featured nursing student during the graduation ceremony at WSU in Pullman.

Celebrating Birthdays . . .

. . . In April

13th - Allene Goforth

17th - Jamie Huffman-Scott

22nd - Donna Spencer

18th - Lois Leonard

19th - Tim Garton

. . . In May

1st - Monica Diteman

3rd - Hillary Talbott

4th - Bruce Bradberry

10th - Don Jensen

14th - Christine Suquet

16th - Kara Hawley

16th - Veronica Lassen



21st - Marian Barber

23rd - Jeremy Eaton

23rd - Jodi Garton

24th - Maia Lassen-Purser

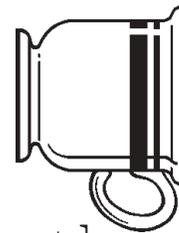
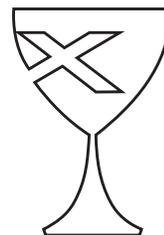
26th - Glenda Hawley

28th - Ginny Garton

29th - Rob Macy

Regional Assembly — May 21-23 University Inn Best Western in Moscow

The NW Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will hold it's biennial Regional Assembly here in Moscow on May 21-23. This is a great chance for you to get a taste of what's going on at the regional level of our church. There will be a variety of workshop opportunities, along with a work project at the Campus Christian Center. In addition, we will have the opportunity to worship on Sunday morning with several hundred people from around the region. There are also several jobs that will need to be filled by local volunteers. For registration material, or to volunteer to assist, please contact Roger Lynn.



Mug Racks Have Been Installed

Thanks to the creative efforts of Oz Garton, we now have two beautiful mug racks installed on the walls of the Fellowship Hall, next to the kitchen.

This will allow us to use fewer disposable cups, and will allow you to express yourself by bringing in a favorite mug. There is a permanent marker on the counter so you can put your name on the bottom of your mug. Just remember, it will be your responsibility to wash your mug.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Palm/Passion Sunday Daylight Savings Time Fellowship Fund 6:00 PM, Elders/Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM, Special Board Meeting	5 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries	6 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study	7 10:00 AM, Watercolor 10:00 AM, Bible Study 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 PM, Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship	9 12:15 PM, Good Friday Community Worship	10
11 Easter 9:30 AM, Potluck Brunch 11:00 AM, Easter Worship	12 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries	13 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study	14 10:00 AM, Bible Study 12:00 PM, Cancer Support 2:00 PM, Sunshine Club 7:00 PM, Board Meeting	15	16	17
18	19 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries	20 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study	21 10:00 AM, Bible Study 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24 6:00 PM, Talent Night
25 12:00 PM, Congregational Meeting 2:00 PM, Care Center Worship	26 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries	27 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study	28 10:00 AM, Bible Study	29	30	1 May
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— Calling All Graduates —
If you or someone in your family
is graduating this year
(high school, college,
graduate school, whatever),
please contact Roger Lynn
so your congregation
can celebrate with you.