

THE COVENANT CONNECTION

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Covenant United Methodist Church

RELEASING YOUR GIFTS! WORKSHOP

A two-part workshop on Sundays, March 7 & 14 from noon to 4 p.m.

A light lunch and snacks will be provided

Make sure to attend BOTH SESSIONS to find your:

*Spiritual Gifts
Leadership/Interaction Style
Task-Type Preference
Spirituality Type*

Please let Karen know (in the church office) ASAP if you will be attending, either by phone (466-1768) or by email (info@covenantmethodist.org).

Church Plant Workshop

Covenant will be the host for a PNW Conference Workshop on Tue, March 23rd from 1-4pm.

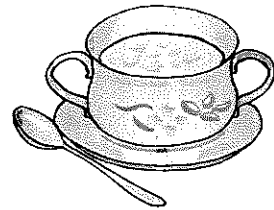
The Conference New Faith Community Development Committee will lead a workshop on New Church Plants. This workshop is open to all those interested in attending.

Presentations will be given by Dave Gillespie and Don Smith.

"Happy are those who consider the poor" (Ps. 41, vs. 1)

All of Covenant's people will soon have the opportunity to partake in this promise of God. Missions committee is sponsoring the Lenten drive to raise money for the Food Bank again this year. Just as last year, a can of Campbell's soup will be available for each family to take home, eat a simple soup dinner, and then rinse out the can and add your donations for the Food Bank during Lent.

Eating a simple dinner during Lent and then donating the money that would have been otherwise spent on a fancier meal, is one way families can consider the poor. The soup's on us, but be sure to pick up your can in the narthex, on Sunday February 28, so you can begin this Lenten observance



Cash filled soup cans will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

Upcoming Fundraisers for Interfaith Hospitality of Spokane

Fundraiser 1 Family Alumni Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, March 6th, from 8-10 am.

The cost is \$7 and includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage and coffee, orange juice, soft drink or tea. Buy your tickets from the church office.

Serving the breakfast at the Northpointe Applebee's will be former guests, staff and board members of Interfaith hospitality of Spokane.

Fundraiser 2 "It's Worth Serving"

The Service Station, located at 930 N Monroe in the new YMCA/YWCA and at 9315 N Nevada has offered a wonderful opportunity to make some money for Interfaith.

During the months of February and March the Service Station will give 10% of your bill back to Interfaith. This is good for any a food/drink purchase or corporate room rental. You must present a flyer (available in the narthex at church) to your server at time of order.

From the Pastor's Pen

Hello Friends,

I am excited to enter our first Lenten season together! For those that don't know, LENT is the period in the church that spans the forty days (not including Sundays, which are little Easter celebrations!) between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th, and we celebrated with a service here in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Some people think that Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton*, meaning "spring" or "lengthening" and signifies the time of year that the days grow longer. Some believe that the word Lent may derive from the Latin *lentare*, which means "to bend." This understanding reinforces a sense of Lent as a time of preparation for personal and collective transformation. Having nurtured ourselves through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Lent becomes the time to look truthfully at ourselves and make changes. Either way, Lent has the potential to be a powerful season in our lives

Here at Covenant, we will embrace the Lenten season as a time of potential transformation, and we will attempt to reinforce this through two movements: Emptying and fasting, as well as taking on a new, life-giving discipline of some sort. We see both of these as being vital parts of establishing a firm foundation for our lives of faith into the future, and you will undoubtedly hear more as we progress through this powerful season! Don't be too alarmed if there are some new practices instituted to help us go deeper in our prayer and worship lives. I think you will be blessed.

In Covenant with you and with Christ,

Gregg

Pastor Gregg

Thank You

Thank you Covenant! We appreciate all your support. Thank you to everyone who purchased a rose on Sunday, helping Rebecca raise money for her trip.

Sincerely,
The Burnham family

Attention All Crafters!

**Look ahead & mark your calendar.
Plan to rent a table at the Covenant
UMC Craft Sale, November 13, 2010.**

Austin Ferris cast in Wizard of Oz!

Dear church family,

In addition to a few other parts, I am the Winkie General in CYT Spokane's production of Wizard of Oz!. If you are not sure what that is, they are the guards of the Witch's Castle. But everyone knows them by their famous chant, "Oh-Wee-Oh...Ohhhh-Oh."

This show will be held at the Bing Crosby Theater.

7pm showings: Feb. 26th, 27th & Mar. 5th, 6th

3pm showings: Feb. 27th, Mar. 6th & 7th

Ticket prices:

Adult \$10.00

Child (12 and under) & Seniors (65 and over) \$9.00

Tickets sold at the door \$13.00

Of course, if you buy tickets, I would love for you to buy them from me. (A contest is involved!)

Austin Ferris, 465-5190, or go online: cytspokane.com

(Put my name in the student blank.)

Church Family Meeting Sunday, February 28

Following the 11:00 worship service.

To start, we will share a potluck lunch in the multi-purpose room then we will hear from the Learning and Discerning Team. We will then engage in conversation and discussion as we continue the discernment process. **Bring your favorite potluck dish to share!**

Covenant Birthdays
& Anniversaries (A)

March

- 1-Hannah Anderson, Wil
Wilhelm
- 3-Erin Sorge
- 6-Galen Miller, Daniel Sorge
- 7-Rence Reisman, Ron Van-

Noy

- 9-Katie Wika
- 10-Bill Osebold
- 11-Lloyd Brunton
- 14-Sindie Price

16-Ben Doggett, Gregg &

Randi Longmeier (A)

17-Isaiah Hammond

19-Haley Anderson

20-Nancy Foo

22-Ron & Mariel VanNoy (A)

23-Judy Lux, Debbie Sorge

24-Rebecca Burnham, Mat-

thew & Ryan VanDeLeest

25-Sara Ferris, Yvonne

Wilhelm

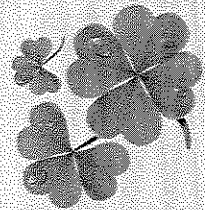
26-Barb Miscoi, Connor Tsu-

chida

27-Keara Irwin, Kraig King,

Patti Osebold

28-Madeline & Matthew Leslie



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March 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	7pm Adult Ed. 7pm Scouts	2 Nwsltr Deadline 6pm Mead Drums 7pm SPRC 7pm ALANON	3 630 Women's Book Study 730 Youth Group	4 6pm Mead Drums 7pm WorshipCom	5	6 7am-10pm Piano Recital 745 Men's Bible
Piano Adjudications in Sanctuary 9:00am-5:00pm						
7	1230 Releasing Gifts Workshop 630 Mid Schl Yth 645 FPU	9 6pm Mead Drums 7pm ALANON	10 3pm Winterguard 630 Women's Book Study 730 Youth Group	11 6pm Mead Drums 7pm Yth Ministry Team meeting	12	13 745 Men's Bible 830-4pm New Hope Fund- raiser RC Swap Meet
14	1230 Releasing Gifts Workshop 630 Mid Schl Yth 645 FPU	16 Newsltr Deadline 6pm Mead Drums 7pm Finance Com 7pm Scouts Board 7pm ALANON	17 3pm Winterguard 630 Women's Book Study 730 Youth Group	18 6pm Mead Drums 7pm Ad Board	19	20 745 Men's Bible
21	12pm Scouts Spaghetti Feed & Auction 630 Mid Schl Yth 645 FPU	23 1-4pm New Church Plant Workshop by PNW conference 7pm ALANON	24 630 Women's Book Study 730 Youth Group	25 7pm Worship Committee Mtg.	Youth Ski Retreat March 19-21	
28	Palm Sunday 630 Mid Schl Yth 645 FPU	30 7pm ALANON	31 630 Women's Book Study 730 Youth Group	April 1st Maundy Thursday 7pm Service	April 2nd Good Friday 7pm Service	745 Men's Bible

Holy Week - & Mead School District Spring Break - No Preschool Classes this week.

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Covenant Staff

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Return Service Requested

Friday, March 5th Calling all Young Adults!

We are inviting all young adults (approximate ages 18 to 35-ish) to gather together for a chance to connect with each other and find out if there are some meaningful ways we might connect in the future!

We will provide dinner and gathering music, and we look forward to seeing you there. Call or email Pastor Gregg, Sarah Marken or Keith Petersen if you have any questions or to let us know if you can attend.

See you there!

Pastor Gregg - pastor@covenantmethodist.org

Sarah Marken - smarken@gmail.com

Keith Petersen - keithpetersen07@gmail.com

Needed: Volunteer to play video games!

I am a guardian for a 19 year old young man who is losing his eyesight and suffers from a degenerative brain injury. His favorite pastime is playing video games. He lives in an adult family home just north of Covenant UMC.

He would love to have a teenager who enjoys video games sit with him while he plays. If you have an interest in volunteering to sit with Jeremy once or twice a week for an hour or two while he plays his video games, please contact Tom Robinson at 467-8245.

