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(Disciples of Christ)

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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation. We welcome and celebrate all people inclusive of their gender and sexuality. All are welcome here at the Table of our Lord.

We are a Green Chalice Certified Congregation connecting our Christian faith, spiritual practice and creation consciousness to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom.

We acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi, Nooksack, and Semiahmoo who were displaced by our Euro-American ancestors as part of the westward push for colonization. respectfully, honoring our Coast Salish neighbors.

PRIDE IN BELLINGHAM PARADE

Sunday, July 9 11 a.m. to 1 p .m.

**Wayfair Point Park through downtown
Bellingham to Depot Market Square.**

PRIDE IN BELLINGHAM FESTIVAL

**Sunday, July 9 Noon to 4 pm
Depot Market Square.**

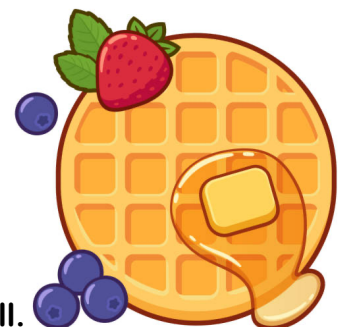
Contact Linda Heyne for more information.
All are welcome to march in the parade and/
or greet festival goers at our church booth!
bee.sioux@gmail.com

**“There’s a sweet, sweet spirit
in this place...”**

**WAFFLES?! During WORSHIP?!
HOW WONDERFUL!**

**Integrated
Breakfast &
Worship
Service**

**Sunday, July 29
10:30 am
In the fellowship hall.**



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God welcomed us.

All of Us. Ministers

Rev. Jennifer Jacobson,
Pastor

Amelia Nye, Accompanist

Vacant, Office Administrator

Rev. Bill Robey, Interim
Regional Minister

Rev. Terri Horde Owens
General Minister and
President

Sunday Schedule

10:50AM Gathering Time
11:00AM Worship
12:15PM Fellowship Time
2:00PM Book Group (4th
Sunday)

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00AM - 12:00PM (noon)

Our staff are in and out of the office throughout the week. Please feel free to stop by during their office hours or make an appointment that fits your schedule.

Officers

Dick Talley, Moderator
Vacant - Vice-Moderator
Betty Schmidling, Secretary
Leslie Pinkston, Treasurer

Important Links:

Regional Website (incl.
monthly newsletter)
<https://>

northernlightsdisciples.org/

General Church Website:
www.disciples.org

Hello, Church!

Thank you for the hospitality and wide welcome you have extended to Lydia and me. I am delighted to be among you as your pastor and co-conspirator in the work of God's kin-dom here in Bellingham WA.

We are all new to this even those who have been at FCC B'ham for decades. Coming out of the pandemic years so much in our world has changed. We have changed. I am so excited to prayerfully, collaboratively, creatively discern what God has in store for this iteration of First Christian Church.

What will we look like living in to our future together? What to we bring forward? What do we leave behind? What keeps you here? I want to hear your answers. I want to listen to your stories.

In the coming weeks I would like to visit with everyone: Our beloveds who are unable to come in person who are visited by the Elders, Sunday morning regulars, and the actively adjacent.

I will meet you at church or a coffee shop or the park. At this writing my "day off" is Monday and Sunday afternoons are for rest. Otherwise, call the church office to leave a detailed message with your choice of place & time, name and number.

Email works too: office.bhamfcc@gmail.com

Peace be,

Pastor Jenny



Auschwitz Virtual Live Tour

July 19 3-5 pm via zoom, FREE
In the sanctuary.

Tour provides a unique learning experience about the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp using historical footage, Holocaust survivor testimonies, panorama pictures and modern animation combined with virtual reality tools to teach about the horrors that happened in the world's most infamous concentration camp.

Tour includes time for Q&A

Contact Pastor Jenny for more information.

"There is nothing new under the sun" says the Preacher in Ecclesiastes. It does seem these days like some parts of history are repeating themselves with the rise of Christian Nationalism and Fascism in the United States this time. I scheduled this tour as a way to remind ourselves of the tragedy of the Holocaust with the hope it may inform our understanding of what is on the verge of happening now."



Homebound Communion If you would like to be on this list, please contact the church office.fccbham@gmail.com or call 360-734-6820. Someone will contact you before coming.



Faith Community Nurse

Greetings! I hope everyone is enjoying this summer with friends, family and travel. I have recently been traveling and talking with folks that I have met. The number one topic with most of them is COVID. I have heard stories of folks getting COVID not once but twice. Those that shared that information also shared that they only had two vaccinations. The messages from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is that COVID is here to stay for the foreseeable future. The best way to live our lives and keep ourselves, our loved ones and community safe is to use the tools we have already learned:

Get vaccinated and boosted
Know when to test
Staying home if sick or exposed
Wearing a mask in crowds
And keeping our distance

The Washington State Health Department (DOH) reports that the current approved vaccines are effective at preventing severe disease and death against the Omicron variants. Stopping transmission is the best way to combat the mutations of COVID-19.

Happy 4th of July to everyone and stay safe!

