The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

August 2026 **www.nhchristian.org**

Flurries from Chris,

This August I will be celebrating 13 years of serving as your pastor, and what an amazing journey we have found ourselves on together. Of all the ways I could describe these years together, the sentiment that I would not use is boring or stale. We have seen all sorts of changes over the years. Changes in how we understand our ministry together. Changes as we recognize that we are no longer able to do all the things that we once did. Or evaluated those things that had become tradition but no longer fit within who we understand God calling us into being. We have seen changes of how we worship, mostly because of how COVID changed the entire world.

We have constantly found God calling us into seasons of movement that are reminiscent of the chorus of the song "Spirit" in our Hymnal #249, where we call upon the Spirit of restlessness to stir us from placidness...Placidness, that description of water that is absolutely still. That water that is antithetical to life being able to thrive.

I am thankful that we are a congregation that is ever changing and willing to let the Spirit guide us onward down the path, even if it means we encounter uncomfortable opportunities. Our latest opportunity has us hosting a homeless shelter that is thriving in a way we could never have dreamt of just a few years ago. On top of that we continue to find ways of caring for our community through our citizenship classes, and our little free pantry. There was a time that even these ministries would have been impossible to imagine, and yet, we are thriving because we have moved through seasons of change as the Spirit has guided us.

Looking back on all the things we have done together, I am looking forward to what the Spirit is calling us to be and do in the coming years.

Peace in Christ,
Chris Snow

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment, every day at noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Jewels Helping Hands
Aurora Center
24/7

Citizenship Preparation
Call Sarita for info.
360-202-8367

Meals on Wheels
North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week each month. Please call Patty Morris for more information.
Next delivery week is August 10-14.

Open and Affirming Discernment Team

After much conversation and movement within our congregation, it has been approved by the board for us to move forward with a discernment process regarding whether or not we will become an official Open and Affirming Congregation.

Much like the discernment process that we participated in a couple years ago, we do not enter into this process with decisions already being made. Instead we will take time to discern where we are as a congregation and individuals. As this process might cause some to be uncomfortable, or create conflict, Pastor Chris continues to be devoted to being a pastor to all those who are part of our congregation formally or informally. To help Pastor Chris continue to be a pastor for all, we are creating a team to help guide us through this discernment process. If you wish to be a part of this team please let Pastor Chris know and he will connect those who are interested with one another.

Keep forgetting your Name Tag???

A new holder for your name tags is now available in the Narthex of the sanctuary under the serving schedules. There is a magnetic board perfect for attaching those with magnetic backs and red ribbons suitable for those with pin backs. We invite you to leave your nametags on the board so that it is easy to remember to wear them each time you are at the church.

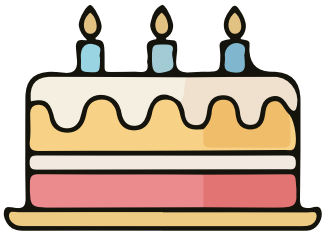
Prayer Requests:

Concerns:

- Kathy Riley
- Larry Snow
- Those impacted by natural disasters
- Friend of Bo Davis who is dealing with medical complications and chemotherapy.

Joys:

- Additional Students in the citizenship class.
- Several Aurora Guests celebrating new jobs



Birthdays:

- **Sally Deranleau 8/2**
- Margaret Tibbetts 8/15
- Marilyn Smith 8/25
- Jerry Klein 8/27

Anniversaries:

- **Chris andJenn Snow 8/11**
- Randy and Sheila McCrea 8/20

August, 2026 Serving Schedule					
	2	9	16	23	30
Count	Janie Selley Patty Morris	Linda Alexaner Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Debbie Jennison	Janie Selley Sheila McCrea	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau
Diaconate	Sally Deranleau	Nathan Burford	Linda Alexander	Nathan Burford	Patty Morris
Elder	Sarita McReynolds	Sheila McCrea	Bill Jennison	Jerry Klein	Debbie Jennison
Worship Leader	Bill Jennison	Sheila McCrea	Bill Jennison	Nathan Burford	Debbie Jennison
Visual Tech	Jenn Snow	Natasha Belton	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Natasha Belton
Sound	Ben Greene	Jenn Snow	Nathan Burford	Ben Greene	Nathan Burford
Greeter	Sarita McReynolds	Arlene Pandelis	Janie Selley	Patt Hooker	Patt Hooker

July 2026 Financials			
	July	**YTD**	**YTD Budget**
Income	**$14,403**	**$102,801**	**$86,170**
Expense	**$14,792**	**$100,880**	**$97,847**

General Offering income was below budget $1,699.
$3,192 qtrly income from investment of rental house money.

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