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*LOVING AND SERVING CHRIST
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WORLD*



A “Gentle” Reminder Greetings!



Dear NWUP members and friends:

May 1, 2020

During the month of May, I will be preaching a sermon series on Disciples' identity, focusing on themes found in the identity statement for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The identity statement reads:

“We are 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 has welcomed us.”

Each week I will focus on different words found in the identity statement – movement, wholeness, fragmented world, unity, the Lord’s table and God’s welcome to all.

What does it mean to be a Disciple/disciple? The word disciple means someone who follows the teaching of another. Our identity as Christians is centered around Christ, who invites us to follow him daily. We also see the word disciple in the word discipline. What do you think of when you hear the word discipline? Like many, you probably don’t like the word discipline. Maybe it reminds you of school, and too many rules!

In reality, discipline is not a bad thing. It offers us a way order our lives and make sense of the chaos. In Acts 2:42 we learn that the early disciples ordered their lives by devoting themselves to “the apostle’s teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers.” We too can order our lives around these things; read a favorite scripture during the day, give thanks as you eat a meal, reach out to others (virtually) in fellowship... in other words, be a disciple!

Join me on Facebook and YouTube to worship and to learn what it means to be a Disciple.

Stay safe, stay well, and remember – Do not be afraid. Do not be anxious.

Blessings,

Pastor Miriam

Today's poem is the hymn "We Call Ourselves Disciples" written by Jim Miller in 1995. It's sung to the tune LANCASHIRE also known as "Lead on, O King Eternal".


We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
the sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table we hear our common call.

We're baptized in the spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,
to share the cup of water and bread with all in need;
to work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,
till all this planet's people know justice without fail.

So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
in hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation and joyous hymns of praise,
we go to do God's mission! Christ lead us all our days!



We are following the Governor's orders to remain closed. All worship services will be online. Please continue to visit our Facebook page and our website for updates. All church activities are closed until further notice.

Facebook Link is:
**[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
NORTHWESTUPCHURCH](https://www.facebook.com/northwestupchurch)**

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Kadlec Snack Donation Drive was a huge success. Thank you all! Our next Spring Outreach project is helping out our neighbors in need through the Richland Food Bank. The Richland Food Bank has an immediate need for canned and packaged food (such as hamburger helper packages).

Volunteers are needed to donate food to the Food Bank.

THREE WAYS TO HELP:

1. You may donate by taking your goods directly to the Richland Food Bank, at 321 Wellsian Way, Richland.
2. Arrange for porch pick-up, call Pastor Miriam, (321)356-1554 or Erica at the church office, (509)946-3222.
3. Volunteer to deliver food, if you would like to help with pick-up and delivery, call Carolyn Lawson at (509)947-5447, or email CRL@FIDALGO.NET.

Food Bank volunteers will meet you at your car, and unload items for you.

Remember, this is only for canned and packaged foods. This is the greatest need at this time. While donating or volunteering, please take all precautions to maintain safe distancing and safety protocols.

Thank you NWUP! Your care for the community is an important witness to God's love!

Carolyn Lawson, Social Concerns Chair

Kadlec Snack Drive

Thank you for all the donations to Kadlec Hospital employees. They were so happy and grateful for all your snacks and gift offerings that you gave. They also thank you for being a part of their community. Pastor Miriam and Jennifer Jacobson collected and delivered all your donations to the Kadlec Snack Drive in April!



FAREWELL:

Onnie Adams, Elders Chair

Our postponed love offering and farewell for Rev. Dr. Peter Kalunian happened last week along with (his favorite) banana cream pie that I made . With facemasks on, Anna & Jim Kion and I enjoyed a sweet visit plus seeing their newly improved landscaped backyard.

I wanted to share the prayer card I wrote and gave to him.

For Peter, Our Interim Pastor 2019 ~ 2020

Please accept this gift of love from all of us at N'WUP Disciples of Christ Church.

"Loving and Serving Christ in our Community and World."

We have been richly blessed with your guidance throughout this transition. Your calm and loving presence has kept us centered on what it means to be a Christian in our world today. You gave us the advice, inspiration, humor and prayers just when we needed it. Thank you. For this we are eternally grateful.

With much love, Onnie, Anna & many others. . .

The Man at the River

By Mel Adams, Church Poet

It was dawn. The river was as clear as glass with deep colors. It was quiet. Even the birds were quiet. No one was on the path.

As I sat on a bench, a man came along the trail. He had a walking stick like mine and a wool hat pulled on his head. He wore ordinary clothing.

As he came up to me, I asked him where he was going. "Infinity" he replied. He asked me where I was going and I said "home."

I have always loved having a home, and it has always loved me. I find the very concept of infinity to be frightening.

I think the man was Jesus walking along the trail to infinity leaving me to find home.

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, April 05:

Online Worship: 276

Nursery: 0

In Finance:

General Fund \$3220.00

Rent \$150.00

Total \$3370.00



Sunday, April 12:

Online Worship: 304

Sunday School: 0

In Finance:

General Fund \$1535.00

Building Fund \$30.00

Easter Fund \$10.00

Hawaii Condo \$150.00

Total \$ 1725.00

Sunday, April 19:

Online Worship: 292

Nursery: 0

In Finance:

General Fund \$4525.00

Building Fund \$50.00

Kadlec Snacks \$10.00

Total \$ 4585.00

Sunday, April 26:

Online Worship: 309

Sunday School: 0

In Finance:

General Fund \$1715.00

Building Fund \$50.00

Earth Day \$50.00

Total \$1,815.00

5/04 Nancy Dodson

5/06 Musashi Burton

5/10 Seng
Souriyavongsa

5/11 Bella
Souriyavongsa

5/17 Wally Krueger

5/18 Candace
Rawlings

5/20 Vanna
Souriyavongsa

5/20 Stan Willis

5/23 Paul Valdez

5/24 Kay Humphrys

5/29 Elizabeth
Baumgarten

5/30 Jim Kion

(ALL CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01	02
03	Nancy Dodson	05	06 Musashi Burfon	07	08	09
10 Seng Souriyavongsa	11 Bella Souriyavongsa	12	13	14	15	16
17 Wally Krueger	18 Candace Rawlings	19	20 Vanna Souriyavongsa	21	22	23 Paul Valdez
24 Kay Humphrys	25	26	27	28	29 Elizabeth Baumgarten	30 Jim Kion
31					All Birthdays are in Bold.	



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