

Notes From The Journey . . .



Why do we do it? What is the point of participating in this church business? Do we hope to get something out of it for ourselves? Or is it a way of making a contribution to the world in which we live? Is it about finding God? Or is it about sharing God? Is it about programs? Or is it about relationships?

The answer, of course, is "yes!" Yes, it is about all of those things, and more. This business of being the church is a complex and complicated matter, and no single, simple answer can possibly define or contain it. And the truth is that the answer will be different for each person you ask. It will even be different for the same person at different times in their life. When we gather together for worship on Sunday mornings, there are as many reasons for being there as there are people in the room. And when we leave to return home, there are just as many understandings of what it means to be a part of the church.

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Some of us are looking for a place where our children can learn about God. Some of us are seeking stimulating discussions about the meaning of faith. Some of us want a community who will offer comfort. Some of us want a community who will challenge. Some of us are searching for companions with whom we can work for justice in the world. Some of us

hope to discover a safe place to heal. And in the midst of all this variety, there is at least one thing which is true for all of us - it takes all of us together to be the church. May we continue to discover ways in which we can live into this richly diverse reality as together we seek to be open to the presence of God in the midst of us. - Roger

Thank You . . .

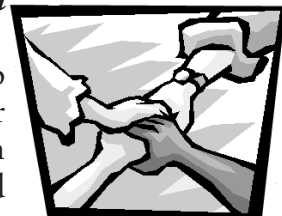
. . .for your generous Christmas gift. I have used it to start a fund with which I will eventually purchase a new camera. - Roger

Outreach Committee Changes It's Name

To give emphasis to ALL the Church does and COULD DO, the Committee which has been designated as "Outreach Committee" suggests that the name be changed to **Global Ministries Committee: Serving People in the Palouse and Around the World.**

At present the focus is on serving people through the Fellowship Fund, Christmas for Kids, UI and WSU campus ministries, regular contributions to the larger church (American Baptist and Christian Church/Disciples of Christ) and special contribution when needed for such causes as Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami in Malaysia. The Committee is also exploring some additional specific project we might take on, such as addition contact with designated Global Mission Partners and Rev Rebecca Nanjesse Canganjo in Angola; sponsoring a child through Global Ministries; or using a Global Ministries video series for Faith Exploration Class.

Anyone interested in giving suggestions or working with the Committee contact: *Bruce Bradberry, Russ Chrysler or Alberta Hill.*





Campus Christian Center Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 11th @ 2 p.m.

We support the work of the Campus Christian Center

on the University of Idaho campus in a variety of ways.

The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to hear reports about that important work.

Please check with Roger Lynn or Alberta Hill if you are interested in attending.

A Lenten Book Study – Practicing Our Faith

On the six Tuesday evenings during Lent there will be an opportunity to engage in reflection and discussion around various themes presented in the book *“Practicing Our Faith.”* Each chapter deals with a different spiritual “practice” – shared activities that address fundamental human needs and that, woven together, form a way of life. If you are interested in participating you are invited to order a copy of the book. There is a sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board. The cost is \$12.89 each. If purchasing the book presents a challenge, please check with Roger Lynn to discuss other options. The study begins on February 27th and will end on April 3rd.



Sweet Travels – Saturday, February 24th @ 7 p.m.

It’s time once again for our annual celebration of all things sweet. And if it’s chocolate, so much the better. This is your opportunity to dust off that favorite dessert recipe and share the gooey pleasures in an evening of tasty delights. Just remember to cut the servings very small, so we can sample more of the offerings before we slip into a sugar-induced coma.



We are also looking for two or three people who might share pictures and stories from some recent travel adventure. If you are interested, please contact *Linda Fleener, Donna Spencer, Barb Hisel or Bonnie Nelson.*

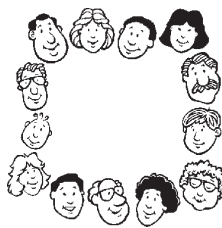
Christmas for Kids

Church members purchased and wrapped three gifts each for children in three families - a total of 10 children. Each child received two needed pieces of clothing and one book, puzzle or toy. An additional \$90 was contributed directly to “Christmas for Kids” to help provide gifts for children in the community. Thank you to Alberta Hill for coordinating our effort this year, and to all those who participated in this worthwhile project.



