

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Dick B who celebrates his 81st birthday on March 9, Perlene H who celebrates her 82nd birthday on March 13 and Grace H who celebrates her 90th birthday on March 10.

** Join us in celebrating Grace H 90th birthday at an open house on Saturday, March 14 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Education Building.

We are thankful to our God for Ted's successful spinal surgery and we thank you dear congregation for your prayers, cards, and well wishes. We love our church! Thanks be to God! ~ Ted & Elaine S

Thank you to our wonderful church family for your love, hugs, cards, flowers, food, visits and prayers following mom's (Anna K) passing and to Pastor Robert for his visits to her and doing her memorial service. ~ Wes & Liz V

Dear First Family, we want to express our deepest appreciation for your many prayers, cards, meals and encouragement throughout Phama's recovery from spinal surgery. We love you! ~ Pastor Robert & Phama

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **COMBINED CRC WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT:**

Join us for a combined CRC unity service at Bethel CRC tonight at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Aaron W from The Table in Bellingham will be bringing the message. The offering will be for The Table. Afterwards you are invited to fellowship over a cup of coffee. Nursery will be provided.

• **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED – NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:**

Tired but Not Retired (for those 40-70ish) is planning a night at the movies on Saturday, March 14 to see "I Still Believe" a true story of love and faith. Show time is to be determined. Tickets will be pre-ordered for sitting together and we can carpool from church. Must RSVP by this Sunday, March 8! After the movie we plan to have pie/dessert at Shari's Restaurant in Bellingham. Please contact Liz V to reserve your ticket!

• **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 11-13:**

Join us for our annual First Family Camp the weekend of September 11-13, 2020 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete, WA (<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm>). For more information about First Family Camp or to make reservations, contact Amy V.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **EDUCATION HOUR:**

Education Hour for grades 3-12 and adults is Sundays from 9:30–10:15 a.m. You are welcome to join at any time!

** The adult class, *A Sprint Down the Romans Road: Romans Made Simple*, led by David W meets in the church basement. A nursery and Bible class for children in 2nd grade and younger is available in the Education Building.

• **OASIS 2.0 (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY):**

Join us on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft! We will be talking about how to manage the rest of the year in school, especially with all that pesky homework, and of course, games and snacks to follow. Hope to see all your bright shining faces there! For more information about Oasis, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):**

** Join this Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft.

Snacks this week are Jarrod L.

** Next week, March 18, we are planning to go to Castle Fun Park in Abbotsford, BC. **Turn in your birth certificate to Cal or Laura ASAP.** For more information about Tribe, contact Cal or Laura B.

• **COUNCIL:**

Council will meet next Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

** If you have information for Council, please submit it to the church office no later than Thursday, March 12.

• **SEARCH TEAM:**

The Associate Pastor Search Team will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft.

• **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

** Cheer on your favorite cadet's car as they race for the championship at the Cadet Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Sumas CRC gym, admission is free. This is the big race with over 100 cars racing and trophies available to the winners.

** Then join us on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. for a cadre night in the Church Basement. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S.

• **MOMS@1ST:**

MOMS@1st will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Stephanie R.

• **GEMS (1ST – 8TH GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

Join us on March 18 in the Ed. Building for our Tea Party. For more information, contact Gail B.

12TH ANNUAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

• **SATURDAY, MARCH 21:**

Join us for a delicious Thai dinner and fellowship at a new location, Faith Community Church (586 Birch Bay Lynden Rd.) Saturday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m. to visit with missionaries and 5:30 p.m. dinner. After dinner, we will be hearing from our guest speakers with Converge International Ministries and with Frontier Missions. A program will be available for children ages 3–2nd grade during the presentations. There will also be a time to meet with other area mission representatives.

Join us for this uplifting time to hear how God is working here in Whatcom County and around the world! Registration is required and forms are available at the Welcome Center.

• **SUNDAY, MARCH 22:**

** EDUCATION HOUR – Missionaries serving with East-West Ministries International, will give a presentation about their ministry during the Education Hour at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement.

** MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – During the morning worship service, we will have our presentation of flags and mission representatives, with a missionary with East-West Ministries International bringing the message.

** FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following the morning worship service, join us for refreshments in the church basement. Representatives from numerous area ministries will have display tables set up and will be available to answer questions.

** EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE – Russell K, interim pastor at Sumas CRC, will be bringing the message during the evening worship service.

** BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER – Baby bottles will be collected on Sunday, March 22. Additional bottles are available in the back of church. Plan to return the bottles to boxes in the lobby when you come to worship. Proceeds from the bottles will be given to Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

Our church family has some with compromised immune systems. If you prefer not shaking hands, please feel free not to, we will all understand. Also, if you have a fever or are not feeling well, please stay home and get better instead of coming to worship. We hope that in doing this we can help reduce the spread of germs. We will have extra hand sanitizer around the church and Ed. building. As a reminder, if you miss a worship service, CD and DVD copies of the services are available, as well as printed copies of the sermons. Please contact the church office to request a copy. Thank you for understanding.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **SERVE LEADERSHIP TEAM** is returning from training in Michigan today. Pray for safety in travel for the team.
- **ISAAC T** (infant son of Mark & Michelle) is back at home recovering from heart surgery.
- **DEALING WITH CANCER:** Rick B, John B, Susan B, Ralph H
- **ASSISTED LIVING AND CARE CENTER RESIDENTS:**
Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
Christian Health Care Center – Jennie B, Mary K, Bennie M, Johanna R, Joanne V
Cordata Court – Diane S
Lynden Manor – Anna G, Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
Meadow Greens – Gussie B, Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Jo V, Ruth W
Orchard Park – Eleanor & Carol Z
Silverado Care – Casey V
- **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Pray for God's will and leading to bring the man of His choosing to First CRC.
- **PHASE III BUILDING:** Pray for God's wisdom and clear leading and for His sufficient provision for building our future.
- **SERVE 2020:** Pray for God to bring the right students, leaders, volunteers and work sites together for Serve to be a blessing.
- **MOMS@1st:** Pray for God to nurture a fruitful ministry to the many moms and children that participate.
- **HAUSA PEOPLE GROUP:** Pray that God would open doors for the Gospel to reach the Hausa people in northern Nigeria.
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**
Jeff & Melissa
Ray & Angie
Steve & Sandy
Gary & Mary
Memli & Luiza
Al & Julie
Tim & Charlene
Eric & Penny
Mitchell & Rochelle
John & Jean
Ken & Chris
Snehakunja Home

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Mary P, Leah B
Toddler: Lisa Q, Stephanie R, Logan B
Greeters: Jack & Wendi P, Chris R
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Jake D, Kyle E, Craig G, Ken H
Safety Usher: Ted S, Randy L
Flowers: Coni H
Sound/Video: Rob H, Jeff K
Music: Sharon A, Lee V
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F
Cookies: Connie R, Kim R, Rose S, Lori S

Sunday, March 15

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Kim R, Madyson B
Toddler: Pam R, Debbie S, Alivia B
PM: Louise H, Crystal H
Greeters: Ken & Connie R; Ken & Sherri S
Welcome: Josh & Jill B
Ushers: Doug H, Rich H, Larry K, Dave L
Safety Usher: Jason V, Rob H
Flowers: Janis Z
Sound/Video: Chris F/ Jordan H
Music **AM:** Ken & Lisa Q
PM: Mike H
Coffee: Arlene V, Nikki B
Cookies: Julie S, Betty S, Cora S, Debbie S

NURSERY REMINDER

In order to keep everyone healthy, we are asking that you *not use or work in the nursery* if you had a fever in the last 24 hours or if you have a runny nose or cough. Thank you!

EDUCATION BUILDING A PEANUT-FREE SPACE

Please do not send or use any food products with peanuts or tree nuts for snacks or meals in the Education Building at any time. Food allergies can be serious and life threatening. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

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Sunday, March 8 ~ Second Sunday in Lent

** Daylight Savings Time Begins **

9:30 Education Classes meet

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *Did God Say? Satan's Attack on Jesus, The Second Temptation*

Scripture: *Matthew 4:1-7*

Offering: Steve & Sandy

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

6:00 Combined CRC Worship Service

at Bethel CRC ~ Aaron W

Offering: The Table

Monday, March 9

7:00 Oasis 2.0 meets in the Loft

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, March 12

7:00 Search Team meets in the Loft

Saturday, March 14

9-12 Cadets Pinewood Derby at Sumas CRC

1-3 Open House for Grace Hayes 90th Birthday in the Education Building

Sunday, March 15 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 Education Classes meet

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *Did God Say? Satan's Attack on Jesus, The Third Temptation*

Scripture: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement

6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W

Message: *Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath*

Scripture: *1 Kings 17:8-16*

Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund