



THE CORNERSTONE

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P A S T O R S P A G E

We are looking down the barrel of July, my friends! This is the month we celebrate Independence Day. We declared ourselves free of oppressive rule, and on this day, became an independent nation of free citizens. This holiday has morphed over the decades into picnics, days off work, and fireworks displays.... None of which are bad, but sometimes distract us from the reason we actually celebrate.

We've all heard the saying, "Freedom isn't free." Freedom is bought with a price, and the cost is usually much sacrifice and loss, including death of the people trying to bring freedom.

As Christians we are also free. We are free from the punishment of death and sin. And like our nation's defenders and preservers of freedom who paid the ultimate cost, we also have a Savior who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Americans are doubly blessed to have liberty as physical freedom, and also soul freedom in Christ our Lord.

We have physical signs around us to remind us of our freedom: American flags, license plates that say "veteran", and people wearing hats that say, "Korea", "Vietnam", "Iraq", etc., a symbol that they have fought for and paid a price for our freedom. Be sure to thank servicemen & women whenever you see them, whether the elderly veterans or the young National Guard service personnel. They appreciate hearing encouragement and gratitude as much as we appreciate their service.

We have symbols of our soul freedom, as well. Church steeples, our Bibles, the crosses we were around our neck, and literally every beauty around us that reminds us of our Creator and our Redeemer.

"Those who Christ makes free are free indeed!"

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Bette

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 – Independence Day

July 11 – 5:30pm Public Church supper with casseroles/salads/breads/pies.

July 20 – Pat and Sam tie the knot. Please RSVP to Pat as soon as possible.

July 27 – 11:00 am - Jane Waltz celebration of life.



Our current custodian, Susan Lombardo has resigned, thank you Susan for your hard work these past few years. We realize taking care of such a large building is no easy task. You have our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

We are in need of a Church cleaner/sexton as soon as possible.

Responsibilities are to maintain the cleanliness and orderliness of the church facilities. Duties include cleaning kitchens, restrooms, vacuuming carpeted area, mopping floors, dusting and wiping surfaces, and ensuring that all areas are presentable and ready for use.

Currently offering 8 to 10 hours per week with a pay rate of \$14.15 per hour. Please contact the office for an application.

Until someone is hired, please be aware of your surroundings. To help keep things in order, be mindful to pick up behind yourself, put back those chairs, wipe off that table, if you miss the trash can, pick it up, wipe up spills, trash can full? put in a new bag.... little things like this. We are a very active church and something is always going on. So please do your part in keeping the premises clean. Thank you.



Kathy Lanphier's son Nate Benner generously donated a truck load of wood chips to be used for the back parking lot path to the river. Kathy has been laying the wood chips. Her project came to a halt because the small bridge was out. She can't finish until it's repaired. If anyone cares to help, please let us know.





This **Prayer List** is provided to encourage you to keep these special people in your prayers during the week. If you know an individual you would like added to this list, please talk with the person and get their permission before having them added to the prayer list. *(In some instances, we know that this may not be possible).* If your loved one has received the healing Grace of God, please let us know so we can remove them from the prayer list.

GOD'S PRAYERS

Lorraine Strout by Linda K.
Daniel by Melody S.
Bob Carpenter
Nathan by Clint L.
Lois Silloway by Linda L.
Joel Kinney by Janice O.
Rev. Bill Meyer
Robert Littlehale
Brent by Melody

Stuart Mank
Gabe DeRaps
Wayne Quinn
Gilbert Dare by Diana
Sheila A. by Tina B.
Emily Van Kleeck
Gabe Payson by Pat W.
Jamie by Sterling R.

Jim Pacheco
Stan Waltz by Melody
Cathy Clough by Becky
Gloria Ouellette by Deb C.
Pam Pitcher by Becky & Hope
Sue Mercier by Linda L.
Romeo Jackson by Melody S.
Lee Houghton

Happy Birthday - JULY

5 Linda Kaler
8 Michael Cifaldo
8 David White
15 Wayne Quinn
20 Cindy Bland
21 Carolyn Robinson
22 Joshua Hagin
29 Bob Barrett

Happy Anniversary - JULY

10 Steven & Louise Cornforth
11 John & Tammy Hagin

If your special day is not listed please contact the office

Bread for the Journey



July Food Pantry needs....

Any non-perishable items are always needed.

Tea Bags
Coffee
Pancake syrup
Pancake Mix

CHILDREN's DAY.....



On Children's Sunday June 9th we honored graduate Henry Gamage, who will be heading off to SMCC to study Marine Biology. Becky and Rev. Bette shared a prayer with Henry and the congregation. We wish him well in his future. The little children Cayliegh and Ciayah Kennedy joined in the service by handing out bulletins, giving one to Muriel Knutsen.



Children's Day Sunday greeters and soon to be newlyweds, Sam Chapman and Pat Weaver.

These two will be tying the knot on July 20th at 12noon right here at SCCW. There will be a reception following the wedding at the American Legion Hall in Rockland.

This is an **open invitation** to all and Pat and Sam ask that you please RSVP to her as soon as possible. They would love to celebrate their happiness with their church family and your presence is their gift.



The Scholarship Awards Program is a result of the former Riverside Fellowship Club shows that were put on many years ago. Thank you for making this fund possible for recipients!

The committee met on May 29, 2024 and awarded three scholarships to the following:

- January Peavey – NACCC – Third year Lay-Minister training - \$1000.00
- Emily Knutson – U of Me, Orono – Third year Elementary/Mathematics - \$1000.00
- Heikkinen (Henry) Gamage – SMCC – Marine Biology – First year - \$1000.00

We are very proud of our recipients. Please wish them the best as they continue their education.

Congratulations.

Valerie Miller, Secretary Scholarship Committee



On June 9th the Caring and Sharing sisters hosted a painting party. What fun! Dawn Andrick was our expert artist directing us in painting a picture of Lupins.

We will be hosting another paint party in the fall.



We would like to thank everyone from this church who participated in Warren Days this year. Organizing an event of this size is no easy task. It's with the help of volunteers and friends like all of those who helped make it happen. Manual labor and financial contributions were greatly appreciated. My special thanks to all the deacons for their hard work with the Hot Dog Hut. We hope it was a fun time for everyone. Yes hard work, but fun! And a thank you to those who helped with tables/chairs and set up. We braved the elements and had a really good time doing it. The Ladies Circle basket raffle winner was Kathy Lanphier! Congratulations. We hope to bring back the Warren Day auction next year, but we can't do that without volunteers. So, if you are interested, please let me know, we could sure use the help.

Blessings...Carolyn Robinson & Morgan Boggs

WARREN DAYS 2024



Deacon Cindy and helper Sharon working the grill. Tom looking on.



Surprised face painter, Niva.



The light up princess award goes to...Tina!



Goofball of the Day award goes to.....!

A Special thanks to Irene Maxcy for organizing and running the Warren Days Pie baking contest.



Irene Maxcy and her esteemed pie judges, Argy Nestor, Sharon Landry and Paula Sutton, thank you ladies.

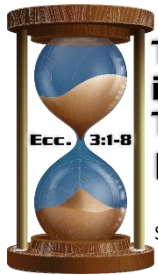


Warren Days 2024 second annual Women's Skillet Toss. First place winner and SCCW favorite January Peavey throwing 33ft 2in!! First place winner in the kid's division Alyssa Willey throwing 22ft 8 in.

SERVICE IN THE PARK...IN THE CHURCH

Our annual service in the park with the Warren Baptist church was rained out. But we were all able to meet at the Baptist Church for 10am service. In spite of the rain, there were 75 in attendance between the two churches. The blended choir did a fabulous performance for the congregations. Next year...SCCW's turn to host. Hopefully service will return to the park.





**There
is a
Time...**
**NACCC
2024**
Spokane, WA

Sue Chipman and Robin Quinn, SCCW Delegates to Nationals attended the 2024 NACCC Conference in beautiful Spokane Washington. After many travel hiccups the girls arrived safely. They met many new people from churches around the country.

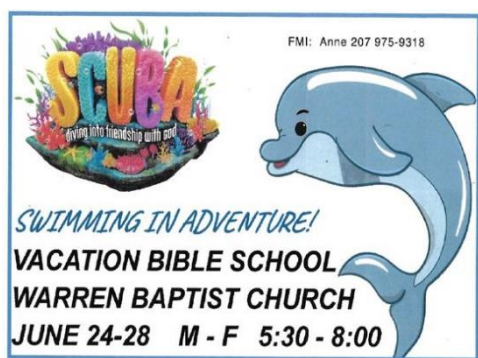


I would like to thank Second Congregational Church of Warren for the opportunity to go to Spokane WA. This was an experience that has changed my life. I know how fortunate I am for everything my Lord has provided for me. It filled me with the spirit. It taught me a lot about the world and the awesome missions that the NACCC support. I look forward to seeing my new sisters and brothers in Christ in the future.

Thank you again. -Robin Quinn

I would first like to thank the congregation for their faith in me to be able to go to the NACCC annual meeting. I can't put into words what it has meant to me. From the beginning I thank Robin for encouraging me to go along with her, thanks for her support system, without her I wouldn't have found the courage to go on a trip like this. Thanks Sharon and Marcia for their guidance, week after week planning this trip. I want thank the congregation too for their support and prayers along all the way. I felt very comfortable when we arrived recognizing some of the people who were there because I had met them before at State meetings. So awesome meeting these people, and that we all have the same beliefs. It was very powerful for me. The healing workshops were also very powerful. There was a woman in a workshop from Alaska who spoke of her struggles, with the grace of God she pulled through, she was very inspirational. The music was amazing, the hymns we sang I knew, karaoke night was so much fun. All the mission speakers were interesting. Spokane was gorgeous, like back in the olden days, people really enjoying life, casual with no pressure. Cleansing water fountains were actually spiritual to me. Lots of outdoor activities, people just getting along. We helped with putting together care bags for the homeless, being all together for one purpose, so very powerful. I took a walking tour by myself and actually got lost but I did not panic, I was able to find my way back. Somehow, I felt a calmness that brought me out of the fear. The people were a major impact on me, perfect strangers willing to help. Our room was also amazing, so many amenities, everything was awesome, we even had room service. We had delays starting our trip but we rolled with it and tried not to dwell on it, instead of two planes we ended up taking four planes to get there because of the delays. Coming home was less eventful, thank God. I've never flown before and it was quite a first-time experience, but now I know, patience is the key. I would definitely do it again. Powerful! Awesome! Is all I can say. I am full of appreciation to this church in every part that everyone played.

With gratitude and Love, Sue Chipman

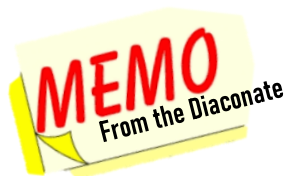


Vacation Bible School was held at the Warren Baptist church with nearly 15 children in attendance. Niva-Jean Poland was among the volunteers and will be offering a Mission Moment at a later time to be announced.

Jesus tells us to welcome children

A child's presence in the church is vital. Not only for their spiritual growth but for the continued growth of the church. This church, our church, our church family, needs children. We need to spread the word throughout this community, throughout our very own families, that we are here for them. We have a few church leaders who are more than willing to teach them the ways of our Lord. but they also need help doing that. We follow the normal school schedule, which means currently there is a summer break. Sunday School resumes in the fall but planning ahead is the key. If you have a calling or a desire to help our Sunday school not only grow, but teach, please contact Becky Ruggieri.

If you see a child, ask a child...*would you like to learn about Jesus?*



There's a saying... *You can't please everyone!* This article most definitely will fall into that category.

I belong to a couple of groups and attend other informal gatherings at church and often hear frustrations over the following: Members arriving at church to perform their duties and *the duties are already done*. It causes frustration.

Those trying to be helpful by getting the job done, were for the most part doing just that "trying to be helpful". However, ASSUMING without COMMUNICATING with those who are responsible for the job is not 'always' seen as helpful.

Sometimes the member responsible for the task has come early to get things done and sometimes they have brought special supplies that their group has discussed and planned for the event. Finding their job done leaves them sputtering. It was theirs to do and then it wasn't. Whether donating your time or a gift to the church it is always good to communicate with those responsible before doing.

Some might be saying...*Well that's the last time I try to help out*. And some will be saying, *exactly. That happened to me and I am glad I am not the only one frustrated.*

Asking if help is needed OR better still joining a group so you can rightfully help out with jobs in the church is my intention of speaking on this issue. ~Cindy Bland

Mission Moments

How good and pleasant
it is when God's people
live together in unity.
Psalm 133:1

On Sunday, July 14, Lainie Hooper, a Junior at UMaine and majoring in Nursing, will speak about her 2 weeks in Tanzania in May during a Mission Moment. Missions made a small donation to help fund her trip to Africa. In her words, "My role in Tanzania would be to provide overall nursing care and also educate individuals on health maintenance with the use of alternative medicines within their access."

UMaine School of Nursing partners with International Student Learning to arrange for 20 students to travel to 3 different villages to assess the health care needs of the villagers. Come and hear about her amazing experience!

A letter and historical note from Linda Lent

Hello one & all, long time, no see! I have been very busy with my mother. I visit her five days a week to make sure she gets enough to eat. Meanwhile, my sister has been going through our mothers' files and has been finding some interesting items. The following is from the February of 2005 newsletter titled "More about the kitchen rebuild".

In the process of taking down walls and making new ones much has been revealed and our "surgery" and rebuild scope has expanded. The result will be a far better insulated space, improved ceilings, etc. in addition to a new kitchen.