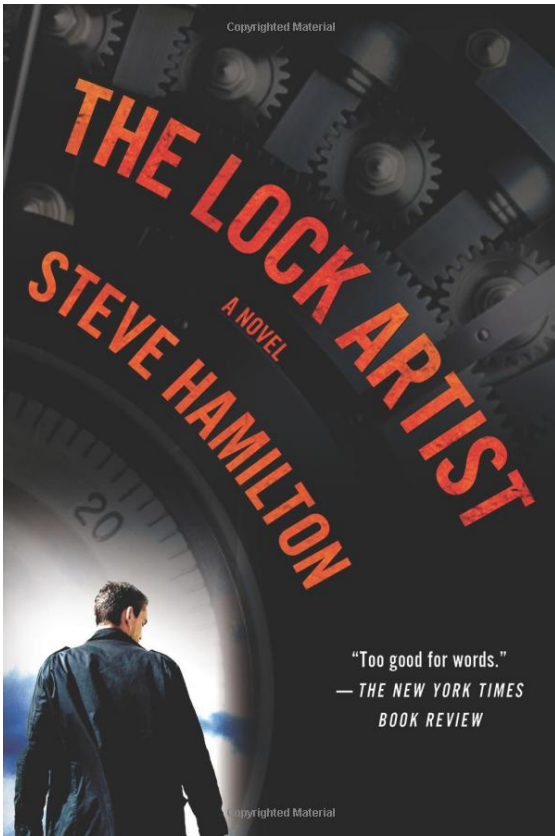
Blessings, Rebecca

Rebecca Cavanaugh, MN, RN, NCSN-E
Faith Community Nurse



JULY BOOK CLUB

Meets at Church on the Third Sunday of each month. No purchase necessary: #library Talk to Linda Heyne for more information bee.sioux@gmail.com



“Marked by tragedy, traumatized at the age of eight, Michael, now eighteen, is no ordinary young man. Besides not uttering a single word in ten years, he discovers the one thing he can somehow do better than anyone else. Whether it's a locked door without a key, a padlock with no combination, or even an eight-hundred pound safe ... he can open them all. It's an unforgivable talent. A talent that will make young Michael a hot commodity with the wrong people and, whether he likes it or not, push him ever close to a life of crime. Until he finally sees his chance to escape, and with one desperate gamble risks everything to come back home to the only person he ever loved, and to unlock the secret that has kept him silent for so long. “

Elders and Readers

July:

2: Renee Hoemann / James Becker

9 James Becker / Blair Whitney

16 Leslie Pinkston / Sue Joyner

23 Jimmie Talley / Marcielle Kobel

30 Kris Ann Lewis / Brian Shrout



Thank you !

MANASSE KASIMBIRA-BITISHO

Has taken on the task of keeping up the massive lawn surrounding the church building.

TERRIFIC TECH TEAM

Sue Joyner, Linda Heyne, KrisAnnLewis, Jimmie Talley are making worship tech work and polishing our web presence.



From our Elder of the Month:
LESLIE PINKSTON

Who do you identify with in the parable of the wedding feast found in Matthew 22?

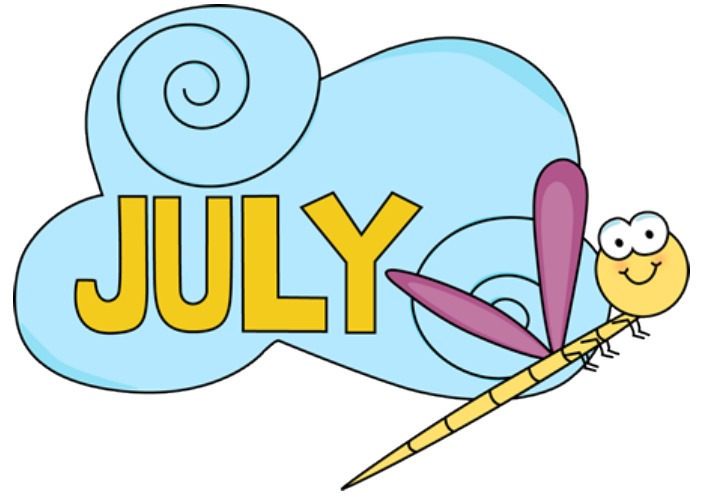
There are many characters, the king, servants, guests (1st invited or 2nd invited), army or the rejected guest. Who do you relate to? Who would you like to relate to?

For myself I would like to have been an invited guest that went to the feast. That character is not in the story, but regretfully, I can relate to the invited guest with an excuse to not show up. Going forward I pray that I will be that servant going out to the highways and byways just inviting one and all to the feast, so all may share in the promise of love that we have in our relationship with God through Jesus.

So I encourage all of us to go out and invite all to the joy we have found in God's grace and love.

God's blessings be yours,
Leslie

Praying for
KrisAnn, Neal, Bob, Ray,
Loren, Cindy, Matt, Beverly,
Jayne, Janet



Sunday

Education 9:30 (resumes 9/10)
Worship at 11 a.m.
Followed by Fellowship Hour

Monday

OFFICE 9:00 am - noon
Boy Scouts, 6:45 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday

OFFICE 9:00 am to noon
Discussion grp. 10:00 am via Zoom
MB Toppers 6:45 - 10:00 pm

Wednesday

OFFICE 9:00 am to noon.
Iglesia 7th Dia 6:45 - 9:00 pm
FCC Board, 7/19 6:00 pm

Thursday

OFFICE 9:00 am to noon
Bible Study 10:00 am via zoom
Ukrainian Church, 5 - 10 pm
CODA 6:30 - 8:15 pm
4H (1st Thurs only) 7:00-8:30 pm

Friday

OFFICE 9:00 - noon
Iglesia 7th Dia 6:30 - 9:00pm
Ukrainian Church 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday

Iglesia 7th Dia 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