Adult Class on Sunday Mornings

Are you looking for lively and stimulating discussions? Would you enjoy opportunities to hear about a wide range of diverse topics related to faith? Does the chance to share ideas with other interested and interesting people appeal to you? Then you might enjoy the Adult Class that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Beginning this Sunday we will spend several weeks viewing and discussing the recent Roger Williams Symposium lectures featuring noted theologian Matthew Fox.



Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a way to get involved in the life of the church and make a difference? Here’s some possibilities:

- *Help with Sunday Snow Removal this winter*
- *Bake communion bread*
- *Serve as an usher/greeter on Sunday morning*
- *Serve as a liturgist for worship*

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for all of these important jobs.



Personal Glimpses

We grieve with *Helen Tribble*, whose husband *Lewis* died in January following an extended period of declining health.

At this writing *Barbara Means* is scheduled for surgery early in February. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Lois Bradberry has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and is currently undergoing chemo-therapy.

John & Brenda (Bradberry) Norris are now making their home in Nepal, where John is serving as the local UN representative.

Joan Gustaveson continues to experience a variety of health problems that keep her mostly close to home. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please keep *Alberta Hill* in your prayers. Her sister-in-law, *Phyllis Hill*, died this week. Alberta has traveled to southern Idaho to be with her brother.



Celebrating Birthdays . . .

. . . In February

6th - Donna Bradberry

7th - Bonnie Nelson

26th - Linda Fleener

. . . In March

1st - Clint Westberg

14th - Calvin Macy

16th - Bret Barber

18th - Heather Leonard

18th - Oz Garton

20th - Greg Skinner

19th - Joan Gustaveson

20th - Donna Francis

23rd - Elaine Russell

23rd - Dolores Sanchez



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

Hands On Mission Work Trip Opportunity

First Presbyterian Church is planning a mission work trip to Mississippi and we have been invited to participate. Volunteers will be involved in the ongoing rebuilding effort in that flood-ravaged area. The dates of the trip will be May 20-26, 2007. The total estimated cost per person is \$700. Each volunteer is being asked to pay \$120, with the remainder being raised through donations and fund raising activities. The deadline for registering for this event is February 25, 2007. If you are interested in more details please contact Roger Lynn.



Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

Game Night

Saturday, March 24th - 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship

Thursday, April 5th - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Potluck Brunch

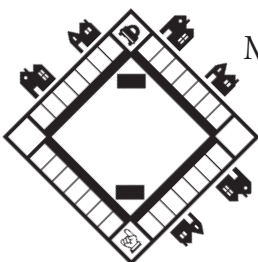
Sunday, April 8th - 9:30 a.m.

Salad Potluck Lunch

Sunday, April 29th - following worship

End of the Year Potluck Brunch

Sunday, May 27th - 9:30 a.m.


















New Directories Now Available

*An updated version of the church directory is available at the back of the sanctuary.
Pick up a copy or two to keep by the phone.
If you discover any inaccuracies, please inform Roger Lynn
so corrections can be made.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 <i>Fellowship Fund</i>	5 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 Rehearsal 	8	9	10
11 2:00 PM, CCC Annual Meeting 	12 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	13 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	14 <i>Valentine's day.</i> 12:00 PM, <i>Cancer Support</i> 2:00 PM, Sunshine Club 7:00 PM, Board Meeting 	15	16	17
18	19 <i>President's Day</i> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	20 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	21 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	22	23	24 7:00 PM, Sweet Journeys Dessert Potluck 
25 1st Sunday in Lent 	26 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	27 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Lenten Book Study Begins 	28 7:00 PM, Elders/Deacons 	1 • March •	2	3
4 <i>Fellowship Fund</i> 2nd Sunday in Lent	5 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	6 5:30 PM, AA Meeting 7:00 PM, Lenten Book Study 	7 10:00 AM, Watercolor 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	8	9	10



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