

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



Notes From The Journey . . .



It is Stewardship Emphasis time again. Because our congregation operates on a May to April fiscal year, this is when we spend some time focusing on matters of money and giving. The old complaint is that all the church ever does is ask for money. But the truth is that I really enjoy the opportunity to reflect on the issue of stewardship, not because I like asking for money but because it is a chance to think

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about priorities and values. Where we invest our resources (time, talents and treasures) says a lot about what is really important to us. Our actions do, indeed, speak louder than our words when it comes to matters of faith. I also believe that we have a need to give which is woven into the very fabric of our being. Unless we are reaching out beyond ourselves to touch the lives of those around us, we are cutting ourselves off from part of what it means to be

truly and fully human. Of course that will look different for each individual. There are some among us for whom large financial gifts represent only

the beginning of what they are capable of giving. For others, money is so tight that their giving will take other forms. Healthy, faithful stewardship is not a one-size-fits-all program. It is not about obligations and requirements and rules.

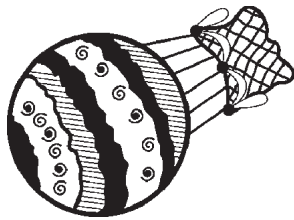
It is about learning and growing and trusting and participating in the mission of God's church. In the next few days, I hope you will give serious and prayerful consideration to how you will respond to this stewardship challenge. A positive and generous response, in whatever form that takes, will have a dramatic impact in your life, in the life of this congregation, and in the life of the world. Together may we continue to grow in God's abundance.

- Roger

Stewardship Emphasis

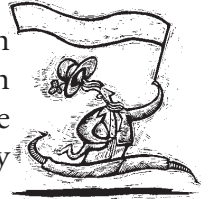
On Sunday, March 13th we will receive "Estimate of Giving" commitment cards during the Morning Worship service. If you are a regular participant in the life of the congregation, you will receive a mailing early in the week prior to that Sunday containing information about our Stewardship emphasis and a commitment card. Please give this material your full and thoughtful attention when it arrives. Your participation in the financial support of the congregation is vital.





Friday Night at the Movies — March 11th — 7 p.m.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day this month, our movie selection is an old family classic — *Darby O'Gill & the Little People*. Bring popcorn and other movie-type snacks. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to join you at church. Come enjoy the evening with us.



Adult Faith Exploration Class — Sundays — 9:30 a.m.

The adults who gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings are currently watching & discussing the video series "God at 2000" which features seven diverse scholars reflecting on the question,

"What is your image of God?"

Join us for this lively and provocative series.

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship March 24th — 6:30 p.m.



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

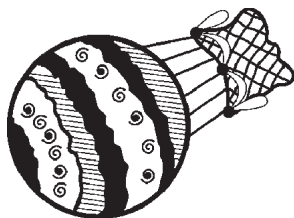
Disciples General Assembly July 23-27, 2005 — Portland, Oregon

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a biennial event which draws together five to ten thousand people from across the country and around the world. It is part worship service, part educational event, part service project, part business meeting and part family reunion. It moves around the country, but only rarely shows up on the west coast. The last time it was out this way was 1981 in Anaheim. Before that it was 1969 in Seattle. Portland represents the closest opportunity for you to participate for many years to come. If you are at all interested in attending, contact Roger Lynn for more details. You can also check it out on the web at www.disciples.org/ga05/.



Think Big Task Force Update

The "Think Big" Task Force was just recently revived after several years of laying dormant. The purpose for the group is to envision, explore and develop projects related to building improvement for our congregation which will enhance our ministry and mission. The group is currently focusing on the need to make our building more accessible to people, regardless of their physical limitations. Our facility presents several significant challenges in the area of accessibility. Attention is also being given to the condition of the roof over the sanctuary. There are several other smaller projects which are also being looked at. As these discussions move forward additional details will be shared. Members of the Task Force include: *Sandy Cooper, Scotte Hecht, Alberta Hill, Iris Manning, Steve Talbott, Dirk Vanderwall and Roger Lynn.*



Personal Glimpses. . .

Congratulations to *Hillary Talbott-Williams*! She successfully defended her Masters thesis at the University of Idaho. She has also accepted a job with the Forest Service in Silver City, New Mexico as a soil scientist on the Gila National Forest. She will be moving this month. Her husband, *Mark*, will join her later in the spring.

Mariah Talbott and *Shannon O'Malley* arrived safely back in the US after several months of travelling in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. They were here in Moscow for a very brief visit before returning to Arcata, CA, where they will packing up and preparing to move. Sometime in April or May they will be moving to Bozeman, Montana.

Celebrating Birthdays . . .

. . .In March

14th - Calvin Macy
16th - Bret Barber
18th - Heather Leonard
18th - Lew Smith



19th - Joan Gustaveson
20th - Donna Francis
23rd - Elaine Russell
23rd - Dolores Sanchez

29th - Doris Ann Smith

. . .In April

13th - Allene Goforth
18th - Lois Leonard

19th - Tim Garton
22nd - Donna Spencer

23rd - Dolores Sanchez

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

Welcome New Member



On Sunday, February 27th we welcomed *Lee Fruits* into the fellowship of our congregation. Lee has been worshipping with us for a couple of months now and decided to make it official. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, please introduce yourself and get acquainted.

Opportunities To Serve

There are plenty of ways for you to get involved in the life of the congregation. Here are a few things you might consider volunteering for: serving as liturgist; serving as usher/greeter; baking communion bread; preparing communion. Sign up sheets for all these jobs are posted on the bulletin board across from the office.



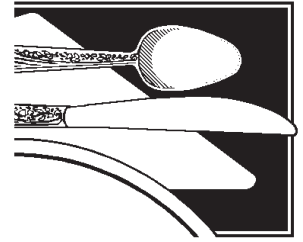
Other Upcoming Activities In The Months Ahead

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship
Thursday, March 24th @ 6:30 p.m.

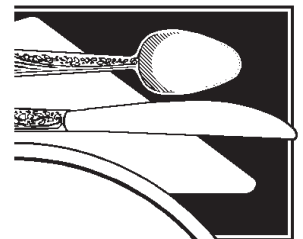
Easter Potluck Brunch
Sunday, March 27th @ 9:30 a.m.

Talent Night & Group Sing-A-Long
Saturday, April 23rd @ 7 p.m.

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 24th following Worship




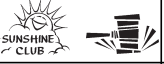



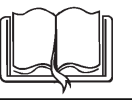






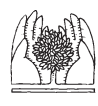
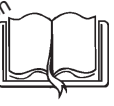





Easter Potluck Brunch — March 27th — 9:30 a.m.
*On Easter Sunday morning we will gather in the fellowship hall to share breakfast together.
Bring your favorite breakfast treats.
Bring your family. Bring your friends.
Come join us!*



— 2005 —

— March / April —

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


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