1878 chapel with present kitchen built

1911 dining room built

1948 chapel remodeled (Arched ceiling replaced by new suspended ceiling)

1948* dining room remodeled - new suspended ceiling

1948* hot air ducts installed both chapel and dining room

(*We think these dates are correct)

****2019 upper room and old chapel repainted. ****(Recently added not part of original text)

So, it looks like we're following the historic pattern of remodeling about every 40-50 years! Thanks for ALL who have helped so far, we need it! ...Herb Griffin

Sincerely Linda Lent, Church historian

P.S We are still looking for a 1982 annual report. Has anyone looked in their attic or under their fridge lately?

Pastoral Relations Committee & Members at Large

SCCW Pastoral Relations Committee members are: Chair: January Peavey, Jeff Creighton, Robin Quinn, Melody Sainio, and Carolyn Robinson. This committee meets four times a year with Rev. Bette Bond. We provide support for the pastor and provide a regular channel of communication between the pastor and the congregation. If you have any questions or concerns related to our Minister and her position with us, please let us know so we can address them. We are here for you as is the Members at Large. They are Sterling Robinson and Carolyn Robinson. Please feel comfortable coming to them with any concerns.

JULY MEETINGS

- **Ladies Circle**
Monday July 1 – 10:00am
- **Caring & Sharing Sisters**
Monday July 1 – 6:30pm
- **Missions Meeting**
Wednesday July 3 - Noon
- **Deacon Meeting**
Thursday July 4 – 4:00pm
- **Trustee Meeting**
Thursday July 11– 6:30pm
- **Men's Group Meeting**
Sat. July 27 - 9:00 am



Bottle redemption to benefit **THE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE**

Returnable box is in the
downstairs Fellowship room.
We thank you kindly for
your donations.

Please empty your bags
directly into the bin.

SPECIAL NOTE

We totally appreciate all bottle
donations. But please remember to
empty the bottles before putting
them into bags. And be sure the
bags you bring in do not have
holes. Leaky bags are no fun!

From the office...

- Current office hours are Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Newsletters are mailed and emailed once a month on or near the first of the month.
- Information to be put in the newsletter is due ON or BEFORE the 28th of each month.
- If you need a newsletter mailed to you, please contact the office. Each month there will be a few printed copies available as well.

If you have information you would like to add to this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact the office. We are also on Facebook



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THANK YOU
for your continued support.



Date	Attendance	Offering	Missions
06/02	63	2676.00	516.00
06/09	62	1705.00	N/A
06/16	58	873.00	57.00
06/23	75	614.00	Park Service
06/30	54	1596.00	N/A

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www.SECONDCONGREGATIONAL.org

Everything you could possibly
want to know is within its pages.
We encourage you to visit often.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00a Ladies Circle 6:30p Caring\Sharing	2 9-11am Coffee Chat	3 12pm Missions	4 Independence Day!	5	6	
7 10:00am Service	8 9-11am Coffee Chat	9 9-11am Coffee Chat	10 9-11am CCE 4:00p Deacon Mtg 6:30p Trustee Mtg 5:30PM Supper	11 9-11am CCE	12	13
14 10:00am Service Mission Moment Lanie Hooper, Student	15 9-11am Coffee Chat	16 9-11am Coffee Chat	17	18 9-11am CCE	19	20 11:00am Pat & Sam Wedding
21 10:00am Service	22 9-11am Coffee Chat	23 9-11am Coffee Chat	24	25 9-11am CCE	26	27 Jane Waltz - 11am Celebration of Life 9:00am Men's Group meeting
28 10:00am Service Pastoral Student	29 9-11am Coffee Chat	30 9-11am Coffee Chat	31			
LITURGIST	DEACONS	TRUSTEES	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY		
07/07 Aleta Mank 07/14 Louise Cornforth 07/21 Robin Quinn 07/27 Niva-Jean Poland	07/07 Wes A. & Karen C. 07/14 Wes A. & Cindy B. 07/21 Eric O. & Michelle B. 07/27 Robin Q. & Michelle B.	07/07 Marcia Cifaldo 07/14 Sterling Robinson 07/21 Jeff Creighton 07/27 Irene Maxcy	07/07 Eric & Pat Overlock 07/14 Robin Q. & Sue C. 07/21 Jonathan & January 07/27 Carolyn R. & Kat L.	07/07 Men's Group 07/14 Ladies Circle 07/21 Congregation 07/27 Caring\Sharing		

NOTE: Above duties are subject to change. Office hours: Wed. & Thurs. 8-12 Rev. Bette visiting hours: Mon: 10-1 Tues:2-6 Thurs: 2-6

CH: Denotes Coffee Hour

Chair Yoga – Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:30am