



The United Messenger

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



- March 2008 -

Notes From The Journey . . .



During this season of Lent in which we find ourselves, we have been focusing on wilderness stories - those occasions when the presence of God is discovered in experiences which take us beyond our usual comfort zones. Over and over again, if we pay attention, we find ourselves surprised by God in ways which we could never have imagined. God's amazing

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gift of life is always fresh, always new, always surprising. Our Lenten reflections on wilderness will eventually lead us to the celebration of Easter, when we remind ourselves once again that there is nothing which can keep us from the abundant life which is found in God. I look forward to worshipping with you in the coming days.
- Roger

A Huge Thank You!!!

A host of individuals contributed their time, talents and energies in a wide variety of ways towards helping to make Greg Skinner's Ordination a truly memorable experience. To all who helped clean the building - to those who helped plan the service - to those who participated in the service - to those who helped with the reception - to those who cleaned up afterwards - to those who shared their presence in attending the service - to those who supported the effort in their prayers: THANK YOU! It was an experience which many of us will not soon forget.

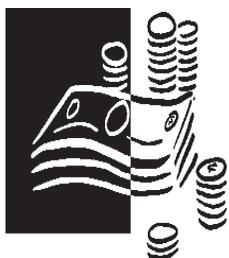
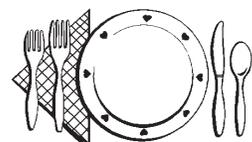


Maundy Thursday - March 20th - 6:30 p.m.

It is a long-standing tradition for us to share a Maundy Thursday service with our friends in the local Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. This year is our turn to host the event. We share a simple meal (soup, bread, fruit and cheese), followed by worship around the tables. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to provide a pot of soup. Plan to join us for this meaningful experience.

Easter Potluck Brunch - March 23rd - 9:30 a.m.

On Easter Sunday morning we will gather in the fellowship hall to share a meal together. You are invited to bring your favorite breakfast treats. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to join you.

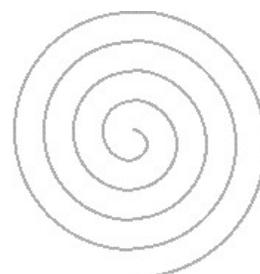


Stewardship Commitment Sunday - March 30th

On Sunday, March 30th we will receive "Estimate of Giving" commitment cards during the Morning Worship service. If you are a regular participant in the life of the congregation, you will receive a mailing early in the week prior to that Sunday. It will contain information about our Stewardship emphasis, along with a commitment card. When it arrives please give this material your full, thoughtful, prayerful attention. Your participation in the financial support of this congregation is vital.

Adventures in Spiritual Play - Sunday, March 30th at 7 p.m.

Last November we offered a series of opportunities designed to help us explore new and creative ways of praying and experiencing our spiritual connection with ourselves, each other and the sacred presence. The response was very positive, and so we will be offering similar opportunities in the next two months. On Sunday, March 30th and Sunday, April 27th at 7 p.m. we will engage in experiential activities involving "doodling" with color, lines, shapes and words, as well as exploring the use of various other artistic mediums such as clay and paint. No artistic talent is required and everyone is welcome.



NW Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Regional Assembly: "Borderland"

May 16-18, 2008 at Englewood Christian Church in Yakima

Join your Northwest Disciple family at the regional assembly for worship and other opportunities to help us find our way through these open spaces at the edges of our times. Registration information can be found at: www.disciplesnw.org/assembly08.htm

Celebrating Birthdays . . .

1st - Clint Westberg
18th - Heather Leonard



. . . *In March*

14th - Calvin Macy
19th - Joan Gustaveson
23rd - Dolores Sanchez



16th - Bret Barber
20th - Donna Francis

5th - Mariah Suquet
19th - Tim Garton

. . . *In April*

13th - Allene Goforth
22nd - Donna Spencer

18th - Lois Leonard
29th - Larry Francis

Personal Glimpses . . .

Lou Stevens had surgery this week to repair her broken neck which she sustained in a fall back in December. The surgery went well.

Please keep *Pat Gentry* in your prayers. Pat has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently receiving chemo therapy treatments.

Congratulations to *Greg Skinner*, who was ordained to the Order of Christian Ministry on March 2nd. It was a powerful service of worship.



K-House Auction – April 5th – 5:30 p.m.

The Common Ministry at WSU will sponsor their 20th Annual Buffet/Auction fundraiser at St James Episcopal Church in Pullman on Saturday, April 5, 2008, beginning at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available from Alberta Hill.

Campus Christian Center is Our Partner on the UI Campus

We continue to support the ministry of the Campus Christian Center on the UI Campus. A schedule of their weekly programs is available at their web-site: www.cccenter.org



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March / April	9 Daylight Saving Time Begins 5th Sunday in Lent	10 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	11 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	12 12:00 PM, Cancer Support 7:00 PM, Board 	13 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	14	15
	16 Palm / Passion Sunday	17 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	18 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	19 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	20 6:30 PM, Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship	21	22
	23 9:30 AM, Easter Potluck Brunch 	24 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	25 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	26 7:00 PM, Elders & Deacons 	27 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	28	29
	30 Stewardship Sunday 7:00 PM, Adventures in Spiritual Play 	31 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	1 5:30 PM, AA Meeting • April •	2 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	3 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	4	5
	6 Fellowship Fund	7 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	8 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	9 12:00 PM, Cancer Support 7:00 PM, Board 	10 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	11	12



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- Special Music -

If you play a musical instrument or sing, and would like to provide special music for worship some Sunday this summer, please contact Bruce Bradberry.