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...CALLED BY GOD TO LIVE AS A BLESSING...

The Gift of Time: Rediscovering Sabbath Keeping as a Spiritual Practice

BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

Somewhere, somehow, things have run amuck. In a society with wealth the world has never seen before, with technological advances that once were only dreams of science fiction writers, with conveniences that still boggle the mind, we are a nation of worn out people. Gone are the days when work could be left at the office, for now you carry your office with you in a briefcase and a smart phone. When asked how things are going, the most common response may well be, "I've just been so busy."

In our constant rush we have allowed our lives to swing out of balance. Our compulsive attachment to busyness is a symptom of a much deeper problem, an indicator of our spiritual well-being.

Our Christian faith offers another way of living. Tapping upon the rich tradition of our Jewish brothers and sisters, we are gifted with the spiritual resources to shape an alternative worldview. Scripture teaches that human beings, and indeed all of creation, need time for rest and renewal. It is an imperative we ignore at our own peril.

During our summer worship we will come together as a community of faith to engage in the spiritual practice of Sabbath keeping. We will study the roots of the Sabbath traditions, explore ways to honor the Sabbath, encourage one another to accept the gift of Sabbath, and join in celebration of the God who gives us rest.



View from deck
2007 Sabbatical photo
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Books on Sabbath Keeping

Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time by Dorothy C. Bass

Keeping Sabbath Wholly: Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting by Marva J. Dawn

The Sabbath by Abraham Joshua Heschel

Sabbath: Finding rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives by Wayne Muller

A Day Apart: How Jews, Christians, and Muslims Find Faith, Freedom, and Joy on the Sabbath by Christopher D. Ringwald



Sabbath Recipes

Keeping Sabbath includes the sharing of time with family and friends. Try making some of Jeanne Crabb's Rhubarb Lemonade Punch and inviting a neighbor over for a refreshing glass. Add a plate of Ercie Borrowman's Lemon Meltaways and you may discover more friends finding their way to your door.

Rhubarb Lemonade Punch

4 c. rhubarb
3/4 c. sugar
3 c. water
1 (6 oz.) frozen pink lemonade
1 (16 oz.) bottle lemon-lime carbonated beverage
Lemon slices

Bring rhubarb, sugar and water to a boil. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Strain and chill. Combine rhubarb juice and pink lemonade over ice in punch bowl. Add lemon-lime carbonated beverage. Garnish with lemon slices. Makes 6 cups.

--Jeanne Crabb

Lemon Meltaways

1 1/4 c. all-purpose
3/4 c. butter, softened
1/2 c. cornstarch
1/3 c. powdered sugar
1 T. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated lemon peel

In a large bowl combine all cookie ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (2 to 3 minutes). Divide dough in half. Shape each into an 8 x 1 inch roll. Wrap in wax paper & refrigerate until firm (1-2 hours). Heat oven to 350 degrees. With a sharp knife cut dough into 1/4 inch slices. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes until set (cookies will not brown). Cool completely.

Frosting:

3/4 c. powdered sugar
1/4 c. butter softened
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. grated lemon peel

In a small bowl combine. Beat until fluffy (1 - 2 minutes). Frost cooled cookies. Yield 4 dozen.

--Ercie Borrowman

(Recipes taken from FCC Puyallup's *Feeding the Flock: 100 Years of Ministry and Fellowship.*)

Scholarship awarded to FCC Youth Leader

PUYALLUP TO BE REPRESENTED IN INDIANAPOLIS



On June 12-14, 2009 Disciples Youth Ministries will hold a "Backpack Conference" at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sponsored by Disciples Home Missions and Disciples Youth Commission, this training event is intended for youth ministries leaders who want to find ways

to work with youth more effectively as well as get a chance to network with other youth ministry volunteers to share stories.

FCC Puyallup's Youth Ministries Leader Katie Peterson's application was accepted and an all-inclusive scholarship was awarded to her. Katie's airfare, lodging, meals, and travel expenses will be covered by the scholarship.

"I hope to find better and more effective ways of relating the word of God and the life of Christ to the everyday lives of youth, learn about new ways to communicate with my youth and engage them in a way that will make them excited to participate in all aspects of our church life," Katie said. "I think that the Backpack Conference will be a great place to get new, fresh ideas and network with other leaders in my area of ministry."

Please keep Katie in prayer for safe travels and a fruitful conference and look for an update on her trip in next month's *Chimes* newsletter. Congratulations, Katie!

Potluck & Movie Night

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (FRIDAY VERSION)
ALL AGES ARE INVITED!

Bring a dish, salad or dessert to share and come join the fun! Bill Robey's Sunday School class has been studying Phillip Yancey's book *What's So Amazing About Grace?* The adult class extends a church-wide invitation to anyone interested in gathering for a potluck meal, a movie, and a brief conversation about the film. The evening will finish up the church's Sunday School season; all who attended a Sunday study and those who did not are invited.

In May, twelve potluckers gathered to break bread and watch *Babette's Feast* on the big screen. While their feast did not quite measure up to Babette's, the movie's theme of grace in action was not missed, and a short discussion followed the viewing.

Join us in June for our next Potluck & Movie Night:

Les Misérables
Friday, June 5th at 6 pm

Based on a novel by French author Victor Hugo, the movie's storyline follows the lives and interactions of several French characters over a twenty year period beginning in 1815, the year of Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo. The story of escaped convict Jean Valjean and his search for grace and redemption will leave viewers moved by the parallel of God's grace towards us.



For more information, contact Bill Robey.

"Cosette" by Emile Bayard from the original edition of *Les Misérables*, 1862



Paint Tacoma-Pierce County Beautiful brings together volunteer paint crews to paint the houses of low income seniors or people with disabilities. During the summer of 2008, more than 1,600 volunteers painted 80 homes in Pierce County. This summer FCC Puyallup will bring together a crew to paint the home of a local family. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. For more information on how you can help, call our crew coordinator, Connie Robey or the church office.

Safe and Dry

NEW ROOF ENSURES DRY FUTURE

A lot of work has been done at FCC Puyallup recently! If you happened by and noticed trucks, noise, and people you didn't know, rest assured it was all for the good. Thankfully only minor leaks had been experienced, but it was time for major repairs to the roof...

Research was done and quotes were received. Based on warranty, immediate needs, and FCC's financial outlook, Michael's Roofing was awarded the job and a new hot torch roofing system was installed on all flat roof areas.

Thanks to Ken Forslund and Bob Crabb for spearheading the roofing project and getting the job done.



Emma Forslund
"inspecting the roof"
in 2007

Giving Totals:

April 27

Shawn Pasola Memorial	\$	100.00
General Fund	\$	<u>550.00</u>
	\$	650.00

May 3

Easter Offering	\$	30.00
General Fund	\$	<u>1079.00</u>
	\$	1109.00

May 10

General Fund	\$	<u>2146.00</u>
	\$	2146.00

May 17

General Fund	\$	<u>954.00</u>
	\$	954.00

May 24

General Fund	\$	<u>1088.50</u>
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Summer Schedule Takes on a New Look

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

As the Sunday morning study groups take a seasonal hiatus, First Christian Church's 2009 summer worship schedule will look a little different than it has in previous years. Rather than grabbing a cup of coffee on their way out after Worship, congregants are invited to gather to greet the new day and their church family during a time of fellowship prior to worshipping together.

Come for coffee, tea, juice, and a snack Sunday mornings at 10 am, and then find a seat in the sanctuary to sing, praise, and worship God at 10:30 am.

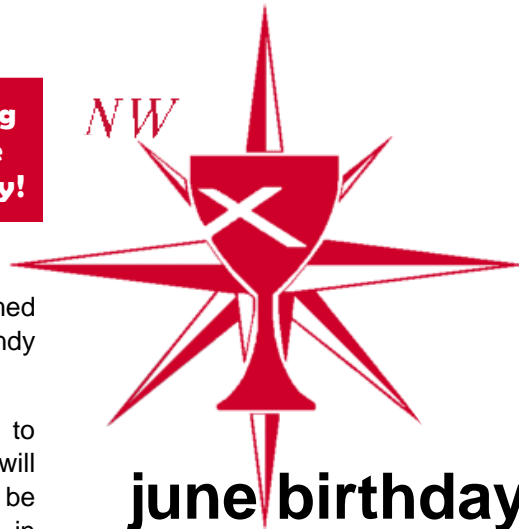
**Beginning on June 7th:
Gathering Time 10 am
Worship Service 10:30 am**



Exciting Times in the NW

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY GETS BUSY!

