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Disciples of Christ Coffee Project

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR SMALL FARMERS AND THE PLANET

In 2006, First Christian Church in Puyallup—an historic, small-farm community—put faith into action and began serving Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee in support of other small-farm growers around the world and their right to fair prices for their environmentally friendly sustainable coffee crops. In 2007, Disciples bought 3,420 pounds (1.71 tons) of fairly traded coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate, and snacks. And in 2008, Disciples Home Missions and Week of Compassion launched the Disciples of Christ Coffee Project through Equal Exchange.



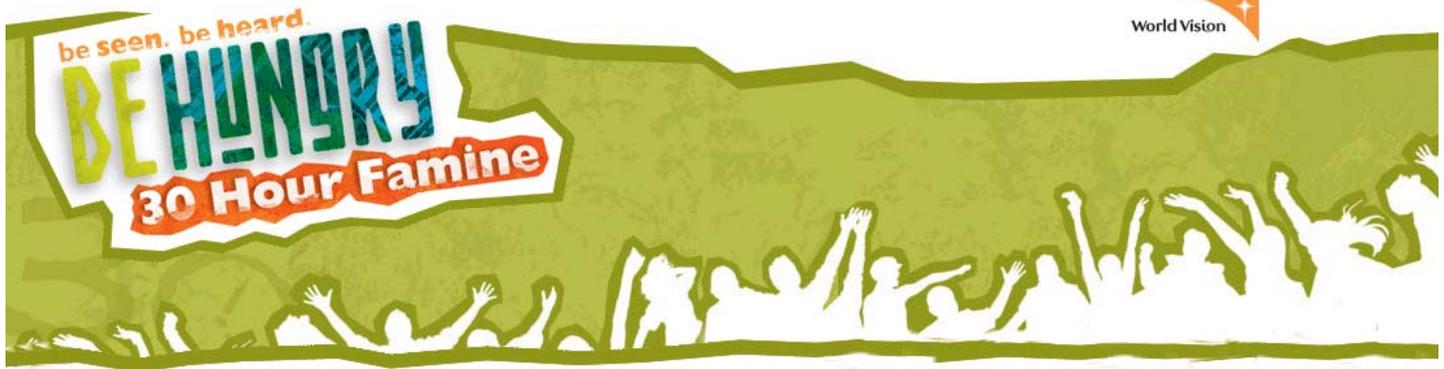
Through the Project farmers receive fair prices for their harvests, affordable credit, and long-term trade relationships with a trading partner they can trust, Equal Exchange. In addition, **for every pound of fairly traded products Disciples order through the Project, Equal Exchange makes a donation to the Disciples Hunger Relief and Food Security Fund.**

Disciples Home Missions, a General Ministry of the Christian Church (DoC), is the enabling and coordinating division of the Christian Church (DoC) in congregational program and mission in North America. DHM's priorities include leader development, congregational transformation, faith formation and Christian vocations.

Week of Compassion is the Disciples relief, refugee and development ministry fund. WOC helps North American Disciples contribute to relief and development efforts worldwide. WOC also encourages and supports volunteer groups in hands on mission and service opportunities in North America and abroad.

Next time you take a sip of coffee at church, remember, you're helping to make a difference in the lives of small-farm coffee growers and supporting Disciples' hunger relief ministries. All that in a cup of Joe!





Small groups can change the world

YOUTH GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN 30 HOUR FAMINE TO HELP THE HUNGRY - MAY 16TH - 17TH

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine is an international youth movement to fight hunger. Each year, thousands of youth groups in more than 21 countries—over 1 million teens—unite with one goal in mind: to help children living in some of the most deplorable conditions on earth. Our youth group, as small as it is, has big plans to help others.

HOW DOES 30 HOUR FAMINE WORK?

Before the 30 Hour Famine date, youth group members raise money through donors and sponsors to help the millions of starving and hurting children in some of the world's poorest countries, offering them a hope they could not otherwise have. The group then goes 30 hours without food so they can have a real taste of what hunger is like. During this time they engage in different activities, from community service projects to volunteer work to study. Afterwards, the money raised is sent to World Vision, who puts it to work in areas like Malawi, Swaziland, North Korea, and here in the United States.

IS IT REALLY 30 HOURS WITH NO FOOD?

