

Potluck and Report on Borg/Crossan

Celtic Spirituality Pilgrimage

Bring a dish for supper at 5:30 PM, Sunday, September 25. Then stay to hear what the Menegats learned on their Celtic Spirituality Pilgrimage with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan this summer. They are excited to share with you the history and theology of this branch of the Christian Church that was basically lost in the sixteenth century through formal opposition from the Augustinian-Calvinistic influences in the Church. Put it on your calendar.



Generations of Generosity

Fall Stewardship Campaign

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

October 2

Combined Worship

10:30 AM

followed by a prepared dinner and video presentation



A Moment for Mission

September 25, our congregation will be receiving an offering to support the work of racial reconciliation in our

region and communion. Reconciliation Mission is a special ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) focused on the eradication of the root causes of racism and dismantling all forms of oppression.

Some may wonder why this ministry is necessary in 2004 and even ask, "didn't the civil rights struggles of the 1960s free us from racism? Didn't the Civil Rights Act of 1964 take care of these issues?"

In answer, here are some eye-opening facts:

- 17 percent of all African-Americans left high school in 2002 without earning a diploma compared to 9.9 percent of all non-Hispanic whites.
- 46 percent of Black students secured loans to finance their higher education and reported the benefits they obtained from higher education were worth the debt burden in 2002 compared with 58 percent of white students, according to the Nellie Mae National Student Loan Survey.
- 24 percent of all Black children in the United States live in housing where there is more than one person per room compared to 11 percent of all white children, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
- 52 cents is what Hispanic women earned in 2000 to every dollar earned by their white female counterparts according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

- 63 cents is what Hispanic males earned in 2000 to every dollar earned by their white male counterparts according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
- \$19,651 was the median income for Hispanic workers in 2001 compared to \$30,622 and \$23,453, for white and black workers, respectively according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
- 10.4 percent was the rate of poverty for Hispanic workers in 2000 compared to 4 percent for white workers according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
- 14 percent of Asians in the United States live below the poverty line in 2000 compared to 13 percent of the population as a whole according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
- 24 percent of Asian Americans over 25 do not have a high school degree and 33 percent of Asian students in public high schools either drop out or do not graduate on time according to the U.S. Board of Education.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in A Letter from a Birmingham Jail said that "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly." Racism continues to diminish our collective life. It is limiting our collective possibility to wholeness.

The ministry of Reconciliation Mission is more important now than ever before. As a faith community we say we desire to be known by our witness to true community, deep Christian spirituality and passion for justice. This offering is part of that witness.

Please join me and give generously to Reconciliation Mission. Let us sow seeds of reconciliation so that we may reap harvests of justice.

**Early Bird
Truthseekers**

(E.B.T.S.) meet every Monday morning at 7 a.m. at the Original Pancake House on Franklin Blvd. We'll continue with the study of Bill Moyer's TV series "Now" and his book "Genesis". Anyone welcome, and we'll find you a book!.

**Lunch Bunch
September 27, Noon**

Plan on joining the Lunch Bunch on the 4th Tuesday of the month at noon. This month we are meeting at The Big River Grille, located inside the Hilton on 6th & Oak. Free parking in their parking area. Good food, good conversation, a nice break from your normal work routine. Questions, call Sandi Ybarra at 746-7122 or e-mail (sandi@hearingassociates.net).

**Men's Study Group
to Meet**
Sunday,
September 18,
at 4:00 pm
It's time to plan this year's study. Call Mel Menegat (345-4450) or Earl Koenig (607-6393) if you have questions.



Week of Compassion

Responds to the needs left by the devastation of Katrina. Disciples gave over \$200,000 in designated hurricane contributions. That figure has now multiplied. Online gifts have been received in record fashion. Of course, the requests we are getting from congregations, local partners and Church World Service are simply staggering. CWS expanded its initial Katrina appeal from \$300,000 to \$9.5 million!

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We have responded with to date totaling \$4204.00.



**Retirement Party for
Dick Busic**

October 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Kellenberger Library, Northwest Christian College.

RSVP by October 3 to Connie at 684-7224 or Connie@nwcc.edu.



**Rehearsals are in progress for a
Children's Musical**

Children's Program

Sundays at 9:30 AM, upstairs in Rm 354. Children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to take part in "A Shepherd's Story", a play for the Christmas Season. This is a great time to invite neighbor children or friends to come and experience our Sunday School program.

**CHURCH
STAFF**

Bill is taking vacation time from September 18 to the 25th. If you find any maintenance work that needs to be done, please let Patty know so she can schedule the work.



VACATION

Roger will be on vacation from the 24th of September through the 15th of October. Volunteers would be welcome to help with clean up after Sunday services and the October 11 Interfaith Service. Call Patty and let her know if you can help.



Car Wash & Hand Polish. Chris Kollmai is trying to augment his limited income by washing and waxing cars at the church. He is offering a fall special to FCC friends and members for \$50. Call Chris at 686-3377.



**YOUTH FAMILY
POTLUCK DINNER**

Sunday, September 18, noon. All parents and youth are invited. Bring your family and plenty of food; beverages are provided. We will meet sponsors, make plans and answer questions

CHI RHO YOUTH (grades 6-8) meet every Sunday noon to 2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. We have PB&J sandwiches if you forgot!