Many thanks to Connie Robey for representing FCC Puyallup as their voting delegate at the NW Region Christian Church's special assembly!



SANDY MESSICK ELECTED AS REGIONAL MINISTER

With over 200 in attendance, Rev. Sandy Messick was affirmed as Regional Minister and President Elect of the NWRCC. Sandy begins her duties June 1st.

While affirming this pastoral call, the region said goodbye to Transitional Interim Regional Minister Rebecca Hale who will complete her tenure in the region on May 31st. Rebecca will be the Acting Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Tennessee through August.

NWRCC AFFIRMS FIVE-YEAR MISSION PLAN

The RISE regional transformation process bore fruit at the Assembly with the adoption of a five year Mission Plan. Attendees filled out commitment cards indicating areas to which they feel called. Congregants are also urged to prayerfully consider how they'd like to be involved in bringing this plan to life. To serve on a ministry team, contact the regional office.

OFFERING BENEFITING NEW CHURCH MINISTRY

More than \$1600 was collected in the day's offering and will directly support new church ministry in the NWRCC. Please continue your support of new congregations through generous giving to the current Pentecost offering.

SAMOAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHARTERED

The Samoan Congregational Christian Church was affirmed as a fully chartered congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The congregation has been working towards this milestone since 2001 and brings a rich experience and heritage to the NWRCC.

NWRCC BECOMES GLOBAL MISSION REGION

The NWRCC officially became a Global Mission Region committing to increased intentionality in developing relationships with our global partners. Through prayer, giving, advocacy, and attention the region will seek to strengthen global understanding and relationships. It is hoped that the regional church can move towards having a meaningful partnership with one area of the globe where Global Ministries is active and allow that relationship to take root in local congregations.

June Birthdays

- 1 Cathy Hansen
- 4 Mara Duckett
- 5 John Schmidt
- 10 Pat Todd
- 10 Ron O'Gwin
- 11 Sharol Cook
- 17 Debbie Dimond
- 18 Drew Blyth
- 18 Deleena Patton
- 18 Laura DuBois
- 19 Alicia Blyth
- 19 Pete Freeman
- 21 Kevin Dimond
- 21 Jennifer Valliere
- 26 Jessica Schmitten
- 27 Ron Goddard
- 29 Linda O'Gwin

Anniversaries

- 5 Peggy and Delbert Stack
- 7 Luetta and Wolfram Patton
- 7 Kelli and Jonathan Kays
- 15 Cindy and Larry Dexter
- 21 Terry and Ken Forslund
- 25 Margie and Jeff Sperring
- 26 Joy and Dick Best

Baptism Dates

- June 3, 1990 Laurie Stanhope
- June 7, 1942 Cathy Hansen

~Adapted from NW Passage Newsletter

**For info visit the newly made over NWRCC website
www.disciplesnw.org**

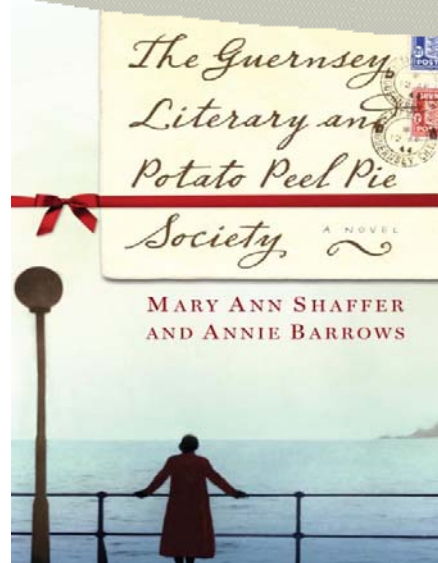
Successful FCC Book Club still on track

JUNE'S BOOK OF THE MONTH IS *THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY*

June marks the ninth month of the First Christian Church Book of the Month Club, and the small group is still going strong! An average of 15 readers gather on the first Tuesday of each month at a variety of venues—participant's homes, the church building, a local book store or other setting—to share insights on the latest book and to get to know each other better. At each get-together a member announces the next month's book and meeting place.

The gathering to discuss May's selected book *The Reader* will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 2nd at the South Hill Borders store.

