

Communicator

February 2012

*Nurturing Faith,
Growing Community,
and Sowing Seeds of Justice and Peace on the Palouse*

Dear Friends,

The word “Lent” (the season which we are soon approaching in church-land) comes from an Anglo-Saxon word that means “lengthening,” referring to the lengthening of days that occurs in the northern hemisphere during this season. Reflecting Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness, Lent is a period of forty days, excluding Sundays, that has traditionally been a time “set apart” in some way. Traditional practices for marking this time have included fasting and prayer, even giving something up for this period. More contemporary practices include a call in the UCC to “carbon fasting” for the season, to taking on something to better our community, such as an act of service.

Within CCUCC, we would like to help you create a bit of sacred space during this season by offering you a series entitled “Words for the Journey.” This will be taking a couple of forms. The Sunday services during this season will focus on words that have one meaning in English, but are rich in multiple meanings in Greek and Hebrew. For example, we will consider the word “time” and the two distinct understandings of time that come from the Greek words, “kairos” versus “chronos.” Or the two very different meanings in Hebrew of a word we translate as “fear”. Likewise, we will be exploring “Spirit”, “love”, and one that challenges us – “sin” (there are over 50 words that are translated as sin, just in the Hebrew . . . Spoiler alert! This could be a loooong sermon!). While sometimes frustrating to those seeking a more literal English translation, the beauty of exploring these words in the original language is that they become rich with meaning, and they ask/demand a fresh perspective. Because these words mean more than one thing, they sometimes demand that we live with paradox – the spiritual challenge of living in the question.

As a daily support to this weekly/Sunday exploration, two of our members, Patricia Magaret and Donna Slusser, are convening online groups that will “meet” in two venues – one through a closed Facebook Group and the other via an email list serve. Those in the groups will receive a word (and perhaps a meditation, thought, even an image) every day of Lent (except Sundays). As a group member, you are invited to use the word for your own meditation and reflection, and, if you wish, to share with others in your on-line group in dialogue and conversation. There is more information about this elsewhere in the newsletter.

Whether you attend worship, listen to sermons online, keep track of us via the website, or join us via Facebook or email groups, we welcome you as companions on the journey. Our prayer is that we are able to ease one another’s way through the wilderness, even just a bit. It is a privilege to share the journey together.

Peace,

Kristine

*Words for
the Journey*

TIME

FEAR

LOVE

SIN

SPIRIT

*hamartia, pneuma,
kairos, agape, ruah,
ra'ah, yirah, chronos*

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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LEARNING COMMUNITY UPDATE

We have started this New Year with a lot of snow! Hope you and your children were able to enjoy some of the time off together.

Learning Community teachers began this year with a teacher training on January 11. It was a great training and a wonderful dinner provided by the CE Board. Thank you to Barb Hammond and Marion Yonge for cooking and preparing dinner. Also, thank you to Jayme Reiber for the dessert.

The **Preschool Class** will continue for the rest of this year with Mary Wandschneider and Sue Kreikemeier.

The **Elementary Class** will have a different teacher each month:

January – Kim Dye

February – Julie Stanton & Lisa Carloye

March – Carol Spurling

April – David Brown

May – MaryAnn Boehmke.

Our two **regular subs** are Monique Slipher and Jon Carlson.

The **Middle School Class** has Phil Wandschneider and Tiffany Van Arsdel and, of course, Jonathan Bliss will continue with the **High School Class**.

--Chandra Crow, Learning Community Coordinator

We're doing a LUNCH BUNCH after church Sunday, February 12

Want to get to know people in our congregation better? Say hi to old friends? Sign up as you come into the Narthex next Sunday, if you can go out to lunch after the service. A Deacon will be available to assist and answer questions. After worship, check the board to find members of your group, say hello and decide on a place for lunch. And enjoy each other's company!



VALENTINE FUN AT BISHOP PLACE Sunday, Feb 12, 2-3:30 pm

Join our Bishop Place friends for some Valentine fun! We will meet in the "Activity Room" at Bishop Place (2nd floor - upstairs, in the Independent Living Section). All ages welcome! Come spend some time with members who have a hard time getting to church on a regular basis. Questions? Call Diane Worthey at 334-0674 or diworthey@gmail.com.

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

You are invited to join in the "Words for the Journey" series during Lent. For forty days (excluding Sundays) those who sign up/sign on will receive a daily word to help guide our journey through this season. The word or phrase will be one that invites meditation, reflection, prayer and creativity. We will have two groups -- one using an email format and another on Facebook. There will be the opportunity, in both groups, to use the word as a "jump off point" for on-line dialogue. All group members are encouraged to share thoughts, ideas, even art or images with others, if you wish. Friends and members, near and far, can contact the church office to sign up, or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will meet after church on February 19th to say hello and get started.

--jhPatricia Magaret and Donna Slusser

A WORD ABOUT FACEBOOK GROUPS

We are offering some closed Facebook groups as a possible way for people to continue conversation and remain connected.

We've created the following groups:

Pullman UCC--an all church group.

Everyone in the church is welcome to join.

Words for the Journey at Pullman UCC

We will use this group to reveal and discuss the daily "Words for the Journey" during Lent.

12 Steps to Compassion at Pullman UCC

for everyone reading the book.

If you don't have a Facebook account and would like to create one, go to facebook.com and follow the simple instructions. While on Facebook, simply search "pullman ucc" (in the search bar on top center of page) and these groups will show up. Click the Request to Join box on the right and you're in!

--Chip

GLBT GROUP

This group is for gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender people who would appreciate a safe, supportive place to talk about whatever is going on in life, but particularly issues related to faith/spirituality, and sexual/gender orientation. Tracy Simmons, who began attending CCUCC this fall, is willing to help organize and facilitate this group. So if you are interested, gather after church in the Fireside Room (just around the corner from the upstairs restroom).

EXPLORING FAITH AT CCUCC

“What is the United Church of Christ?”

“I’m seeking spiritual community but I’m not sure how to fit into this church.”

“What difference does it make if I become a member of this church?”

“What does this church believe about...?”

“I’m excited about this church! How do I become more involved?”

If you’ve had anything resembling these thoughts or questions, please sign up in the narthex or email Chip to let him know you are interested. chiplaird1@gmail.com

When we have enough for a group, we’ll make a plan to gather and explore together how our faith and this church interact.



Interfaith
House

THE COMMON MINISTRY

TREASURER POSITION OPEN AT INTERFAITH HOUSE

The Interfaith House / Common Ministry is seeking a Treasurer. The Treasurer will work independently, and with the Interfaith House staff and the Common Ministry Council to manage finances and prepare financial reports. Accounting coursework or prior accounting experience is required. This is a 10-15 hour per month position, and is an excellent resume-building position. Training will begin in April.

Please submit Letter of Interest, Resume, and References to the Treasurer Search Committee, via email: office@interfaith-house.com.



Great Secondhand & Second Chance Goods

Value is what you and others receive when you donate to the Thrift Shop. Not only are your goods sold at very reasonable prices, but the Thrift Shop annually donates to local non-profit organizations. Recycle-Reuse-Help Others -- that’s the purpose of the shop. We appreciate your donations of gently used and useful items. You can shop at The Thrift Shop two Sundays a month after our church service, or during our regular hours: Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 12 noon-4:00 p.m. Watch the church bulletin for after-church hours. And thanks for everything donated and purchased.

THRIFT SHOP - OPEN DATES IN FEB

February 5 - Proceeds to Youth Mission Trip

February 19 - Added shopping for the congregation

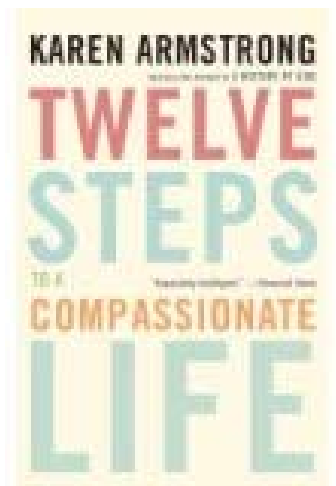
THRIFT SHOP CURRENT NEED

The Thrift Shop sorting room floor is visible, which means we need donations of gently used items (no furniture, please). If you have drawers or closets to empty, we have space for whatever you donate!! Thank you for your continuing support!!

BOOK GROUP MEETING MONDAYS

**Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life,
by Karen Armstrong,
6:30 pm-Brewster
Hall**

We continue to make our way through the steps in this helpful book. If you’d like to read the book and join in the discussion, feel free. Let Chip know if you’d like to join the Facebook group.



by Monique Slipher

On to the 126th year of Pullman's Congregational Church, and our third year of periodic glimpses back through those many decades. We left off in November with the departure of Rev. Mason in early 1904, so we now return to that year and the arrival in August of young Rev. Francis O. Wyatt from Illinois, with his wife and two small children.

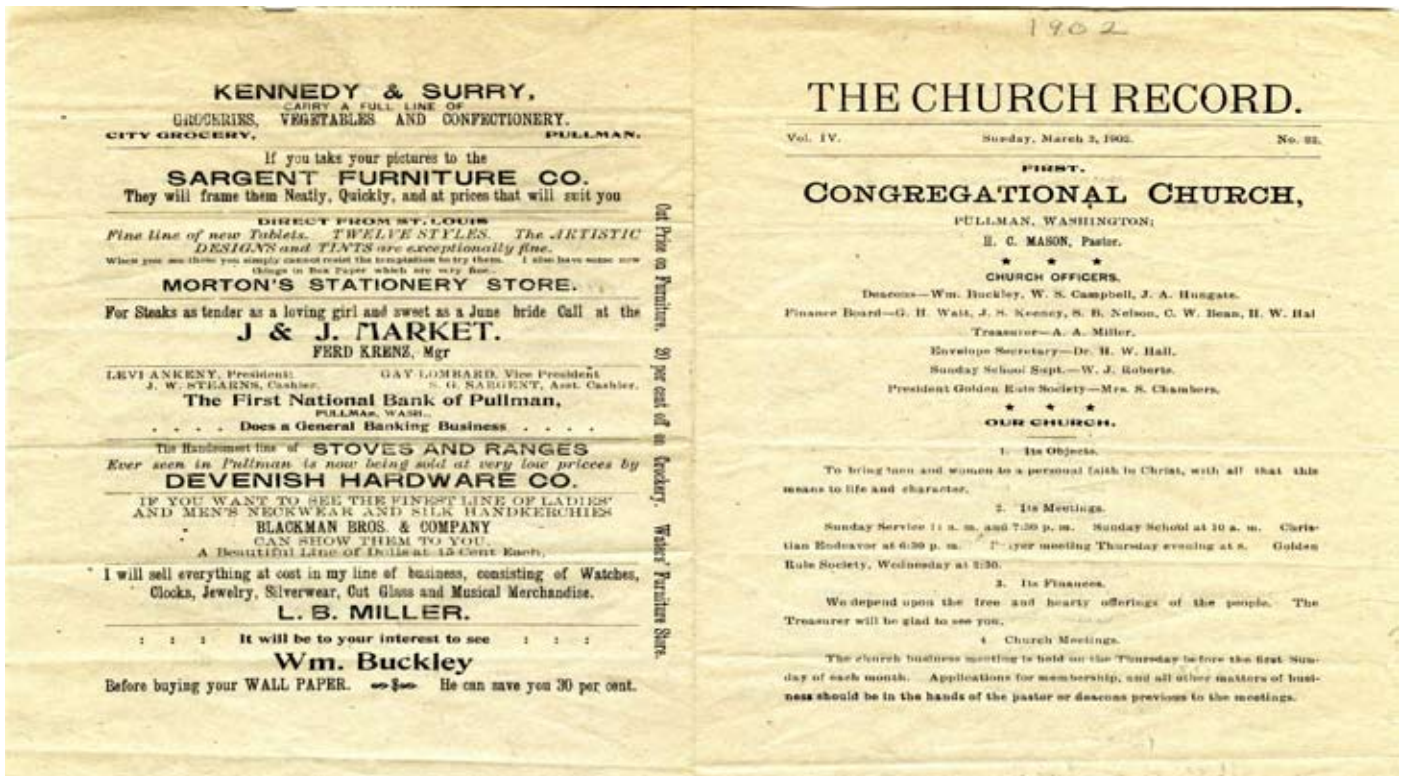
The Wyatts took up residence in the parsonage after a welcoming reception in the church parlors, and were received into the membership rolls at the regular church business meeting in late October. Other pressing agenda items that night were the Treasurer's report of "a shortage of funds" and a subsequent "discussion of means to reach members personally". (Sounds familiar!) According to Otho West (our reporter on all things Congregational in Pullman for most of his ninety years in our church), the new minister "assumed command of the ship with the usual vim and vigor characteristic of new clergy. The annual church dinner had an attendance of 150. Pastor's report showed baptism administered to 21 persons, 40 were received into membership.... Missionary giving was \$52.40. Congregationalism was again in business."

