

Thursday's Thoughts

a weekly e-communication to keep our community United...

Scripture Text & Sermon for 19th Sunday after Pentecost: Psalm 137;
Layers of Grief, Preacher, Rev. Dr. John H. Doty (That's our John Doty!)

Serving Sunday: Liturgist-- Lee Alan Fruits; Elder-- Lee Fruits; Communion Bread baker-- Linda Rasmussen; Communion prep-- Alberta Hill; Usher-- Veronica Hennessey & Patrick Barnes; Special Music-- Paul Santoro

Sunday's First Sunday!: That means you're encouraged to bring non-perishable items for our Milestones Box. It also means you'll find a yellow envelope inside your bulletin in case you can spare an extra check or stash of cash. All First Sunday contributions defray the large property costs we've had in recent years, and continue to bear.

Faith Exploration: 9:30a!

John Doty continues to lead us through the adventure presented by *Walking the Bible*-- a PBS documentary based on the book by journalist, Bruce Feiler. Feiler's quest takes us to the real-life places named by the stories of scripture, raising thoughtful conversation. Terrific cinematography: imagery both ancient and contemporary from across the world! Feiler discovers that his yearning to touch the places of the Bible is taking him closer to God than he ever anticipated, and his journey by foot, jeep, rowboat and camel is fast becoming a journey of the heart and spirit. Come watch awhile and add to discussion as it suits you! Hot coffee's just one blessing of this hour together.

Growers' Table @ United Church! Not to rush time, but October's pretty much here! It's also World Communion Sunday, a great day to offer nourishment to each other. Bring a few of your garden's delicious gifts, if you can spare and share.

News 2 Use

Friday, October 1 @ 5:30p-- Peace Vigil @ Friendship Square. "Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside. I ain't gonna study war no more."

Friday, October 1, 7p-- NO Movie Night @ United Church! Movie night is

CANCELLED this month due to an audience scattered to the winds. We'll pick up Movie Night again in November. So make a great new Friday night plan: Go out to dinner. Cook at home. Call up a friend. Rent a flick and pop some corn. Do something you enjoy!

Sunday, October 3-- Faith Exploration @ 9:30a: (PBS adventure: *Walking the Bible*, by NY Times Journalist, Bruce Feiler); **Worship @ 11a. (John Doty, preaching);** This Sunday's also First Sunday-- see note above.

Wednesday, October 6, 7p-- Choir Rehearsal (la, la, la, La, LAAAH!)

Jodie's on Vacation, October 1-12. Tomorrow morning I fly east to spend a week with my big brother, Steve, who's treating me to a week at his home in Maine, on Keezar Lake, near the New Hampshire border. I'm thrilled! I have never seen his new home, and can't wait! Hopefully, Fall colors will be spectacular. On the way home I'll drop into Minneapolis for two days to celebrate the retirement of my own pastor, leaving Judson Church after 10 years of ministry there. This is my first vacation in several years, so thank you for your warm wishes as I get ready to kick back!

Pastoral Care While Jodie's gone. If you need conversation with a pastor while I'm on vacation, please call Bonnie Nelson, Chair of our Elders & Deacons. Bonnie's numbers are: 509/334-6403 (home) and 509/844-7418 (cell). Bonnie can connect you with one of our Elders, happy to help. If it's urgent, another option is to call Rev John Doty @ 509/339-3937 (cell).

Tear Soup. Roger Lynn has given our faith community a tender and meaningful gift. Look for our new copy of *Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss*, a story by Pat Schwiebert and Chuck DeKlyen. It's the story of Grandy, who has just suffered a big loss, and so she cooks up her own unique batch of tear soup. Grandy blends different ingredients into her own grief process. Illustrations are outstanding, as well as ideas to bring to the grieving process. Roger has given us this wonderful book, in loving memory of Veronica. *Thanks, Roger. Thank you.* We'll use it and treasure it.

New October Things Cooking @ United Church:

October 17-- Harvest Potluck. Bring something to share to this traditional, all-church Potluck! Also, recall your summer's highlights and share a tale or two. If you have a few photos to share, bring them. If you can email us summer pics,

please email them to jodietooley@gmail.com by October 10, and we'll have a projected photo collage of sun and travels!

October 24-- Blessing of the Animals. Yes! Bring your well-mannered pets/animals to worship @ 11! Please bring them on leashes, and in carriers and cages. Our pets and animals are a rich and beautiful part of God's Creation! We love 'em.

October 31-- Our XL Fifth-Sunday Hymn Sing! It's our first Fifth Sunday to enjoy a fire-up-and-keep-singing Hymn Sing morning, with most of our worship hour given over to music and prayer! Old favorites and new! Something for everyone!

The Welcome Table: Encore Thanks! Thank you, to ALL who participated in September's community ART project, The Welcome Table! Thank you for bringing your fabrics, dinnerware, and treasures to our Welcome Table! Thank you for sharing your stories that tumbled from your ancestry, travels, special moments of your lives! Our project was held and supported by substantial detail cared for by its Steering Committee: Ginny, Lee Alan, Sandy, and Tiffany. Thanks also to Bonnie, who lent us several card tables and fabrics! Thank you, ALL! What a wonderful, connective time, creating together!

Lovely Leftovers. There are a few place settings of dinnerware left here following last week's end to The Welcome Table project. They're safely stored on the large table in Fellowship Hall. Please carry them back home as you can.

