CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Edie M who celebrates her 86th birthday on May 16.

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Bertha M and Chip H who both passed away this past week. Their families at First CRC includes: Curt & Darlene M, Rich & Coni H, Justin M, Josh & Megan S and children, Jill and Ella M, Perlene H, and their families.

Both memorial services will be here at First CRC.

- ** Bertha's Memorial Service is Monday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- ** Chip's Memorial Service is Friday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Today during the morning worship service, we have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of baptism. The following are being presented for baptism:

Raelynn B, daughter of James & Carolyn, Clark E, son of Kyle & Swandel, Corbin H, son of Brent & Jolene, and Haven N, son of Danny & Sade.

2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

The 2017 High School Seniors from our church include: Brooke B, Joshua E, Cody F, Kaitlyn H, and Mikaela H

You have an opportunity to bless these students by writing a word of blessing, a Bible verse, or a letter that tells them how much they mean to you in their graduate journals. The journals are in the church basement and you can write in the journals or use a piece of paper that can be attached later. You will have until June 11 (Gradation Sunday) to add your encouragement to their journals.

2017 COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

The 2017 College & Tech Graduates from our church include:
Patty R with a degree in Elementary Education
from Western Washington University
Molly H with a degree in Accounting
from Whitworth College

Are you graduating from college or tech school this year? We would love to recognize you, so let us know where you are graduating from, and what degree you will receive. Please pass along your information to the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclynden.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• COUNCIL ELECTIONS RESULTS:

Elected to the position of elder:

Jim A, Patrick J, and Roger P

Elected to the position of deacon:

Ryan B, Lance H, and Brian V

Please remember these men in prayer as they take on these leadership roles. The Council thanks all who allowed their names to be placed in nomination. Installation/ordination of new elders and deacons will be on Sunday, May 21.

• COUNCIL:

The Council will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

** All newly elected elders and deacons are requested to be at this meeting at 7:00 p.m. for the election of officers. Council training for newly elected elders and deacons will be on Tuesday, May 23 in the Council Room.

• TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):

We will meet this week Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. Patrick J will be sharing with us about his life and how God sought him. For more information, contact Dan H.

• OASIS (7TH-8TH GRADE MINISTRY):

We will be going to Canada to play laser tag this Thursday, May 18. Please meet at the Bethel parking lot at 6:15 p.m. Bring your <u>permission form</u> and <u>copy of your birth certificate</u>. Parents, we plan to be back at Bethel CRC around 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dan H.

• CASCADE FAMILY BIBLE CAMP - JULY 6-10:

Invest in your family's faith this summer – Cascade Family Bible Camp is July 6 - 10. Speakers are George De Jong, Grant Vander Hoek and Kyle Kloostra. Register online NOW at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org. First time registrants will receive 50% off registration fees.

• FIRST FAMILY CAMP - SEPTEMBER 8-9:

Plan to join us for family church camp, September 8-9 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. *Everyone* is invited, to a potluck dinner on Saturday night. A shelter and clubhouse are reserved for us, so if we need to get out of the rain we have an area to gather. For more information, contact Amy V.

MISSION TRIP TO NIGERIA – JANUARY 2018:

The Mission Ministry Team is interested in a mission trip to Nigeria in January 2018 to meet Chris R when she finishes her assignment there. Projects would be tailored to the team member's skills. There are opportunities to participate in various training seminars, to assist a wheelchair production ministry and to assist partners with organizational/financial tasks. If interested, please contact Chris R.

SERVE UPDATE

• COME PRAY WITH US FOR SERVE:

God is preparing our church and community for SERVE and we are excited! Join us as we pray for SERVE—no experience required, just a willing heart. We will direct you on how to pray for SERVE *on Sunday, May 21 & June 4* in the Ed. Building at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Cal or Laura B or Melinda B.

• UPDATE ON HOST HOME AND PRAYER SPONSORS:

We have half the people that we need for host homes and prayer sponsors. Please prayerfully consider if you would be able to help host some students or be a prayer sponsor. Please sign up in the back of church or contact Laura B.

- ** Hosts will pick up students at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, feed them breakfast, provide a shower and then bring them back to church before the 10:30 a.m. commissioning service.
- ** Prayer sponsors will pray for students before they come, while they are here, and as they return home. Sponsors will also be able to encourage the students throughout the SERVE week with notes.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- ** Tools are need to equip the students and leaders at their work project. See the board in the back of church for a list of items needed. If you have items to donate, take the tags and attach to the items, and bring them to the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Dan H.
- ** Also, there is a food and snack list in your church mailbox. If you can donate food, please fill it the shopping list and place in Ria V's box (P-2). Thank you for your support.

PRAYER CLOSET

- MARIA T was in the hospital this past week. She continues to undergo testing for her cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** is recovering from an angioplasty procedure done with past week.
- **SANDY F** is undergoing testing for lymphoma.
- **JEAN V** is recovering from a broken arm.
- LIZ V is recovering from foot surgery.
- MARSHA M is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **CURT M** is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT: Amy B
- SHUKSAN CARE CENTER RESIDENT: Diane S
- ORCHARD PARK RETIREMENT: Carl F
- LAKESIDE GARDENS HOME RESIDENT: Bas S
- CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER RESIDENTS: Mary K, Julia S, Ann V
- LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS: Edie M, Evelyn & Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Albert V, Cora V
- MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:

Dennis B, Jennie Ba, Grace H, Nellie H, Barbara P, Adrietta S, Joni T, Andy & Gert V, Joanne V

• REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Nursery Baby: Lisa Q, Kim R,

Taryn B

Toddler: Lori S, Gail B,

Levi B

Floater: Pam R

PM: Michelle T, Mindy V

Greeters: Bryan & Kim A,

Jacob & Valerie A

Welcome: Jason & Amy V Roger P. Ken R.

Dan R, Bob S

Bus Driver:Dan VSound:Tim HVideo:Kaelan KFlowers:Helene Y

Cookies: Gail A, Sharon A,

Gail B, Ruth B

Coffee: Berny & Vicky D

Music AM: Lee V, Nancy Z

PM: Sharon A

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Nursery Baby: Debbie S, Debbie S,

Leah B

Toddler: Nelda S, Megan S,

Tessa B

Floater: Linda T PM: Carly V,

Kathrvn V

Greeters: Paul & Sharon A,

Dan & Gail B

Welcome: Bryan & Kim A Carl R, Brian S,

Ed V, Dan V

Bus Driver: Dan V Sound: Rick B Video: Brant H Flowers: Kara H

<u>Cookies:</u> Jill B, Nicole B,

Gert B, Dee B

Coffee: Galen & Candace L

Music AM: Sharon A, Cheryl K

PM: Shirley B

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Sunday, May 14 ~ Mother's Day

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W Sacrament of Baptism

Message: Joy Inexpressible

Scripture: *John 15:8-11; Romans 14:17*

I Peter 1:8-9

Offering: Ken & Chris

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: Daniel's Vision of a Man III

Scripture: *Daniel 10:10-21* Offering: Ken & Chris

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, May 18

6:15 Oasis meets at the Bethel Youth House

Sunday, May 21

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Installation/Ordination of New Council

Message: Patience Endurance

Scripture: Matthew 18:31-35; James 5:7-11

Offering: Aaron – The Table

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

6:00 Worship Service ~ Guest Pastor Offering: Aaron – The Table