



▶ *Second Time Around*
FCC artist to donate
sale proceeds5



▶ *The Way of Jesus*
A Journey through
Holy Week.....2, 3



▶ *Prodigal Summer*
Examining our
interconnectedness....4

• ISSUE 3 • VOLUME 17 • MARCH 2010

First Christian *Chimes*

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

Newsletter Delivery Options Expanding

FCC BROADENS EFFORT TO GO GREEN, CURB COSTS & IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

The U. S. Postal Service offers a discounted bulk rate for mail sent in a minimum of 200 pieces, and for years First Christian Church in Puyallup has used this service when mailing monthly newsletters. However, since the inception of *The Chimes*, the number of avenues with which to communicate effectively has multiplied, the church list of newsletter recipients has become unwieldy, and the techniques for being efficient and at the same time ecologically and economically smart have increased. **It's time to regroup and rethink how to best stay connected!**



Updating the ways we stay connected with you!

Starting with the April issue (to be mailed Monday, March 29th), a variety of new options for receiving *The Chimes* will be offered. **Please return the form below by mail or place it in the offering plate, sign the sheet in the foyer, or contact the church office or a newsletter staff person (Robin Crabb, Bunnie Stanton or Pastor Nancy) to relate how and if you'd like to get the newsletter.** *Current and past newsletters may also be read at www.fccpuyallup.com.*

How would you like to receive *The Chimes* newsletter?

As of this issue, we need to know your preference. Please take a moment to fill out & return this form:

My name is
(required):

1. Mail *The Chimes* to me

2. E-mail *The Chimes* to me

3. Print me a copy to pick up

4. Prefer not to receive;
I'll read it on the website

Don't change a thing!

My e-mail address is:

Set one aside for me!

No thanks—Opt Out

Return to: FCC Puyallup
623 - 9th Ave. SW
PO Box 516
Puyallup, WA 98371

Call us: 253.845.6232
E-mail us: webmaster@fccpuyallup.com
info@fccpuyallup.com
nancy@fccpuyallup.com



The Drama of Holy Week:

WALK THE WAY OF CHRIST: MARCH 28TH TO APRIL 4TH

During Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter Sunday, Christians observe the most dramatic moments of the church year. For centuries, Christians have recognized the power of the story of Jesus' final days. The traditions of communal worship and private reflection, listening to Scripture and sharing in ancient Christian liturgy all invite us into the life-changing ways of Christ. Look for ways to deepen your spiritual journey by following the steps of Jesus during Holy Week in special worship services and in your personal devotions.

Palm Sunday (or Passion Sunday)

Read Luke 19: 28-40

In Sunday morning worship, we will hear the powerful story in Scripture from the palm-branch waving welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem on through his arrest and crucifixion. "*Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*" the crowds shout, full of political expectations. The servant way of Christ is not one we expect; it is a vivid reminder that God's ways are not our ways. As you leave worship, you may wish to take a palm branch home with you as a reminder this week of Christ's way to the cross.

Monday

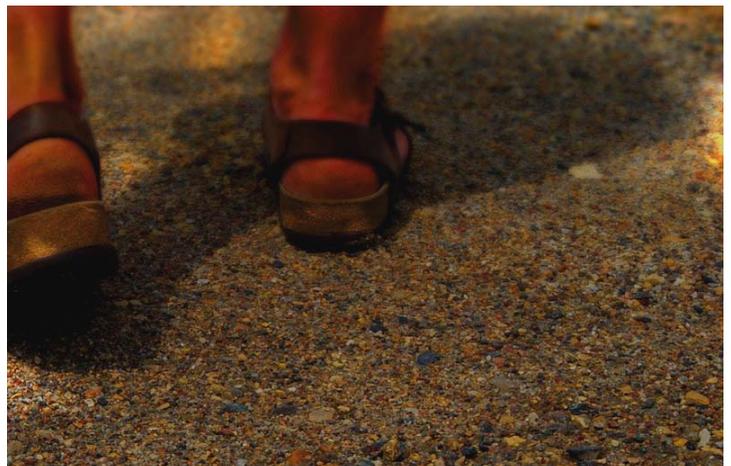
Read John 12:1-11

Jesus is out of the public eye, relaxing at the home of his friends, when a woman offers Jesus an extravagant gift of perfume. Her gift becomes a teaching moment not just for those early disciples, but also for us. Our acts of worship flow from our experience of God's extravagant generosity toward us and can become a public witness to the transforming love of God in Christ.

