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# First Christian *Chimes*

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

## Church Facilities to Get a Needed Makeover

UPGRADES TO CHURCH FACILITIES TO BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER

### WHY ALL THE WORK ON THE BUILDING?

Since before the first of the year, an ad hoc group of church members has been hard at the task of gathering and evaluating bids from three general contractors to replace all the windows in the sanctuary, the parlor, and the church offices; and to repair damaged siding on and paint the church building, garage and Fair Parking shed. All this is in addition to the recent resurfacing of our parking lot! Why are we having all this work done now?



Sanctuary windows were painted with wind and flames to depict the Holy Spirit for Pentecost Sunday 2008



Karrie Cheek takes a water break during Fair Parking 2010

Well, the church facility is now 50 years old and it is definitely starting to show its age. The windows in the sanctuary are made of inefficient single-pane glass and much of the framework that holds them in place has begun to rot away. Some of the windows in the parlor and office areas, though double-pane, have failed seals that have caused the windows to fog up. Siding at the base of the garage and the parking shed and in several places on the main building needs to be replaced, and the exterior paint on all of our buildings is badly faded.

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As a congregation we have an obligation not only to our forbearers to maintain the facilities they built, but also to the generations that will follow us who will continue to use the facilities to do God's work here in Puyallup. Our Guiding Vision declares that we "are called by God to live as a blessing in our own neighborhoods and in the world." Our mission is not just to maintain the church buildings for our own private use, but rather our mission is to maintain the facilities so they may be used as a resource, a tool, for doing the ministries that enable us to be a blessing in our own neighborhoods and the world. To that end, God has blessed us with ample resources to do all the work that is underway.



*The Hangout guests & volunteers  
Summer 2010*

**Want to purchase a window  
or contribute to the makeover?  
Contact a project team member!**



Hopefully, by the time you read this a general contractor will have been selected and work will be underway. There may be a few inconveniences during the summer months, but by the time the Fair arrives we will be worshipping in and doing ministry from a beautifully maintained and upgraded church facility.

Members of the ad hoc team working on this project are: Mike Cheek, Robin Crabb, Thom Crabb, Herb Crabtree, Nancy Freeman, Pete Freeman, Nancy Gowler Johnson (ex officio), Bill Robey, Sherm Squires, and Don Turner.

*Contributed by Bill Robey, FCC Trustee*

**fcc puyallup supports the puyallup food bank. please help if you can.**

**bring non-perishable foods, wrapped personal hygiene items & pet foods to church through june 5th**



**in pierce county in 2009 there were 445,765 unduplicated visits to food banks and 11,586,135 meals provided.\***

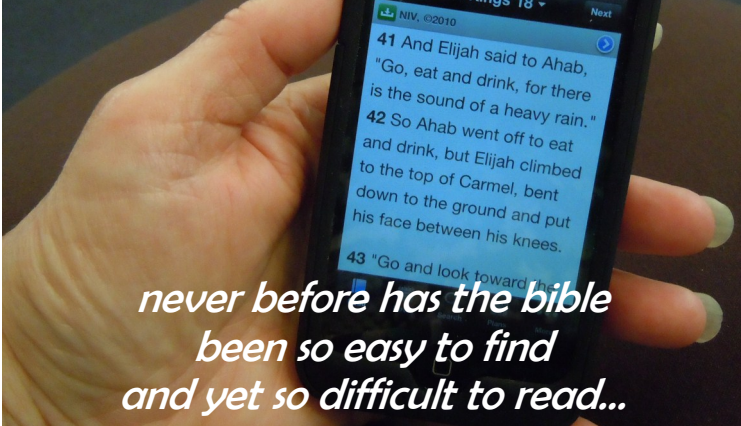
\*[www.amhungerwalk.org](http://www.amhungerwalk.org)



**sign up in the foyer to attend a 20-minute tour of the food bank following worship sunday, june 5th**

**the may benefit concert raised \$600+ for the food bank's new building fund!**

## How to Read the Bible summer sermon series begins June 19<sup>th</sup>



## As Worship Schedule Shifts—Thanks are in Order!

**WORSHIP TEAMS TAKE A BREATH; NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR BEING A PART OF WORSHIP EMERGE!**

Each year as summer arrives I find myself grateful all over again. Our church schedule changes and worship opportunities do too, but as Worship Chair, my “job” is made easier by the untold support I get from volunteers genuinely wishing to serve and praise God through the act of worship.