Wyatt's father, the Rev. Charles Wyatt, came out to visit from South Dakota the following April, and preached an evening sermon for Palm Sunday at his

son's new church. (Apparently the region appealed to him, as he and his wife soon also moved out west to fill the pulpit of the Congregational church in Priest River, Idaho.) Later that month Francis Wyatt and two women of the congregation traveled to Spokane as delegates to the 18th annual session of the Washington Sunday School convention.

June 1905 brought the annual Whitman and Latah counties' Veterans Association encampment to town for three days in what is now Reaney Park. A full "literary and musical program" was organized, including Rev. Wyatt performing a "Solo" at the Thursday night campfire. The veterans enjoyed "plenty of beautiful campsites, with artesian water, and hay and fuel provided for free." A barbecue/clam bake was also promised, with "a sufficient supply of clams...ordered from the coast" and "A three-year-old beef, together with a number of sheep."

In September, Wyatt was called to Kellogg, Idaho to preach the dedicatory sermon for the newly rebuilt (for \$3500) Congregational church there, where a college mate of his was pastor. Oddly enough, that church had first been completed the prior December, a day before its planned Sunday dedication, but then had mysteriously burned to the ground that very same Saturday night.



Sunday bulletin from March, 1902, when Horace C. Mason was pastor. Note the church's creative approach to fundraising in that time!

Later that fall the Pullman Herald reported on a string quartet performance at a Sunday evening service, commenting, "Such musical features, together with the interesting series of sermons on marriage, are attracting large congregations. Addresses have been made on 'Single Blessedness', 'The Choice of a Better Half', and 'The Night Before the Wedding'. Nov. 12th this evening series closes with 'Happy Ever After'; the morning theme will be 'The Christians Cure for Remorse'" (One wonders whether the young minister intended that bit of irony??) A few months later Wyatt tackled the subject of "Christianity and Socialism"— the paper announced that "points of similarity will be shown between primitive Christianity and modern Socialism and the history of the latter candidly reviewed." Clearly Rev. Wyatt had no fear of provoking thought and discourse among his flock as they celebrated their twentieth anniversary as a congregation that spring of 1906.

Sadly, however, he soon fell ill, and in May requested the Church Board allow him to resign. The minutes of that meeting record "the resignation was accepted with regrets, and letters of recommendation granted Rev. Wyatt and Mrs. Wyatt to the Cheney Congregational Church." Wyatt and his family retired to Pend O'Reille Lake for the summer "in the hope that his health may be benefitted", and he did later recover while at Cheney. Meanwhile, summer union services rotated among the five churches in town (a regular practice in those days), with each minister taking turns preaching in another church than his own; our church resorted to a series of supply ministers for their Sundays.

In September the Church Board "moved that no replacement for the pulpit should be made until Rev. Wyatt's past due salary be paid in full", which was no small sum at \$83.00 per month for three months! Then there was the parsonage in need of \$77.00 of repairs... Once again, members were solicited for contributions, but despite their best efforts, the church finally had to borrow bank funds and mortgage the parsonage in order to call with confidence the Rev. Sullivan S. Healey from Helena, Montana at a salary of \$1000. Healey, who resembled Teddy Roosevelt in looks, turned out to have a short but fairly dramatic impact on his new hometown—more on him and Pullman's contentious temperance movement next time!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*
FOR FEBRUARY

- 2 Monique Slipher
- 3 Corey Johnson
- 4 Monica Johnson
- 12 James Holstad
- 12 Chip Laird
- 19 Roy Bartlett
- 19 Quinn Johnson
- 20 Ralph Hauser
- 28 Maurice Windsor



We remember in our prayers the families of **Reed Hansen** who passed away December 19, 2011 and **Jane Riddle**, mother of Jann Hill, who passed away on January 6, 2012.

We also remember in our prayers the family of **Esther Anne Shaw** who passed away January 29. The service for Esther Anne will be at 1 pm on Saturday, March 3, here at CCUCC.

Lolly and David Owens are settled in Bradenton, Florida, and invite anyone who is in the area to stop in and say "hi"!

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DATES TO REMEMBER (see inside for details)

February	12	Lunch Bunch - after worship
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February	15	All Boards Meeting (2-3:30)
February	20	Articles Due for March Communicator
March	4	Campership Brunch



**Remember to visit our Thrift Shop
for the best bargains in town . . .
and spread the word to others!**

**Hours:
Tuesdays: 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Thursdays & Fridays: 12 noon - 4**

Open after church - 1st & 3rd Sundays

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