Tuesday

Read John 12:20-36

There were foreigners in Jerusalem for the observance of Passover. Some of them had heard of Jesus, and came to his disciple, Phillip, asking, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Their request is ours; in the midst of all of our religious activities, we too long to see Jesus.



Walking the Way of Christ

THE DRAMA OF HOLY WEEK: MARCH 28TH TO APRIL 4TH

Wednesday

Read John 13:21-32

The story of Jesus' passion takes a fateful turn as one of his friends chooses to turn him over to the authorities. The knowledge that one of their own would betray Jesus moves the disciples to question, "Who is it?" Could it be the one sitting next to them? Or are they themselves the one who will walk away from Jesus that night?

Maundy Thursday

Read John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Our congregation will gather to observe Maundy Thursday at 7 pm with a service of foot-washing (optional) and communion. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum* that means "command." During his final meal with the disciples Jesus wraps a towel around his waist and washes their feet, taking on the role of a servant. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Good Friday

Read John 18:1-19:42

Good Friday is the remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Christians around the world join in somber worship services that may include the retelling of the passion story or a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday

Read John 19:38-42

The ancient church would gather late on Holy Saturday for worship as they waited for the first light of Easter morning. In the darkness, the Paschal candle is lit for the first time, signifying the light of Christ being brought into the world through his resurrection. For centuries, the Easter Vigil was a time of baptism for catechumens (those who had been preparing for baptism) and continues to be a celebration of a renewal of baptismal vows.

More and more churches are rediscovering the rich tradition of the Easter Vigil. The dramatic worship is engaging for both young and old. **Join us on Holy Saturday, April 3rd, at 8 pm for our Easter Vigil worship service.**



Easter Sunday

Read John 20:1-18

In 1912 C. Austin Miles, reflecting on this passage from John's gospel, found himself envisioning the grieving Mary wandering near the entrance to a garden. Moved by his vision, Miles quickly wrote the words to the beloved hymn, *In the Garden*:

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses.
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

March Book Club reads *Prodigal Summer*

BOOK CLUB CONVERSATIONS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7 PM—ALL ARE WELCOME!

In *Prodigal Summer*, “...with prose as supple as a bobcat's tread, [the author] paces deftly between each character's tale, as they search for deeper meaning in the natural world around them. Wolfe knows that by sheltering predators she's removed humankind from nature's equation and attempted to make a false Eden of the woods. Bondo, however, forces her to accept that she needs the companionship of her own species. Lusa and Garnett realize that to live off their land they need to cede it a certain respect, and by so doing, they awaken to a richer connection with the earth and a renewed belief in the essential importance of love.

With a master's assured cadence, Kingsolver winds between these narratives, sprinkling them with telling details about Kentucky's flora and fauna. Moths, goats, and even snapping turtles are captured in their lush splendor. Kingsolver cleverly uses their behavioral patterns as a counterpoint to the petty wrangling of her human characters. Ultimately, though, she affirms that humans are only one link in the chain of life. *Prodigal Summer* offers a pointedly eloquent argument for the necessity to live within nature's strictures. In this regard, Kingsolver proves an adept moralist, one determined to raise our awareness of the prodigal ways we squander our greatest inheritance: the world in which we live.” --John Freeman, *Barnes & Nobles*



Discussion on February's book, *The Kite Runner*, will be Tuesday, March 2nd at 7 pm at the home of Luetta Patton at 3569 East T Street in Tacoma.

march birthdays

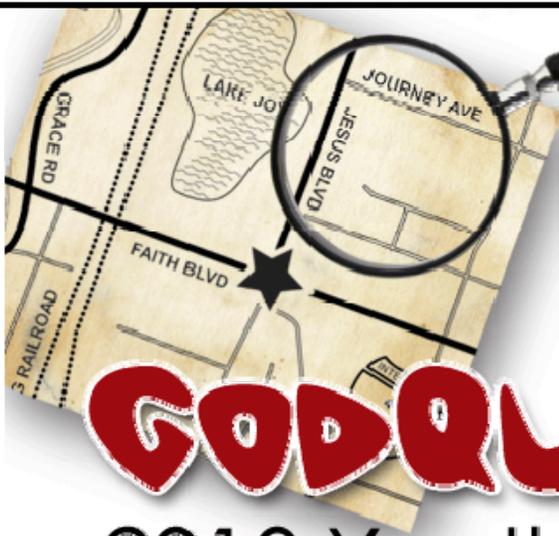
1.....	Bob Crabb
1.....	Darelee Phillips
2.....	Fred Docker
2.....	Flora Hickenbottom
4.....	Jared Patton
6.....	Mia Stroud
7.....	Chas Duckett
8.....	Elliot Forslund
8.....	Peggy Stack
9.....	Kelli Kays
9.....	Joyce Isch
9.....	Thom Crabb
10.....	Stephen Freeman
11.....	Ward Archer
12.....	Brent Goddard
21.....	Dorian Scott
22.....	Paul Cheek
22.....	Lisa Peterson
25.....	Jeanne Crabb
25.....	Colleen O'Brien
26.....	Becky Burdett
26.....	Barbara Stroud
27.....	Leanne Blyth
28.....	Larry Scott
31.....	Phyllis Snider

anniversaries

18.....	Karrie & Mike Cheek
30.....	Robin & Thom Crabb

baptism dates

March ??, 1931.....	Letha Flansburg
March 12, 1987.....	Bonnie Goddard
March 12, 1987.....	Ron Goddard
March 19, 1989.....	Stephen Freeman
March 24, 1946.....	Rachel Schmidt
March 25, 1956.....	Nancy Freeman
March 25, 1956.....	Dorothy Davies
March 26, 1967.....	Sherman Squires
March 30, 1975.....	Andrea Freeman
	(rose ceremony)



LIFE is a JOURNEY...
EXPLORE your path
WITH US!

GODQUEST.COM

2010 Youth Winter Retreats

Chi Rho (6th - 8th Graders) March 5-7, 2010 at Double K, Easton, Washington
CYF (9th - 12th Graders) March 19-21, 2010 at Koinonia, Cle Elum, Washington

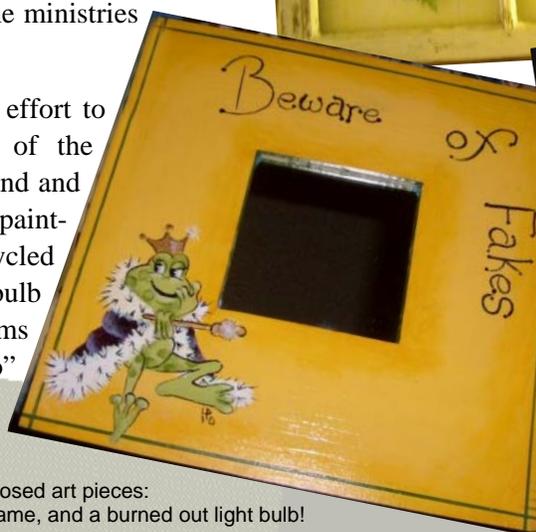
Visit the NW Regional website at www.disciplesnw.org for registration forms or contact the church office.

Some things are better the Second Time Around

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH AFTER WORSHIP

Following Worship on Sunday, March 7th, attendees will have an opportunity to take home handcrafted artwork while contributing to worthwhile programs at First Christian. FCC member Lisa Peterson will have available a variety of her "second time around" art pieces at donation prices and 100 percent of the proceeds will go toward the ministries of the church.

A longtime player in the environmental effort to reuse normally-discarded goods, most of the items Lisa paints are picked up secondhand and given new life by her talented paintbrush. Specializing in painted-on recycled items, tole painting and light bulb ornaments, Lisa has offered special items for sale on a "donate what you want to" basis. Save the date!



Just a few examples of Lisa's past repurposed art pieces:
a discarded window, a repainted mirror frame, and a burned out light bulb!

Giving Totals

The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.
~Pierre Corneille, *Le Menteur*



The Offering / Sapaho / Used with permission/ www.flickr.com/photos/sapaho/3458361311

January 31

General Fund*	\$1485.00
Freezing Nights	\$ 243.00
Haiti earthquake relief	\$ 100.00

February 7

General Fund*	\$1554.00
Week of Compassion	\$ 20.00
Church World Service Haiti Hygiene Kits	\$ 10.00

February 14

General Fund*	\$ 982.00
Week of Compassion	\$ 20.00

February 21

General Fund*	\$1279.00
Week of Compassion	\$ 131.00

*To meet the 2010 General Offering budgeted income, weekly general fund donations must average \$1,346.15.