Early in my tenure as Worship Chair, I worried about finding enough people to say “yes” to all the needs that arise in Worship. I joked, “Don’t make eye contact!” and, “They run when they see me coming,” but I soon realized it just wasn’t the case. In actuality, the monthly Worship reports presented to the Missional Council in which I share the number of volunteers who participate make it obvious there was never a need to have fretted.

There have always been exceptional teams of dramatic and scriptural readers, caring and compassionate greeters, and countless other flexible and willing folks to fill in whenever the planning team of pastor and Worship Chair came up with something new to try—sometimes at the last minute.

So as our Summer Worship schedule launches, I want to say to all the members of the Worship Team: whether you read on the team rotation or filled in once in a while, greeted regularly or as you saw a need, coordinated volunteers, printed a bulletin, handed one out, defrayed a cost, introduced yourself to a guest, preached, sang a song, danced with tealights, planted a seed or donated flowers, played an instrument, led a prayer, broke bread or poured a cup, experienced a prayer station, mowed or walked a labyrinth, told a story, brought a friend, sat with children, ran the sound board, prepared or served communion, passed, added to or counted the offering, or fed the congregation snacks and coffee... ***thank you!***

—Robin Crabb, Worship Chair



## June Birthdays

1.....	Cathy Hansen
4.....	Mara Duckett
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 Schmitt
27.....	Ron Goddard
29.....	Linda O'Gwin

## Anniversaries

5.....	Peggy & Del Stack
7.....	Luetta & Wolf Patton
7.....	Kelli & Jonathan Kays
15.....	Cindy & Larry Dexter
16.....	Terry & Ken Forslund
26.....	Joy & Dick Best



## Baptism Dates

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

# Monthly Book Club Shifts Gears in June

FROM NON-FICTION HOMELESSNESS TALE TO NAIL-BITING THRILLER—THE BOOK CLUB DOES IT ALL!

**"[Jeffrey Archer is] a storyteller in the class of Alexandre Dumas... unsurpassed skill... making the reader wonder intensely what will happen next."  
—The Washington Post**

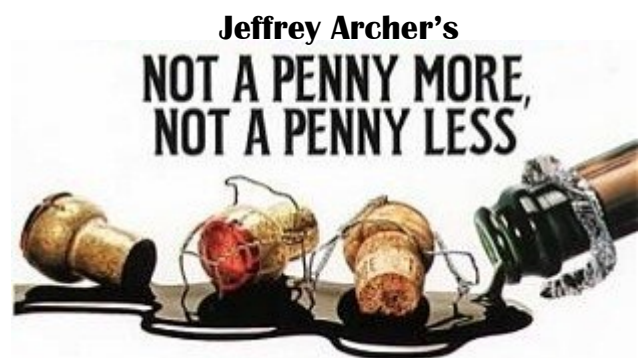
### THE SWINDLE IS INGENIOUS

The conned: an Oxford don, a revered society physician, a chic French art dealer, and a charming English lord. They have one thing in common. Overnight, each novice investor lost his life's fortune to one man. The con: Harvey Metcalfe. A brilliant, self-made guru of deceit and very dangerous individual. And now, a hunted man.

### SO IS THE REVENGE

With nothing left to lose four strangers are about to come together—each expert in their own field. Their plan: find Harvey, shadow him, trap him, and penny-for-penny, destroy him. From the luxurious casinos of Monte Carlo to the high-stakes windows at Ascot to the bustling streets of Wall Street to fashionable London galleries, their own ingenious game has begun. It's called revenge—and they were taught by a master.

—Amazon.com



**Conversation on May's read  
*Same Kind of Different as Me*  
will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
at FCC Puyallup in Rooms 14 & 15  
(last two rooms in the Education Wing).  
All are invited to Book Club events!**

# Reflections on the Journey

BY SANDY MESSICK, NORTHWEST REGIONAL MINISTER, THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

These words call to mind the familiar parable recorded in the gospel of Luke; the parable of the Good Samaritan. It begins with a questioner of Jesus asking what are the most important things; the greatest commandments. Jesus replies, "It's simple, love God, love your neighbor." The questioner, seeking to justify himself, wants more definition. "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answers the question, as he so often does, with a story. You can read the rest in Luke 10:25-37, but here's the spoiler alert! Jesus doesn't answer the question of "who?" Instead, he answers "How?" Being a neighbor is about being a critical presence to those in need within the community in which you live, move, and minister.

Still, the question of "Who is my neighbor?" continues to resonate, particularly among those within the Missional Church movement. This is new language to many of us, but essentially, a missional church is one that understands church not as a community within a neighborhood, but a people engaged in and serving in their neighborhood. Missional church understands the purpose of church being not about bringing people into the building, but about sending people out into the world. In fact, church isn't the building at all, but the community of people engaged with the world. Wherever people are being prayed with, fed, sheltered, demonstrating and receiving compassion, hearing God's good news both spoken and lived out, there is the church.

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to attend the Inhabit Conference, held at Mars Hill Graduate School in Seattle, and sponsored, in part, by HOPE Partnership, a joint ministry of Church Extension, Disciples Home Mission, and Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. The name "Inhabit" came from their subtitle: Practice, Presence, Place. The conference focused largely around the idea of the church as intimately connected to the neighborhood; not as ministry to, but ministry with our neighbors.

One of the first questions asked was: "What is the neighborhood in which you do ministry?" As Regional Pastor, I found that question challenging to answer. It is of course the neighborhood in which I live. But it is also

the Regional Community that includes all of us. It is the neighborhood of our pastors as they seek encouragement and support from me and each other. It is the neighborhood of our congregations as they wrestle with the unique challenges of their own neighborhoods. It is the neighborhood of individuals, not tied to any particular church, but deeply connected to our shared regional ministry. It is the neighborhood within our regional borders including those who don't have a clue as to who the Disciples are. And it is our neighborhood beyond our geographical borders and indeed, to the ends of the earth. I realized that I am a part of many neighborhoods and found myself asking, "How am I engaged in ministry in each one of these?" I suspect that each of us are similarly engaged in multiple neighborhoods and communities; each one offering unique opportunities to embody Jesus and to be God's Good News.

I'm grateful for the chance to attend part of that event, and grateful for the questions it continues to spark in me. How are we, as Northwest Regional Christian Church, engaging our neighbors? Who is our neighbor?

Blessings,  
Sandy Messick



# Here Comes *The Hangout*

HOMELESS DROP-IN CENTER BEGINS SECOND SEASON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, OPEN HOUSE JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>

Often, the mental image of homelessness is a shivering person in too few clothes for cold or wet weather. Winter takes a harsh toll, and ministries like Freezing Nights and hot meal and warm clothing outlets are Godsend. But what can be overlooked is that heat and sun exposure also put great wear and fatigue on a body.

As weather warmed up in 2010, FCC Homeless Ministries co-coordinators Bonnie Goddard and Terry Forslund met with Freezing Nights volunteers from other churches to brainstorm the idea of a drop-in center that would meet the summer needs of the adult homeless community. "There is no specific place in Puyallup for homeless people to get out of the elements during summer months and simply 'hang out,' relax, watch a movie, visit, play cards, or enjoy a cool drink or sandwich with other people," says Bonnie.

First Christian Church offered the use of two classrooms and other churches joined in to help staff, donate supplies, and provide food, transportation, and other resources. The drop-in center was named *The Hangout*, and the number of guests ranged from 7 to 23 each afternoon. The ministry was well received by both guests *and* volunteers—six participant churches were represented by volunteers at a recent planning meeting for the 2011 season!



Summer 2010: *The Hangout* guests hang out in the shade with a chess board, a cool drink, and friends

***The Hangout's* second season will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>, open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays noon to 5 pm. Volunteers may sign up to give time, donate supplies, provide snacks, or just drop in and visit.**

Community of Christ Church will offer a similar service, Amity Ministry, Sundays (3-8 pm), Tuesdays and Thursdays (12-5 pm).