Puppets Return!!

Michelle and Jamie are back! We will meet twice a month beginning in October.

CYF Lock -In "Being Christian Community" is the theme. Sat., Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. Invite your friends and let's get rollin'!!

CYF - Festival of Praise.

Forest Grove FCC is hosting a regional event Sat., Oct. 8 & 9. Cost is \$20. Registration is due 9/20.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP -

All young adults are invited to join us Fri., Sept. 23rd for a Birthday Party for Erik Free. Join us for cake, ice cream and party games! All meetings are at the church. Everyone welcome!!

From Children's Ministry Team: "The first day of Sunday School upstairs was joyful and hectic. We had 16 adults helping with our children from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Children's choir (led by Judith Ivy) starts at 9:30 in room 310 for ages 3-to 5th grade. All our programs end at 12:15 pm, so please be sure to pick up your child(ren) in room 351 after worship. If you have any colorful magazines, please donate them to room 352 for collages. Thank you for all your support and please keep

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ALL AGES

9:30 a.m. Sunday Classes

<i>Nursery (birth to 3)</i>	Rochelle Andres & Dee Dee Bowman NW corner of second floor
<i>Children's Choir Ages 3-Grade 5</i>	Judith Ivy & Assistants Choir Rm (3rd floor)
<i>Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 2 at 9:50am</i>	Patty Osborne & Assistants Room 352-353
<i>Forbidden Hour: The Book of Job</i>	Alan Brandenfels Library
<i>Prime Time</i>	John Moore Parlor
<i>Loyal Friends</i>	Elizabeth Dowdy History Room

10:30 to 11:50 a.m. God & Country

<i>God & Country Grades 3-5</i>	Betsy Brandenfels & Marilyn Reid Boy & Girl Scout Curriculum for Disciples of Christ Room 354
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11:00 a.m. Sunday Classes

<i>Nursery (birth to 3)</i>	Rochelle Andres & Dee Dee Bowman NW corner of second floor
<i>Circle of Friends - Opening Worship All Children</i>	Linda Rothauge Class Teachers: Paula Cates, Michelle Cook, Scott & Laura Powell Shepherds: Jerry Smith, Mel Menegat
<i>Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) Disciples of Christ History</i>	Jamie McCormack Basement across from water fountain

<i>High School Youth (grades 9-12) History of the Bible</i>	Erik Free Basement Room 101 (near elevator)
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<i>Spiritual Journaling</i>	Beth Giddens Parlor
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<i>Living the Questions - video & discussion</i>	Robin Cushman Library
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Women's Ministries

News

Fall 2005

Women's Spiritual

Renewal

Retreat

October 14 & 15, 2005

Watch for details!



Dream On, Sisters!

June 21-25, 2006

in Indianapolis, Indiana

Mix in '06 is a one time historic gathering of the Disciples of Christ ICWF Quadrennial Assembly & The United Church of Christ National Women's Meeting!

Help Wanted

Are you going to go to the October women's retreat? Would like to be involved where you would meet the ladies from across Oregon.

Call Patty Weller in the Church office for details



QUILTING GROUP

Quilters meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday mornings at 9 AM. They're looking for people are willing to cut squares at home. They would like to make as many quilts as they can with the wonderful fabric they were given. The process is simple, but time-consuming. The squares are cut at home, stitched up, and then the quilts are tyed at the church. After that they go home again for the finishing and binding edges. Help is needed at any of these stages and they are quite eager to "teach" any part of the process. These quilts are very much appreciated by those who receive them from the Helping Hand room.



Start planing now!

We already have 6 ladies registering for the 2006 Quadrennial.

Registration forms available in the church office or on-line at www.dreamonsisters.com

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Daniel E. H. Bryant,
Senior Minister

Rev. Elaine Andres,
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Patty Weller,
Director of Administration

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Director of Music

Dr. John Jantzi,
Organist and Bell Choir Director

Danette Lamson-Hall,
Administrative Assistant

Roger Evers, Custodial Manager

Bill Wise, Maintenance Manager

Erik Free, Youth Intern

Judith Ivy, Children's Choir Director

Rochelle Andres, Nursery Supervisor

DeeDee Wagner, Nursery Assistant

Jennifer Jost, Wedding Hostess

Lee Ann Gutierrez, Event Attendant

Josh Andres, Wedding Attendant

Gilbert Kistler, *Elder Emeritus*
Frances Hyland, *Elder Emerita*
Dorothy Blood, *Historian Emerita*



The Shawl Ministry

first meeting is Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the church Library. If you are interested in joining or have any questions contact eliza Drummod at fiberliza@msn.com.



Prayer Calendar: Bret Taylor, Jo-Anne Flanders' son; Lee Wahlstrom; Sara Danis; Ruth Kollmai; Roger Aydelott; Louise Hastings; Jim Copenhaver; Frances Holmes; Bonnie Roth; Ruth Bascue; Vivian Templar; Rowena Morgan; Tony R. Alexander; Beth Berge; Elezabeth Coke; families in financial crisis and families dealing with addictions.

We reserve the right to edit or rewrite submitted articles. Newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month. There will not be a mid month newsletter in July or August. Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM