

# THE COVENANT CONNECTION

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## Covenant United Methodist Church

**Blood Drive at Covenant**  
The Inland Northwest Blood Center will be at Covenant on Sunday, February 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Mark your calendar!

Would you like to be a part of a friendship dinner group in 2010?

It's a fun way to get to know other people from Covenant while sharing a good meal. Each group is eight adults (singles and/or couples) who meet for dinner in homes four times during the year. The host provides the main course while others bring an appetizer, salad, and dessert. New groups are formed each year. Sign up on the sheet on the back table any time.

**New Directories are Available!**

Pick up your very own, free copy, of the new Covenant Address and Phone directory, complete with photos. Anyone may have a copy of the directory, you don't have to be a member, or have your picture in it. It is a great tool for getting to know "Who's who" and connecting a name with a face!

## UMCOR Helping Haiti

Your prayers and gifts are encouraged

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already in Haiti responding to the devastation following the earthquake that rocked that nation a week ago.

All donations made, through UMCOR with the Advance #418325, go directly to the response efforts there. Checks can be made out to Covenant, designated for UMCOR. None of these gifts are used for salaries, or other overhead costs. (Those costs are covered by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering taken in March.)

If you would like to keep informed about what UMCOR is doing in Haiti, you can view updated information on the internet link below.

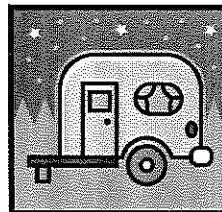
### Updated Information

Breaking news and information appears at <http://www.umc.org/haiti> and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/unitedmethodistchurch>.

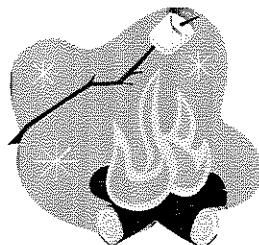
## 2010 Church Campout

**Did you miss winter? Do not miss the SUMMER CHURCH CAMPOUT!!!**

June 25th, 26th & 27th at the Two Rivers Resort & Campground, located 1 1/2 hours west of Spokane where the Spokane River and the Columbia River join to form Lake Roosevelt. We have reserved 20 RV sites and several tent sites. Tent sites are \$16 a night, RV sites are \$28 a night, and include water, electricity and sewer hookups.



**Sign up and first night deposits must be completed by February 7th. Write your check to Stan Gray and include the length of your RV (if applicable).**



There will be a potluck dinner Saturday night and a church service Sunday morning. Come join in a great weekend of fellowship, water skiing, tubing and lots of songs and stories around the campfire. For more information, see Sheila and Stan Gray or Teresa Sherman in the Narthex following Sunday service.

## BOOK REVIEW SCHEDULE 2010

Second Tuesdays 9:30 am

**Feb. 9** *The Life of Pi*/Yann Martel

Reviewer: Cheryl Vaughan hostess: Diane Thomas

**March 9** *The Big Burn*/Timothy Egen

Reviewer: Gloria Murphy hostess: June Colman

**April 8** *Loving Frank*/Nancy Horan

Reviewer: Geri Proctor hostess: Jeannie Peer

Everyone is invited to participate in the Book Review group. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Please contact June Colman, 466-0970 for more information.



## New Hope Resource Center

Dear Friends of Covenant,

Thank you for all your contributions, particularly through the Christmas season. Many struggling families were so thankful for your help. Currently our toiletry bank is running low of the following items:

- baby wipes
- dish soap
- laundry detergent
- laundry softener
- paper towels
- razors



Your donations can be brought to the church and placed in the blue bin for New Hope. Thank you for working to help meet needs in our community in Jesus' name.

### Statements Available

2009 End of the year statements of Giving are available to pick up in the narthex. All statements that are not picked up will be mailed at the end of January.

# Thank You

Your Spokane Alliance ministry team wants to thank our congregation for the generous donation of \$514 collected at the Christmas Eve worship services. Your contribution will help us continue the work of creating jobs for Spokane families and developing some new ways to combat the growing dropout rate in the Spokane school system. Have a blessed new year!

Dear Covenant Family,

Thank you for your generosity at Christmas. Your gifts made to the staff members were received right before the holidays, and were accepted with sincere gratitude. Thank you for honoring us at Christmas and for your kindness throughout the year.

Pastor Gregg, Sarah, Bethany, Karen, Kyle, Stan, Shawna, Mac, Angie, Denise, Jana & Patti.

Blessings,

Thank you for supporting the Interfaith Families. You made their 2009 Christmas merrier with your donated Christmas gifts.

Often, children in homeless or poverty situations do not receive gifts from Santa. These children equate getting presents to being "bad" or "good" that year. (Even adults can have these feelings, too.) Through your generosity, you have brightened their lives.

Your love and caring has made Christmas 2009 brighter for the families we work with at Interfaith Hospitality. We appreciate your support. The entire staff at Interfaith Hospitality of Spokane wishes you a blessed year in 2010.

## Benefit Civic Theatre Performance for Shalom Ministries

Plan to attend a benefit performance for Shalom Ministries at Interplayers Theatre, 174 South Howard. The date is Sunday, February 14 and the time is 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20 each, or a Sweetheart Package is available for \$50, which includes 2 tickets and a treat for your Valentine. Our Missions Committee has tickets available for purchase. See Kent Richardson for more information.