Generous Living

In the United States, a person making \$30,000 a year is not considered to be wealthy. However, that income puts a person in the top 7.16% of incomes in the world. Only 429,712,644 of the 6,000,000,000+ people currently living on our planet would earn more. If you are fortunate enough to earn \$100,000 per year, you jump to the top .66%, with only 39,615,049 making more.

Many politicians are talking about a threshold income of \$250,000 to be considered wealthy. That income would make you the 107,565th richest person on the planet, in the top .001%.

To check out where your income ranks, go to www.globalrichlist.com.

**Every one to whom much is given,
much will be required.**

(Luke 12:48)

What is required of you today?

*“Giving never makes
anyone poorer.”*

~Otto Frank,
World War II refugee
and father of Anne Frank



Social Security 101

LEARN HOW THE SYSTEM CAN WORK FOR YOU

Find out about the most important support for people in the U.S.—Social Security. Social Security 101 will introduce the Social Security program and how it protects you at retirement, if you become disabled, or your family if you should die.

Social Security provides a guaranteed income each year for more than 52 million retirees, family members of workers who died and people with disabilities. About 30 percent of Social Security beneficiaries receive survivor or disability benefits. Nearly two-thirds of retirees count on Social Security for most of their retirement incomes.

The presentation is free and open to the public. It will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at Cascade Park Vista, 242 St. Helens Ave. in Tacoma, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Participants are asked to call ahead to reserve a place by calling (253) 798-8787. The program is jointly sponsored by Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care and the Social Security Administration.

*Pierce County Religious News
A Publication of Associated Ministries*

Living as Servants

*So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.*

*For I have set you an example,
that you also should do as I have done to you.
(John 13:14-15)*

A hoped for future:

We are striving to follow in the way of Jesus who led by being a servant. Understanding our call to be servant-leaders, we live in such a way that all of our words and actions, our very being as individuals and as a faith community, embody that compassionate way of Jesus.

A desired outcome:

We live out our faith in serving... each one in accordance to our abilities and gifts.



**Wondering how you can serve
in the church or community?
Contact Pastor Nancy, your elder,
or a member of the church board.**

*A Hoped for Future, Living as Servants, Mission-Centered Living
FCC Puyallup PaTH Draft Ministry Plan*

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage PAID
Puyallup WA 98371
Permit #28

First Christian Church of Puyallup (Disciples of Christ)
Pastor Nancy Gowler Johnson
623 - 9th Ave. SW
P.O. Box 516
Puyallup, WA 98371
(253) 845-6232

life of the church in march:

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------|---|
| Lent continues | through April 3 rd | 1 | Board Reports due (e-mail) |
| Studies for all ages | Sundays - 9:45 am | 2 | Book Club Discussion at Luetta Patton's - 7 pm |
| Service of Worship | Sundays - 11 am | 7 | LKP Second Time Around Craft Sale - 12:15 pm |
| Lenten Study | Tuesdays - 6:30 pm | 10 | Provisional Board Meeting - 6 pm |
| <i>(exception: 3/2 will move to 3/3)</i> | | 13 | Friends in Fellowship White Elephant Bingo - 6 pm |
| Women's Study (BRB) | Wednesdays - 10 am | 14 | Daylight Saving Time begins - 2 am |
| SO & SEW Study & Ministry..... | Thursdays - 10 am | 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| Men's Study..... | Thursdays - 7 pm | 20 | Lunch with a Friend (214 E Pioneer) -10 am |
| Freezing Nights | Fridays - 7 pm | 25 | April Newsletter Print |
| Adult Lectionary Study | Saturdays - 8 am | 28 | Palm Sunday |
| | | 28 | Diaconate Meeting - 1 pm |
| | | 29 | April Newsletter Fold/Mail |
- Be sure to let us know how you'd like to receive it (pg. 1)*

2010 Regional Assembly—Mark your calendar



May 21-23, 2010

North Hill Christian Church, Spokane, WA