

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

Notes From The Journey . . .



I feel like I'm still catching my breath from this summer. I spent lots of time getting ready to go somewhere, going there and then catching up from being gone so I could go away again. There was vacation time away (the Grand Canyon and Whistler BC). There was the Disciples General Assembly in Portland. And there was church camp at Zephyr. And suddenly summer is winding down and autumn is upon us. And so we shift mental gears and keep rolling on. Students are back in town, bringing with them the energy and vitality that enlivens our communities. I hope we will be able to attract some of them to join us this year. Our children's program is also growing (slowly), and with that growth comes new challenges, such as securing additional help on Sunday mornings (see article elsewhere in this newsletter). We also need everyone's assistance in inviting families with children to worship with us. Please be on the lookout for who you can invite. And the "Think Big Task Force" has been at work developing possibilities for ways to improve our

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building. Watch for news from them in the coming months.

And then, putting all of the "busyness" of our lives into perspective, we find ourselves watching the unfolding devastation of Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast. I cannot quite fathom the circumstances which people there must be facing, but I am encouraged that we are a part of a faith community which extends beyond our walls and is reaching out with both spiritual and physical assistance. The Disciples'

Week of Compassion and the ABC's One Great Hour of Sharing funds made initial grants totaling almost \$30,000 within 24 hours of the storm. Lots more will follow. We will be collecting a special offering to support such efforts. We will also be joining our spirits in prayer.

I continue to be grateful that I have the privilege of being a part of this wonderful congregation with you. Let us move into this new fall season with a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm for the task of truly being God's church together. - Roger

Fall Schedule Begins Sunday, September 11th



On the Sunday following Labor Day we return to our Fall Schedule, which includes a Potluck Brunch at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship at 11 a.m. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to join you for breakfast and worship. See you then.

Bible Study Resumes Tuesday, Sept. 13th @ 7 p.m.

On Tuesday evenings Roger Lynn leads a Bible Study discussion which focuses on the lectionary texts for the following Sunday. Participants in this study have frequently commented that they feel better prepared to listen to the sermon during worship because they have a clearer understanding of the background and nuances of the scriptures. You are invited to join us for this stimulating study.





ABC Evergreen Association Third Annual Meeting

“Out of Many... One: So That All the Peoples May Know”

October 14-15, 2005

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church

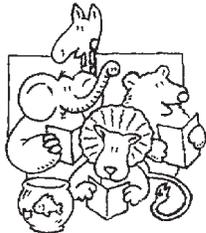
Renton, Washington

Contact Roger Lynn for additional information.



New Choir Season Begins

With the beginning of Fall we are resuming the church choir. They rehearse on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. and they sing during worship on the Sunday following the third Wednesday. If you are interesting in singing with the choir, talk to *Kezia Schrag* (who we welcome into her new position as choir director this fall) or just show up for rehearsal.



Help Wanted for Children’s Church Program

We are in the process hiring two people to work with our children on Sunday mornings. One will be a Children’s Church Coordinator. The other will be a nursery attendant. If you know of anyone who might be interested in either position, please contact *Sandy Cooper* or *Roger Lynn* ASAP.

Campus Christian Center 75th Anniversary Banquet -- Saturday, September 17th

The Campus Christian Center is 75 years old this year. To celebrate, they are hosting a “homecoming reunion” on the weekend of September 16-18. A variety of events are planned, but the centerpiece of the weekend will be a banquet to be held at the University Inn Best Western on Saturday, September 17th beginning at 6:30 p.m. You are invited. Special guest speaker for the evening will be the *Rev. Dr. Rod Romney*, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Seattle. For additional information, including how to buy a ticket for the banquet, contact *Roger Lynn*.



NVC Workshop Being Offered -- Sept. 9th & 10th

NonViolent Communication (or Compassionate Communication) empowers people to resolve conflicts and live more fully by providing a framework which fosters deep understanding, empathy and respect. A series of workshops is being offered by the Compassionate Communication Network of the Palouse on Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th. For additional information, check out their web-site (*www.palousecc.org*) or contact *Veronica Lassen*.



Care Center Worship -- Sunday, Sept. 11th @ 2 p.m.

It is our turn once again to lead worship for two of the Care Centers in our community. On September 11th we will be going to Clark House at 2 p.m. and Good Samaritan at 2:45 p.m. On October 23rd we will be at Aspen Park and Latah. If you would like to participate in this meaningful experience, please contact *Roger Lynn*.



Personal Glimpses

Congratulations to *Linda & Frank Fleener*. They became grandparents for the first time with the birth of *Jaden Lynn Tanner*. Jaden, along with her parents *Brian Tanner* and *Jessica Kempner* are doing well at their home in Portland.

Karen Davis had successful knee surgery in August. She is recovering well.

Vanessa Suquet, daughter of *Paul Santoro and Christine Suquet*, had emergency surgery earlier this summer to deal with kidney stones and is making a slow recovery. Christine returned home early from a trip to France to help care for the grandchildren.

Bob Germain suffered from a mild case of Guillain-Barre Syndrome in June. It is an acute disease of the peripheral nervous system in which the nerves in the arms and legs become inflamed and stop working. This causes sudden weakness leading to limb paralysis, and a loss of sensation, sometimes with pain. Recovery has been slow but steady.

Congratulations to *Dirk Vanderwall* who was honored this summer as the Theriogenologist of the Year by the American College of Theriogenologists (the veterinary clinical practice and scientific study of animal reproduction). The award was for his work with the UI team who worked on the first mule clones.

Celebrating Birthdays . . .

. . . *In September*

13th - Kyle Hawley
16th - Gene Leonard
16th - Sheldon Russell

19th - Karen Davis
23rd - Sandy Cooper
23rd - Pearl Jensen

. . . *In October*

4th - Betty Leonard
5th - Wolf Deerkop
11th - Janice Doyle
13th - Dick Sanchez
14th - Ian Cooper



15th - Bob Germain
17th - Neva Farnam
19th - Sharon Macy
25th - Alberta Hill
31st - Paul Santoro

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

Welcome Newest Members



On Sunday, August 7th we welcomed *Barbara and Bob Means* as official members of our congregation. Barbara joined us by being baptized and Bob joined by transfer of membership from another congregation. It is always exciting when someone makes this important step and we welcome them.

Hurricane Katrina Disaster Response

Both the American Baptist Churches USA & the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are responding to the Hurricane Katrina crisis. The ABC Week of Compassion fund has responded with an initial gift of \$10,000 and the Disciples Week of Compassion fund responded with an initial gift of \$18,000. As congregations and individuals make additional donations more will be given. These funds provide one of the most effective ways to respond because they make use of already existing networks. You can make contributions through our congregation, designated for "*Hurricane Disaster Relief.*"



Order Your Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea & Cocoa

We use "fair trade" coffee from an organization called "Equal Exchange."

They also have a variety of tea, hot cocoa and baking cocoa available.

*We will be placing an order soon and you are invited to order some for your own use at home.
The order form is available in the fellowship hall.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Fellowship Fund	5 Labor Day 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	6 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	7 10:00 AM, Watercolor 7:00 PM, Choir 	8	9	10
11 9:30 AM, Potluck Brunch 11:00 AM, Morning Worship 2:00 PM, Care Centers 	12 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	13 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study 	14 12:00 PM, CancerSupport 2:00 PM, Sunshine Club 7:00 PM, Board Meeting 	15	16	17 6:30 PM, CCC 75th Banquet 
18	19 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	20 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study 	21 7:00 PM, Choir 	22	23	24
25	26 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	27 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Bible Study 	28 7:00 PM, Elders & Deacons 	29	30	1 • October •
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