Yes—the final meal will be lunch at school on Friday. With no after-school snacks in their bellies, kids will have a “lock-in” at the church that night. (Plenty of juice and water will be on hand.) During their time together that night and the next day, the youth group will do service projects and activities together that will focus on the global hunger crisis and understanding *why* they are doing what they are doing. On Saturday at dinner time, they'll

break their fast together by sharing a simple meal with a better understanding of what 'hungry' really is.

HOW CAN I HELP A HUNGRY CHILD?

Only \$30 a month, just \$1 a day, will help feed and care for a child. Each youth group member will ask twelve people they know to donate \$30—that's one person for each month of the year. When they've done that, they will have each raised \$360, enough money to help feed and provide necessary care to one child for a whole year.

Countless lives will be impacted and saved. Our youth will be joining the hundreds of thousands of US teens doing something to save the lives and improve living conditions of other children in the world.

The 30 Hour Famine may be the single most effective event our youth will be a part of all year to make a difference in peoples' lives, so [here's how you can help](#): if one of our youth approaches you asking you to sponsor their fast by giving a dollar a day for a month (\$30), remember the impact that your donation can have on the life of a child who is hungry in the world. If you can't afford \$30, team up with another church member or pool pocket change in your small group or Bible study.

If you would like to find out more about 30 Hour Famine or support this effort by sponsoring a youth, please contact FCC Puyallup's Youth Ministries Leader, Katie Peterson or visit www.30hourfamine.org.



Spring is here—and the grounds look good

Throughout the years, many trees, bushes, and plants have been donated in memory of a dear family member, in honor of a good friend, or in love of our church. Many volunteer hours of toil and sweat have been put into the flower beds surrounding our church building. The result of such loving care over the years is that some of the trees had grown so healthily that this year a few of them had grown too tall, were encroaching walkways, blocking lighted paths, and needed a bit of a haircut. **Many thanks to Pete's Spray Service (Milton, Wash.), who despite being hired to do the pruning job, did it free of charge.**

Calling all graduates!

Are you or do you know of a 2008 grad?
Be sure and let the church office know!



June 21st - Save the date!

The PaTH Conference on the Future on **Saturday, June 21st** will be a celebration of our current transformation work and a creative exploration our next steps. Mark your calendars now, and get ready to be inspired!

Water: A Precious Gift

In conjunction with our current quarterly mission emphasis, caring for our environment, one of our goals is the collection of money for shares of a deep water well for a drought-stricken village. Donations may be placed in the offering plate (designate 'quarterly mission' on your check) or left in the church office.

"If you live in an area where water shortages are not an issue, consider yourself lucky. Nearly 450 million people in 29 countries face severe water shortages. Predictions indicate that within five years, at least 36 US states will face water shortages due to a combination of rising temperatures, drought, population growth, and waste.

But there is hope—research has shown that residential water use could be reduced by as much as 50% through efficiency. Here are a few simple, low-cost suggestions for reducing your family's water consumption:

Reduce water use from showers and faucets

It's often the smallest room in the house, but the bathroom is where 75% of indoor household water consumption occurs. An average 6-minute shower uses about 20 gallons of water. Reduce this amount with the following tips:

No cost: Limit shower time to 5 minutes or less.

Less than \$10: Install an on/off valve between the shower arm and showerhead. This temporarily shuts off flow while maintaining the temperature, and can be a useful water-saver while soaping up or shaving.

\$10-\$50: Install a low-flow (less than 2 gallons per minute) showerhead. Previous low-flow showerheads sacrificed water pressure for efficiency, but now there are many options that don't simulate a dripping faucet.

\$20-\$50: Insulate all accessible hot-water pipes, especially those within 3 feet of the water heater. You'll get hot water faster, avoid wasting H₂O while it heats up, and save energy in the process.

Finally, fit faucets with low-flow aerators (less than two gallons per minute). This is the best and cheapest in-home water conservation method.

Toilets are the enemy

Each day, the US uses *5.8 billion* gallons of fresh water to flush waste. If you're in the market for a new toilet, check out options with either a very low (less than 1.6) gallon per flush (gpf) rating, or dual flush controls."