**Drop in for an Open House after Worship June 12<sup>th</sup> for those wishing to learn more about *The Hangout*.**



## *fcc giving :*

### May 1

General Fund\* ..... \$1223.00

### May 8

General Fund\* ..... \$1883.00

### May 15

General Fund\* ..... \$2530.00

### May 22

General Fund\* ..... \$1298.00

Lunch with a Friend To-Go Sacks ..... \$ 20.00

\*To meet 2011's General Offering budgeted income, weekly General Fund giving must average \$1,346.15.

# Pentecost Sunday Blows in the Spirit

WEAR RED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH TO WELCOME THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO WORSHIP!



FCC Sanctuary, Pentecost Sunday 2005

June 12<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the 50-day season of Easter. On Pentecost Sunday the Christian church celebrates its birthday, recalling the story of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the early believers in Jerusalem. The tradition of Pentecost reaches back to at least the third century and is mentioned by the church leader Tertullian, who refers to the Pentecost season as a “joyous celebration.”

Sanctuaries fill with red on Pentecost symbolizing the flame-like appearance of God’s Spirit to those first followers of Christ (Acts 2:1-4). We celebrate that the church is born anew through the winds of the Spirit—life is different! God welcomes us into a new community of creativity and enthusiasm, so wear red on Pentecost and join us as we seek to live large in God’s kingdom.



## A Great Big Thank You...

to everyone for your generosity & support of the Lunch with a Friend snack sack program! Your gifts of donated items, monies & prayers have been so very appreciated.

The snack sacks have been a great success!

It is so rewarding to witness the results of our congregation's kind and generous hearts. We'll continue to provide snack sacks during the off-months of Freezing Nights, and welcome any assistance you are led to give. Again, thank you!

~Roxane Neslund



## post-fire white swan needs volunteers

The community of White Swan, near the Yakama Christian Mission, is still in need of volunteers to help in the recovery effort underway since fire devastated the town in February.

Yakama Christian Mission Director David Bell writes, “We need roofers, carpenters, insulators, plumbers, electricians, drywall and tapers, painters, and folk to replace windows and sliding glass doors.” Projects vary from half a day to a week for a team of five--so there’s an opportunity for every availability.

If you and/or your team can offer your time and talent to this cause, please contact Dave Bell at 509-969-2093 or [dave@yakimamission.org](mailto:dave@yakimamission.org).

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## life of the church in june

Summer Worship..... Sundays - 10 am  
*The Hangout* Homeless Drop-in Center.....M, W, F - noon  
 Puyallup Community Band rehearsal.....Tuesdays pm  
 Women's Study (BRB) ..... Wednesdays - 10 am  
 SO & SEW Study & Ministry..... Thursdays - 10 am  
 Men's Study..... Thursdays - 7 pm

1 ..... *The Hangout* begins - 12-5 pm  
 1 ..... Elders Meeting at Thom Crabb's - 6 pm  
 2 ..... Council Reports due  
 5 ..... Puyallup Food Bank tour following Worship  
 7 ..... Book Club Gathering - 7 pm

9 ..... Missional Council Meeting - 6 pm  
 12 ..... Pentecost Sunday  
 12 ..... *The Hangout* Open House following Worship  
 18 ..... Lunch with a Friend - 10 am  
 19 ..... Father's Day  
 22 ..... Stewardship Team Meeting - 7 pm



Gwinwood		
Camp Dates	Entering Grades	Dates
Kids Camp.....	2, 3 .....	Aug. 8-11
Junior Camp.....	4, 5, 6 .....	Aug. 8-11
Chi Rho Camp.....	7, 8, 9 .....	Aug. 15-20
CYF Camp .....	10, 11, 12, Grads .....	Aug. 15-20

*Would-be campers or volunteers—get registration forms at [www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/summercamp.html](http://www.disciplesnw.org/whats happening/summercamp.html) or contact NW Regional Office Manager Amber Saladino at [asaladino@disciplesnw.org](mailto:asaladino@disciplesnw.org) or 253-893-7202  
 For church youth wishing to go to camp, the church will fund 50% of the tuition—contact the church office for details.*