



# The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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## Flurries from Chris

More often than not the season between Christmas and Lent has congregations in a holding pattern. Where we really settle into an attitude of rest and waiting until spring arrives. But that is not the case for us this year, because there is a lot happening for us as a congregation.

First we have received approval through a grant process to have all of the lights inside and out of our building upgraded to LED's. A project that would normally cost us close to \$19,000 and yet our out of pocket cost is expected to be \$1,000. This project will help to lower our energy costs while also replacing burned out lightbulbs in the sanctuary and addressing other lighting concerns throughout our property.

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## Weekly Events

### **Attitude**

### **Adjustment**

Every day, noon & 5:30

### **Citizenship**

### **Preparation**

Mondays 10-11 a.m.

Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian**

### **Baptist Church**

Worship: Sun. 2-6 pm

Choir: Tues. 6-9 p.m.

Study: Wed. 7-10 p.m.

Fri. 7-10 p.m.

### **Meals on Wheels**

delivers hot meals to clients every weekday. North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week a month. Please call or email Michele Fleck, (509) 327-3451, [michele\\_fleck@comcast.net](mailto:michele_fleck@comcast.net)

Another recent development is that our Citizenship Class has added a second meeting time to the calendar based on student needs and teacher availability. They are now meeting on Monday mornings from 10-11 and Thursday evenings from 6-7. As we are in a time where news of immigration and citizenship are all around us, we have this class made available to support those who are working hard on gaining their citizenship.

There is one more big change coming down the tracks. The Ukrainian Baptist Church notified us a couple months ago that they were in the process of looking for and purchasing their own building. While at the time their plan was to stay through June, their association made available space much sooner and they hope to be meeting there by mid February.

As we find ourselves in conversation with other churches and/or organizations we need to have conversations ourselves. Our hope that is during coffee hours throughout the month of February we can talk through some logistics and considerations to be mindful of as we put forth our building to be a conduit for ministry.

Peace in Christ,  
Chris Snow



The Week of Compassion offering is used to help those in need around the world. It is the mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC) that supplies relief, refugee and development funds. This year's theme is "HEARD and SEEN". Week of Compassion is there when it is needed and partners with other agencies...during 2024 they provided support in hurricane and tornado relief along the east coast and refugee support in North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois and Arizona. Currently, Week of Compassion is helping with fire relief in Southern California. Week of Compassion is an important part of the ministry of the Christian Church (DOC) and your financial gifts allow you to be a part of taking care of those in need both locally and around the world. We will be taking a special offering for Week of Compassion on February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please mark your check or envelope to indicate your gift to this important mission of our church.

#### **Birthdays**

- Karen Stewart  
2/2
- Bill Phipps 2/7
- Deanne Miller  
2/14
- Bobbie Belton  
2/23
- Bill Jennison  
2/25

#### **Anniversaries**

- None

### Prayer Concerns

- Linda Ellis is requesting prayers for her family following the death of her brother, Mark.
- Larry Snow, father of pastor Chris, who is battling cancer.
- Emma Nemeyer. She was in labor for 52 hours and delivered baby Charlotte.
- Linda Alexander, for successful knee replacement surgery and speedy recovery.
- Point in Time Count (regarding homeless) January 21-29.

### Joys

- In 2025 Family Promise housed 805 people! 235 families and 449 children.

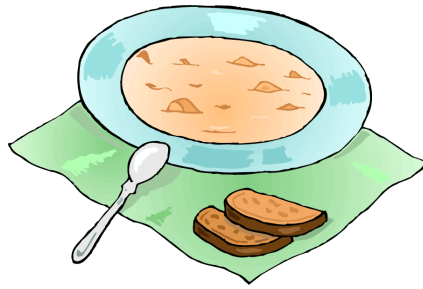
## LUKE STUDY

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 19, 9:15 a.m.

On Sunday morning, January 19 we will begin an overview of the Gospel of Luke. Luke is the Gospel for this year's lectionary readings, and we will use the eleven weeks until the end of Lent to familiarize ourselves with the focus and themes of Luke's version of the Gospel. Please join us for this opportunity to dig into Scripture at 9:15 in the Fireside Room, beginning January 19. See you there.