This Week's Jodie's Palouse Adventure. Today, sun warmly shining, I made my way to the 1912 Center to enjoy today's Senior Lunch as Lou's guest! I had a blast! The Old Time Fiddlers were today's entertainment, so I got to see and hear Lou play the piano and sing a solo! BIG applause! The Fiddlers played an hour-long set (yikes!), and I think my favorite tune was She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain. Lunch was hearty and quite tasty, and the folks were friendly and welcoming! Lou, thank you for being such wonderful company today! I will happily join you (and others from our community) there again soon!

Beautiful Granite Bench. If you haven't met our newest addition under our pines, please take time to get to know the beautiful bench installed as a memorial to Pearl & Don Jensen! Before long we'll dedicate the bench and properly thank all who had a hand in bringing it our way. We hope the Jensen memorial bench will offer an inviting, restful stop for those who pass by.

Ready 4 Prime Time. Our Men's Restroom sports a spiffy new W-I-D-E-R door and a roomier inside to make it more accessible to folks needing space for mobility! *Thank you, Property Committee!*

Listen Up. Mid-September through Christmas, listen to Northwest Public Radio (FM 97.1 and AM 1250) for United Church of Moscow Sponsorship announcements. Help us get out the word that United Church is the place to be!

This Week's Photos:

- 1-- Lou plays piano with Fiddlers
- 2-- Lou plays in the distance
- 3-- Steve uses Scotte's dinner plate @ The Welcome Table
- 4-- A bit of Welcome Table

Can U Help? We continue to seek non-profits with missions consistent with ours, looking for space to rent. We have open opportunities on our downstairs level, attractive, roomy, and affordable spaces. Please help us connect with an organization who's in the market for new digs.

October/November Snapshot:

- Oct 1-- Movie Night CANCELLED for October
- Oct 8 & 9-- Evergreen Association Annual Meeting
- Oct 10-- Moscow/Pullman CROP Walk
- Oct 1-12-- Jodie takes off for Maine & Minneapolis
- Oct 12-- Music & Worship Committee
- Oct 17-- Harvest Potluck (Think: What I Did Over My Summer Vacation)
- Oct 24-- Blessing of the Animals
- Nov 5-- Movie Night @ United Church
- Nov 13-- Game Night
- Nov 18-- Moscow Interfaith Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1912 Center
- Nov 21-- Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov 28-- First Sunday of Advent

Special Thanks This Week: *Thanks!* to John for preaching and worship leadership, next 2 Sundays! *Thanks!* to Paul for playing and singing for us, this Sunday! *Thanks!* to all who helped break down The Welcome Table project-- especially Kevin, who wasn't on the steering group! *Thanks* to Tom for dropping

off a really big supply of food to share with others who need it! *Thanks!* to Joan for watering, weeding, and baking! *Thanks* to Lee for clean gutters and attention to holey walls!

Prayer Matters:

The following folks have asked to be included on our prayer list.

Please keep them in your hearts this week.

If you'd like to add yourself or a loved one to our Prayer Matters list, just be in touch.

- Betty Leonard (stepmom died)
- Lou's granddaughter (domestic violence)
- Lou's son, Dave (heart diagnostics)
- Jerry Leonard (due home from Colorado hospital stay, today)
- Bruce, Carl, Brenda, Brent Bradberrys (Christian sympathy, loss of Lois)
- Donna Spencer (Donna safely home from Edmonton-- mom declining and on dialysis)
- Welcome Home, Christine! (Christine home safely, Wednesday afternoon)
- Bonnie Nelson (New grandson, Mitchell!)
- James Leonard (struggling to make ends meet)
- Mike Whitney (Lee Alan's friend, liver transplant derailed)
- Monita Westberg (seeks connection and encouragement)
- Peter Lanting (@ Good Sam, healing, encouragement. 640 N. Eisenhower, Room 111)
- Karen Duran (Jodie's friend, breast cancer diagnosis)
- Karen Davis's friend, Red (healing)
- All folks affected by torrential rains and flooding, midwest and east coast
- Our Muslim friends whose lives are in danger; faith is marginalized
- People of Pakistan (devastating floods, not enough aid)
- Bill and Liz Clement (Sandy Cooper's dad and stepmom-- dealing with Liz's malignant lesion)
- Patrick Barnes' grandmother, Bertha (cancer)
- Leona Nelson (health declining)
- Iris and Royce Mannings' grandchildren (guidance, strength, wisdom)
- Scotte Hecht (Thanks, Scotte, for lending dinnerware to The Welcome Table!)
- Miners trapped in Chilean mine

- Pat & Dale Gentry (health concerns, cancer recovery)
- Christine Suquet and Paul Santoro (health, strength, guidance)
- Jenet Johnson (cancer recovery)
- Sheila Batey (seeks to be connected to faith community)
- Our seniors who face challenges of aging

Mid-Week Poem:

October

by Robert Frost (1874-1963)

O hushed October morning mild,
thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
should waste them all.

The crows above the forest call;
tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
begin the hours of the day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.

October blessings, as this month sneaks up.

See you in 12 days!
Please leave the light on.
Jodie

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Lou plays piano with Fiddlers.jpg
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Lou plays in the distance.jpg
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Steve uses Scotte's plate @ The Welcome Table.jpg
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One table of many.jpg
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