Excerpt by Kendra Tupper

Ministry Opportunities at FCC Puyallup

**FCC needs you. The ministries of our congregation depend upon all of us.
Take a look at these current areas, and see how you can be a part.**

Communion Bread Baker

We're looking for a few generous bread bakers. During our summer worship beginning in June, we will share communion by intinction (dipping bread into the common chalice). Currently one person bakes and donates our communion bread.

Bakers, please take a look at your calendars and contact the church office to sign up to bake fresh bread for our summer communion.



Audio/Visual Team

Our new sound/projection system offers the potential to expand our worship possibilities. With the help of volunteers we can make better use of these new resources. No experience necessary, only a joyful and willing spirit!

Team members will work on a rotation schedule, allowing for team members to help lead worship (from the sound board) and participate in worship, too. Join the audio/visual team and help make worship a welcoming experience for everyone. Contact Robin Crabb or Pastor Nancy for more information.

Lunch with a Friend (3rd Saturdays)

Don't miss this opportunity to serve low-income members of our community! This is a long-standing ministry of our congregation serving a monthly lunch at Peace Lutheran Church, and new volunteers are needed to continue the work.

Coordinator needed to plan menu; coordinate donations with food purchases; recruit volunteers, oversee meal preparation and service.

Contact Pastor Nancy or church office to find out more.

Needed—willing hands to help prepare lunches and serve to guests. No experience needed.

Coffee Hour

Have a special cookie recipe? Enjoy serving people? Hosting the coffee hour table is a great way to meet people. A quick tour of the kitchen, including the coffee and tea making equipment is available. Contact the church office or Joy Clark for more details.





Sign up in the foyer.

Thanks to all who mowed in April!
For information contact Ken Forslund or a Property Committee member.

MOWING THE YARD - © HFW 2004

Another Bright Idea!

Turning trash into treasures—literally—Lisa Peterson uses discarded light bulbs as a base to make ornaments for all occasions. Creating items for every occasion—Christmas, Halloween, Easter, your favorite sports team, and more—Lisa has taken recycling to a new level. She uses almost every type of light bulb from the ordinary incandescent to flood lamps and even old headlights from cars (fluorescent tubes are too fragile). Lisa has been able to turn discarded light bulbs into a profit by going to various craft and street fairs and bazaars throughout the year, and also has a year round booth at the Exhibitors crafters mall on South Hill. Not limited to light bulbs, Lisa uses as many discarded items as she can to keep her prices low and to help reduce the number of items that might otherwise end up in the landfill.

Want to recycle *your* light bulbs? Drop off your used bulbs from your home, office, or car in the collection box in the church foyer. In return for your part in reducing waste, you may enter your name in a drawing for a free light bulb ornament each time you bring in light bulbs!



This frog and Red Hat Society member were made by Lisa Peterson out of burned out light bulbs.

Know someone else with a creative, different way to recycle? Let us know!

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Summer Worship hours begin June 1st at 10 am

During summer months our Sunday morning studies take a break. This change of schedule allows us to begin our worship time together an hour earlier, and **beginning on June 1st, Sunday Worship services will start at 10 am.**

Changing our summer hours to begin an hour earlier will allow us to have more afternoon activities time—but do continue to join us on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School classes and Fall Worship Services will resume after the Puyallup Fair in September.

life of the church

- Worship with us..... Sundays - 11 am
- 4 “Cuatro de Mayo” Potluck Fiesta after Worship
- 7 Nominating Committee - 1:45 pm
- 11 Mothers Day
- 14 Elders Meeting - 7 pm
- 16-17 30 Hour Famine
- 16-18 NW Disciples Regional Assembly
- 17 Lunch with a Friend - 10 am
- 25 Last day of Sunday School for summer
- 25 Youth Gathering (1st-4th) after Worship
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27 Diaconate Meeting - 7 pm

birthdays

- 1 Larry Dexter
- 5 Chuck Kusick
- 5 Vi Wick
- 6 Katie Peterson
- 10 Anita Smith
- 11 Alexis Thompson
- 17 Breanna Kozakoski
- 17 Bryan Kozakoski
- 21 Karl Raup
- 22 Doris Turner

- 23 Terry Forslund
- 25 Joy Best
- 28 Lois Pfeffer
- 30 Tyler Pasola

anniversaries

- 8 Laurie & Cary Stanhope
- 29 Nancy & Pete Freeman
- 29 Barbara & Dennis Schmitt