

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• MISSION CELEBRATION UPDATE:

In cooperation with the Health Department request to limit large gatherings, the Saturday Dinner and Presentation portion of the Missions Celebration has been canceled. The Sunday portion of the Missions Celebration will also be scaled back, with only minimal mission partners participating.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22:

** MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – During the morning worship service, we will have our presentation of flags.

** FELLOWSHIP TIME – Although we will still have our normal fellowship time, there will not be any mission partners having tables and sharing about their ministries.

** 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 still be collected on Sunday, March 22. Plan to return the bottles to boxes in the lobby when you come to worship. Proceeds from the bottles will go to the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic.

• FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 11-13:

Join us for our annual First Family Camp September 11-13, 2020 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete, WA (www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/howardmiller.htm) This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family and you can be a part whether you come for the day, an evening, or stay for the entire weekend! And everyone is invited to a potluck dinner on Saturday night! Total Cost for the weekend is \$65.00 (for water/electric hook ups). For more information or to make reservations, contact Amy V.

• BE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

** WEB DESIGN – The church website is in the middle of a refresh and a volunteer is needed to finish this update. This person will not be responsible for maintaining the site, once it is completed. The website still needs some new graphics and some pages fixed (which may require time with tech support).

** OTHER NEEDS – Prayerfully consider if you can be a blessing to the church family with your time and talents in any of the following areas that need more volunteers: Bus Driver, Sound Board, Video Camera, Usher, Greeter, Nursery Attendant, Welcome Center Attendant, or bringing meals.

** If you are willing to help in any of these areas *or have another area where you are being called to help*, contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrclynnden.org.

• FORGOTTEN DISHES:

There are several pans and containers in the Ed. Building. Please look to see if they belong to you, otherwise they will be donated to the Second Chance Store.

• MOMS@1ST COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE!

These amazing cookbooks are available to purchase at the church office any Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cookbooks are only \$20 and \$5 goes to New Way Ministries!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

** Please read over carefully as many meetings have been canceled or postponed. The office will try to send email updates throughout the week if schedules change. **

• 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.

• CADETS (1ST – 8TH GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):

Cadets have suspended cadet meetings until further notice. For more information about Cadets, contact Brian S

• MOMS@1ST:

MOMS@1st will not meet on March 17 or March 31 but plans to resume on April 14. We will still serve dinner for New Way Ministries on March 17 and have our leadership meeting scheduled for March 25. For more information about MOMS@1st, contact Stephanie R.

• COUNCIL:

Council will meet Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

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

The GEMS meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 has been canceled. For more information about GEMS, contact Gail B.

• WORSHIP PLANNING:

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY):

Due to the current situation, we have canceled our trip to Castle Fun Park in Canada. Instead, join us this Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft for a pizza party and games. For more information about Tribe, contact Cal or Laura B.

• DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Our Spring Luncheon for Thursday, March 19 has been canceled. For more information about Daughters of Zion, contact Jo V

• THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Join us as we study week 6 of "The Sermon on the Mount" on Thursday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Loft. Questions, contact Phama W.

• MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Join us in studying *The Book of Judges: Leaders in Times of Crisis*, on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Please read Judges 17-18. For more information about this study, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

KEEPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY HEALTHY

Our church family has some with compromised immune systems and to lessen the impact of the covid-19 virus, the church council has recommended the following:

- Please refrain from shaking hands.
- The offering will be received as you leave the sanctuary.
- The church bus has been suspended at this time.
- Kitchen workers are asked to use gloves to handle food.
- Groups will each make a decision on their meetings. Contact your leader or chairperson for more information.
- Hand sanitizer is available through all church buildings.
- Additional cleaning will be done on high touch surfaces.

If you feel uncomfortable about being around large groups, please feel free to limit your contact or skip meetings. And remember, if you have a fever or are not feeling well, please stay home and get better instead of coming to worship. As a reminder, if you miss a worship service, CD, DVD, and printed copies of the services are available. Please contact the church office to request a copy.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **RUTH W** is in the hospital dealing with blood clots.
- **ISAAC T** (infant son of Mark & Michelle) is 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 15

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

Sunday, March 22

Nursery Baby: Debbie S, Brooklyn B
Toddler: Megan S, Carly V, Jessica H
PM: Kristen H, Kristin H
Greeters: Jeff & Lori Sc, Dave & Kim R
Welcome: Terry & Nicole B
Ushers: Ken R, Dan R, Robert S, Brian S
Safety Usher: Patrick J, Tabin B
Flowers: Bev H
Sound/Video: Rick B, Li E
Music AM: Lee V, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H
Coffee: Neil & Debbie M
Cookies: Sherri St, Debbie S, Rena S, Betty 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 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: *I Kings 17:8-16*
Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 Council meets in the Council Room

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room
7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, March 19

7:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Loft
7:00 Men's Bible Study meets in the Church Basement

Sunday, March 22 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent and Missions Celebration

9:30 Education Classes meet
10:30 Worship Service
Offering: Dustin & Melissa
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Russell K
Message: *You Are the King's Ambassador*
Scripture: *II Corinthians 5:12-21*
Offering: Dustin & Melissa