



The North Hill Christian Spokane, WA

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Flurries from Chris,

What does it mean to be a welcoming congregation? For some it looks like being friendly. For others it means easily welcoming others into community. For others it means being mindful that we all come with our own stories and all that entails.

A recent conversation reminded me that we do not know what is happening in someone's life beyond what we see in the moment. With this in mind it is important to be mindful of how we respect everyone's boundaries as an act of being welcoming. Boundaries that start with those first interactions and reading body and verbal, language regarding what type of touch or none is welcomed.

The next is being mindful that not everyone is comfortable sharing what is happening in their lives with strangers, or even their closest friends until they have had a chance to let it settle. Sometime the most welcoming thing to do is provide a presence that says, "You are welcome, you are safe here, and you are loved."

Being a welcoming congregation is more than greeting everyone on Sunday morning. It is how we respect where each other are in our own life journeys. It is how we consistently say that we are all in a safe space, where we won't be harmed by one another. It is how we continuously reveal God's love through all of our actions.

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
Outreach team in their office 9-5 M-F



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



Meals on Wheels

North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week each month (Sep. 8-12). Please call Kathy Riley for more information.

Change of Season Barbeque

We've had a lot of really hot days this summer. Now it's time to think about it cooling down a little, school starting and the trees beginning to turn color.

To celebrate the coming changes, Sunday, September 7th will also have some changes for our service and coffee hour. The service will be held outside in the courtyard at the regular time. Our annual fall barbeque is moving back outside, too. The following are provided: hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, meat toppings, drinks, desserts and table settings. You can help out by bringing a side dish or a salad of your choice. There will be provisions for keeping containers cold outside.

HINT:

Please cover your dish with a lid or covering of some sort. There will be a basket to accept funds to assist in buying the meats. Come and share the service and the fellowship, food and fun with others participating in a little different morning activity. Questions: Call Janie at 509-468-3713.

Please Remember Your Nametage

Did you know one of the easiest, and inexpensive ways that we can be a more welcoming and accessible church is by wearing our nametags. It isn't just helpful for visitors but for everyone. The office is currently looking into printing nametags in house that can remain at the church when not in use. Until then please wear your nametags on Sundays and whenever you are representing the church.

Prayer Requests:

Concerns:

- Donovan McReynolds as he searches for affordable housing
- Pastor Chris' father in his battle with cancer.

Joys:

- We have a new citizenship student.



Birthdays:

- Cat Bourquin 9/3
- Riley Gray 9/11
- Debbie Jennison 9/14
- Arlene Pandelis 9/15
- Dave Medina 9/26

Anniversaries:

- Liz & Karl Kohler 9/9



Preparing our Worship Space

Some of you may have noticed that the look of the chancel has been changing each Sunday to reflect some aspect of the theme of the service. We are looking to train and organize a team of volunteers who would like to help prepare our space for worship each week. If you are interested please let Pastor Chris know.

Sunday School

Pastor Chris will be leading our adult Sunday School class starting on September 7th at 9:15 am. For now the classes will focus on the scriptures that will be the focus of our worship services each week. The scriptures for each class will be listed in the previous week's weekly. If there is a desire to focus on other topics we will make the appropriate changes.



2025 Women's Retreat- September 19-21

All women are welcome at the annual retreat held in Lincoln, MT, coordinated by Northern Lights' congregation Seeker's Harbor Faith Community (Billings, MT) and commissioned pastor Becky Taylor.

This year scheduled for September 19-21, the popular weekend getaway to Cane Ridge West Conference & Retreat Center in Lincoln, MT is a yearly favorite! "Soul Circle" will include teachings adapted from the work of Joan Borysenko, Ph.D.: cancer scientist, psychologist, Harvard professor.

Register by 8/29 for the early bird price of \$130 (\$150 after)

Registration deadline is 9/12

Register at docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/nlr2025-womens-retreat.

Learn more on the Facebook event page, or register now at docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/nlr2025-womens-retreat.



The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church's Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These programs seek to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that serve to deny the image of God and human dignity to others. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and supporting each other is a basic tenant of Christendom. To build beyond our suffering towards a better community for all is a worthy goal made possible by the grace of God who shows the way...

Your gifts to the Reconciliation Ministry serve to strengthen our congregation's witness to God's unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity leaders, communities, and our own congregations are being equipped to witness to God's love and justice in all times and in every season. The time is always now to stand up, speak up, and rise up for justice to ensure that all of God's children are treated equitably. Please prayerfully consider how you may further these efforts of brotherly love in action beyond our borders by donating generously on September 28 and October 5 (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Thank you for your support.

What's Happening in the Church

Starting on September 14th and following each week during coffee hour (when there is not a meeting scheduled) pastor Chris will be leading a series of workshops regarding the resolutions that were passed at General Assembly this past summer. This is a chance to find out what is going on in the life of our larger church body and to consider if there are things we would like to learn about some more.

August 2025 Financial Report			
	August	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$12,305	\$102,088	\$92,296
Expense	\$11,175	\$108,476	\$110,946
General Offering income was above budget by \$2068			

September 2025 Serving Schedule				
	7	14	21	28
Count	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau	Janie Selley Debbie Jennison	Sheila McCrea Patty Morris	Janie Selley Patty Morris
Diaconate	Patty Morris	Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander	Nathan Burford
Elder	Jerry Klein	Debbie Jennison	Bill Jennison	Sarita McReynolds
Lay Leader	Sheila McCrea	Debbie Jennison	Bill Jennison	Nathan Burford
Power Point		Jenn Snow	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Carter
Sound		Ben Greene	Nathan Burford	Jenn Snow
Pick Up		Janie Selley	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Dereanleau
Greeter		Patt Hooker	Arlene Pandelis	Bill Phipps

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