The play, *Honky-Tonk Highway*, is a country and western musical that was the winner of MAC and Backstage Bistro Awards, and broke house records at the Goodspeed Opera for the winter months. Tickets to this play would be a great Valentine gift!

Covenant Birthdays & Anniversaries (A)

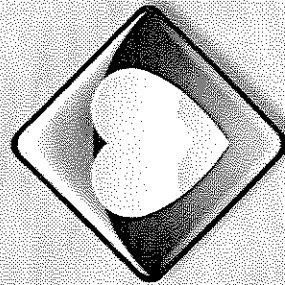
February

- 1-Rick Sherman
- 4-Jim & Cheryl
- Witherspoon (A)
- 5-Brenda Bumann, Karen King
- 6-Sharon McDougall
- 8-Pearl Hopkins-Hubbard
- 11-Jennifer Sealey
- 13-Rick & Diane Thomas (A)
- 14-Andrea Johnson
- 17-Mike Albert, Jean Hopf
- 18-Judy Reed, Stan & Sheila Gray (A)
- 20-Brent Gilliam
- 24-Lauren DeFelice
- 25-Nicole Leslie
- 26-Karen Dashiell, Kody Foo
- 27-Ciera Sifton, Michael Tsuchida
- 28-Greg Thompson, Jim Thrapp, Shawna Viren

# Covenant United Methodist Church February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	3pm Winterguard 7pm Compass Class 7pm Scouts	2	3	4	5	6
		Newsltr Deadline 7pm SPR 7pm ALANON	1230 Newsletter Folders 3pm Winterguard 730 Yth Group	3pm Cub Scouts 7pm Worship com		745 Men's Bible
<p>—————&gt; Interfaith Families at Covenant January 31 - February 7 —————&gt;</p>						
7	630 5th/6th Yth Game Night	8	9	10	11	12
	630 Mid Schl Yth 645 FPU	3pm Winterguard 6pm Invest group 7pm UMW 7pm Scouts	6pm MHS Drums 7pm Gleneden HOA 7pm ALANON	1230 Staff Mtg. 3pm Winterguard 730 Yth Group	3pm Cub Scouts 7pm Yth Ministry team	745 Men's Bible
14	14 Valentine's Day 9-12pm Blood Drive 630 Mid Schl Yth 645 FPU	15 Presidents Day Office Closed	16	17	18	19
			Newsltr Deadline 3pm Winterguard 6pm MHS Drums 7pm Scouts 7pm Finance 7pm ALANON	1230 Newsletter Folders Ash Wednesday 3pm Winterguard 7pm Ash Wednes- day Service 730 Yth Group	3pm Cub Scouts 7pm Ad Board	745 Men's Bible 530 Fisher-gym
21	1st Sun. in Lent 1230 5th/6th Yth 630 Mid Schl Yth 645 FPU	22	23	24	25	26
		3pm Winterguard 7pm Scouts	3:00 Evans 6pm MHS Drums 7pm ALANON	3pm Winterguard 730 Yth Group	3pm Cub Scouts 6pm MHS Drums	745 Men's Bible

28  
12-3:30  
Congregational  
Mtg/Potluck  
630 Mid Schl Yth  
645 FPU



## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 & 11:00am..... Worship Services  
9:45am..... Sunday School for adults, youth & children

### Covenant Staff

Pastor .....Rev. Gregg Sealey  
Church Secretary.....Karen King  
Worship Arts/Children's Ministry Coordinator .. Sarah Marken  
Pianist..... Mac Merchant  
Custodian..... Stan Gray  
Assistant Custodian..... Kyle Smith  
Youth Director..... Bethany Pyle  
Nursery Supervisor..... Shawna Viren  
Preschool Director..... Angie Canavan

### **Office Hours:**

Mon.-Fri ..... 9:30am-3:00pm

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### **Return Service Requested**

# Adult Education

**January 24, 2010**

**Room 13** Last week we looked at the issue of social justice in the Living the Questions series. This week we are going to have an opportunity to learn more about one of the ways that we as a congregation attempt to impact the issue of systemic justice in Spokane. We as a congregation are members of the Spokane Alliance. Two of the leaders of the organization are active in our church. Wim Mauldin is the lead organizer for the organization, and Tom Robinson is the chairperson of the board this year. Other people in the congregation are active in various endeavors of the organization. The class this week will focus on learning more about how the organization functions, its purpose and mission, and how you can become involved if you choose.

**Room 14** This is the final class on depression and anxiety led by Dr. Ken Cogswell, psychologist at the Veterans Administration. He plans to spend more time talking about the treatment of anxiety and depression and also has saved space for you to bring your questions.

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us either place.

## **What is coming?**

**On January 31 and February 7 in room 14**

Tom Robinson, an attorney and professor of political studies at Gonzaga University, is going to lead us in a two week study of "God and Politics." Did you think they were opposites? He will be using the book by Jim Wallis entitled *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*. This will be an opportunity to look at politics from the perspective of the Christian faith. Jim Wallis is a gifted Christian who lives in Washington D.C. and is heavily involved in the work of being an advocate for people on the margins in our society.