For information on the FCC Book Club, contact coordinator Kerry Yanasak or visit the Book Club page on the church website at www.fccpuyallup.com. Kerry says, “[we’ve had a] great variety of books, lots of good discussion and lots of good ‘getting to know each other better.’ I am most pleased and look forward to each month’s books and especially our get-togethers.”



FOR JUNE: *THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY* - MARY ANN SHAFFER & ANNIE BORROWS

“Though it deals with a dark period in history, this first novel is an essentially sunny work. It affirms the power of books to nourish people enduring hard times -- not so surprising, since Mary Ann Shaffer, who died [in 2008], had a long career as a librarian, bookseller and editor.

Her niece Annie Barrows, a children's author, finished the manuscript after Shaffer fell ill; between them, they crafted a vivid epistolary novel whose characters spring to life in letters and telegrams exchanged over the course of nine months shortly after the end of World War II.”

~Wendy Smith, *The Resistance*, washingtonpost.com

Nearly-Free again this year!

Last year's Nearly Free Parking Lot Sale, in conjunction with the 2008 A Week in Mission: *Love in Action*, raised \$743 for Friend's & Servants and Global Ministries, and thrilled neighbors and garage salers by pricing all items nearly free, and offering all clothing on the house!

Tired of wading through clutter? Stressed out by having just-too-much? Simplify your lifestyle by clearing out your extra stuff! From your commitment to *live simply*, someone else may find just what they need to *simply live*.

Now accepting donations for August's Nearly-Free Parking Lot Sale. Leave items in the last classroom on the left at the end of the Education Wing:

- Clean clothing in good condition
- Working small appliances
- Gently used items in good repair



Bonita Goatz helped coordinate last year's Nearly Free Sale

Meet Josh Lenhart, FCC's New Custodian

After a long search, we are happy to welcome our new custodian, Josh Lenhart, to our church staff. Josh comes to us with many years of experience working alongside his father who is the custodian of the First Christian Church of Kent. He is a student at White River High School and a versatile member of the Hornet's football team, playing on offense, defense and special teams.

Josh's current schedule finds him working at our church facilities on Monday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Josh brings a quality of experience and a fresh eye to the upkeep of our building. If you see him at work, be sure to give him a warm welcome.



Pierce County led state in foreclosure rates in 2008



ACORN is a community organization of low and moderate income families working together for financial justice. Through ACORN

Housing, there are options for individuals who have fallen behind on their mortgage or are facing possible foreclosure.

Our very own Danae Rouse is working with ACORN to help organize supporters and raise awareness of options. ACORN Housing can connect individuals with counselors who may be able to work with homeowners and mortgage companies to find affordable solutions. Flyers with more information on ACORN's work are available in the church narthex. Or you can call Danae Rouse at (253) 572-4959.

life of the church

Gathering Time..... Sundays - 10 am

Service of Worship..... Sundays - 10:30 am

Women's Study (BRB)..... Wednesdays - 10 am

Crafters Group (Lunch Bunch) Thursdays - 10 am

2.....Book Club (South Hill Borders) - 7 pm

5..... Potluck & Movie—*Les Miserables* - 6 pm

7.....The Gift of Time begins

7..... Elders Meeting - noon

9..... Chuck Kusick Memorial - 1 pm

16..... Week in Mission Planning - 6:30 pm

20.....Lunch with a Friend - Peace Lutheran - 10 am

20..... Tasha Parker Wedding (Portland) - 3:30 pm

21.....Fathers Day

23..... Diaconate Meeting - 7 pm

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**Be a part of the
Worship Team**
Each week through summer
we'll need two greeters
and one scripture reader.
Sign up for in the foyer
for your choice
of tasks and dates.

Mowing. not what it used to be.

All men and women are encouraged to enjoy the fun, camaraderie, and the great outdoors! **Sign up in the foyer to help mow the lawns.**



On-the-job training and opportunities for team mowing are available. Those interested in learning more, contact Ken Forslund, Property Chair, or other Property Team members.

**Camp Gwinwood
Schedule**



Get registration forms on the NW Region Disciples website at www.disciplesnw.org or in the church office.

- Kids Camp
Entering grades 2, 3July 6 - July 9
- Junior Camp
Entering grades 4, 5, 6July 6 - July 11
- Chi Rho Camp
Entering grades 7, 8, 9July 13 - July 18
- CYF Camp
Entering grades 10, 11, 12, Grads.....July 13 - July 18