## Soup Luncheon Successful

North Hill is  
many good  
The soup  
January 29<sup>th</sup> was  
share food and

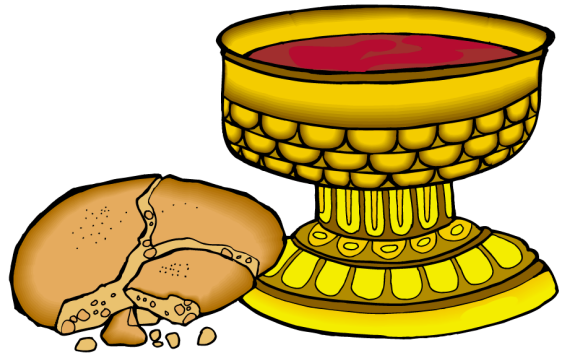


blessed to have  
cooks among us.  
luncheon on  
a great time to  
fellowship.

Almost everyone there sampled at least two or three of the five soups offered. The soups were all delicious. Thanks so much to Debbie Jennison, Linda Alexander, Patt Hooker and Sarita McReynolds who joined me in providing the soups. Thanks, too, to those who provided crackers and bread and the yummy desserts. All of you who were good enough to join in the kitchen to take care of tidying up were greatly appreciated.  
Janie

## Changes in Worship

You may have noticed this past Sunday we made some fairly significant changes to how we do a very important part of our worship service. How we



receive your offerings and share in communion. After much conversation and deliberation we are testing the waters of returning to "passing the plates."

I wanted to share some of the reasonings behind this change. The main reason is to limit the amount of times in our services and the life of the church where there is a separation based on physical abilities. While I have tried my best to limit language that denotes a separation when participating at the table, adapting our language never quite felt like a complete solution. The second is returning to the mindset of serving one another that is missed when we simply receive communion from the table.

As we test the waters of returning to passing the plates we could use your help as you are able. The first is to help in serving those in the pew with you. If someone is having difficulty, help them. The second is that there will still only be one deacon scheduled to serve each week where they will prepare the elements for us. There may be days where we need help passing the plates in the pews. If you are able we would welcome your assistance in passing the plates on Sunday mornings.

## **Church Calendar**

As our lives get busy we like to keep calendars of what is happening. Hopefully so that we don't double book ourselves or miss appointments. With a similar mindset in mind we have posted the calendar of the church to our website. Please note that this calendar does not only contain the ministries and events of our congregation but for all of those who are also utilizing our space throughout the week.

If you would like to have an event added to the calendar please be sure to let the office know.

## **January financial report**

	January	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$18,448	\$18,448	\$16,062
Expense	\$12,968	\$12,968	\$13,868

The income includes income from 4 special sources:

**Zephyr Heritage Fund**

**Laurence Omen Family Fund**

**Dorothy L Penning Memorial Fund**

Qtrly income from our investment after selling house

General Fund giving was \$525 over budget



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## February, 2025 --- Serving Schedule

	2	9	16	23
<b>Count</b>	Michele Fleck Patty Morris	Sheila McCrea Sally Deranleau	Sheila McCrea Arlene Pandelis	Bob Tibbetts Patty Morris
<b>Diaconate</b>	Patty Morris	Michele Fleck	Nathan Burford	Nathan Burford
<b>Elder</b>	Janie Selley	Sarita McReynolds	Sheila McCrea	Bill Jennison
<b>Lay Leader</b>	Nathan Burford	Jenn Snow	Sheila McCrea	Bill Jennison
<b>Power Point</b>	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Carter	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow
<b>Sound</b>	Bill Jennison	Nathan Burford	Michele Fleck	Ben Greene
<b>Pick Up</b>	Janie Selley	Arlene Pandelis	Sally Deranleau	Michele Fleck
<b>Greeter</b>	Bill Phipps	Patt Hooker	Sarita McReynolds	Arlene Pandelis
<b>Song Leader</b>	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				