



Chewelah United Church of Christ CREEKSIDE GAZETTE

No matter WHO you are or
WHERE you are on life's journey,
You are WELCOME here!!!!

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 A.M. Sunday Children's Christian Education: 10:30 A.M.

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Mission Statement:

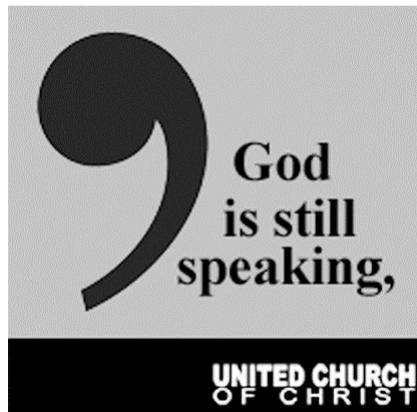
"As children of God, united in our belief in Christ,
we are called to love one another as God loves us;
helping each other to live as givers, to be as doers,
to pray as believers, and always to serve."

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Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your warm welcome and the delightful beginning of new friendships. I have certainly appreciated all of your affirmations, and the things you have begun to share with me about your lives, and your fondness for Chewelah United Church of Christ. In my first meetings with different leadership groups here in the church, we have begun to discuss ideas for the next chapter in the life of our church, and we look forward to sharing these ideas with all of you in the days ahead.

A bit more about me, since I promised this in my first Gazette column...

I grew up in the foothills of the North Carolina mountains, moved to Charlotte, N.C. in the 9th grade, from where my family hails. My father was a Baptist minister and has been gone from us for 12 years now. My mother is 83, still lives in Charlotte, and has been a pianist and organist for a wide variety of churches all of her life.

In high school, I played on the tennis team, ran cross country, and loved all types of sports, particularly golf, snow skiing and racquetball.

I have lived all over the country, in Orlando, Chicago, Bellevue, Austin, and at least 6 different towns and cities in North Carolina. I particularly love the North Carolina coast and try to get back there whenever I can.

I do enjoy great food, engaging conversation, lots of laughter, the arts, and travel.

The light of my life is my daughter Jessie, who is 13 years old, goes to Keaton Middle School in Austin, and is involved in performance theatre, both at school and with a group in the city. I look forward to her visiting here soon and for her to have a chance to meet all of you.

Please know that I look forward to our time together, and the work we will accomplish individually in our own spiritual lives, and in the life of our congregation, and the larger Chewelah community.

Autumn Blessings,

Steve

House: Girl Scouts will be meeting on Mondays, 5-7:30 PM. Oct. 6-7 HAN will be borrowing six round tables. On Oct. 27 Girl Scouts will be having a mystery dinner, 1-7 PM.

Fundraiser: We will be having a baked potato bar on Oct. 28 for Lite up the Park. More information coming.

Conference meeting at N-Sid-Sen: The second half of the conference event will be the last weekend in Sept. Holly and Susan, as well as Pastor Steve will be attending. Please see Holly for more information.

Web site does not appear to have been moved yet.

Concerns: Mitch and Cheri, Bell-Townes, Erma, David McMillin, Kenny Rutherford, CJ, Camilla's friend Krista, DaVee, Carmen and Linda

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Rutherford, Clerk

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday school classes began on September 17. Five teachers were commissioned by Pastor Steve. Carmen Hartill, DaVee Pullen, Laurel Shelton and Rachel Kristianson were joined by Patty West who is our substitute Sunday school teacher. If others are interested in subbing or working with youth during special activities we welcome your participation, just let us know.

On Sunday October 1, church school students participated in an activity both during and after church. The students made maracas, a rhythm instrument. They began the process and will finish their instruments during the month either in Sunday school and/or after church. Special thanks to Deb Alviar, Kim Powers, and Irma Hale for their work with the kids on this activity.

Later this month the UCC will be doing a baked potato bar for "Light Up The Park" on Saturday, October 28. Sunday school students are encouraged to help with this. It is a youth event service project. Prior to the event at the park the kids can carve pumpkins at church. Details will be provided later.

The date for the Christmas program has been set for Sunday, December 17, the third Sunday in Advent. Dress rehearsal and lunch is currently scheduled from 9:30 until approximately 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 16.

Rachel Kristianson,
Co-coordinator, Christian Education

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Judy opened. Kathy read a selection from "Bread for the Journey". There were 16 present. The yes/no agreements were reviewed and accepted.

Minutes from the council meetings on August 2 and 8 were read and approved as read. Minutes of the semi-annual meeting on August 20 were read and approved as read.

Financial Report: Signatures at the bank need to be updated. A motion was made to replace the current signers on the checking account; Holly Peterson, Susan Chamberlin, and Mitchell Freeman with the new signers; Holly Peterson, Roland L. Frye, Judith Bean, and Kathy Combs at the Chewelah branch of Banner Bank. Motion includes requiring two signatures on checks over \$500 and approval of the attached letter. Seconded and passed with one abstention.

Financial secretary's report and treasurer's reports were presented. See separate reports. It was suggested that we should have two people count offering money on Sunday. Carmen moved to have two people count the offering. Those people selected to be second counters are Sandie Beadles, Ron Peterson, and Lynn Hume. Seconded and passed. Loan repayment is on auto-pay and the loans to church members will hopefully be repaid soon. Rich requested that copies of paper statements go to the committees that have separate accounts, as well as a paper statement for the general account. We will check with the bank to make sure Roland has on-line access and is able to print out the bank statements.

Pastor Steve: The arrangements for the reception are mostly in place. Invitations have gone out. The parsonage pantry has been stocked thanks to Sandie Beadles. Question was raised about an interim being considered for the position of settled pastor. The PNW Conference does allow this. Conversations on his annuity and insurance are on-going. Rich moved that his official start date be Sept. 9 and we begin paying him as of Sept. 9. Seconded and passed.

Other business: Copies of the by-laws and church policies were handed out for the council to review. Kathy gave a report on a planned Bible study. It was moved to endorse the Bible study class. Seconded and passed.

Trustees: Parsonage repairs are mostly done. Basement floors have been sealed and painted. Second sump pump has been installed. Church dishwasher repairs are on-going and it will not be done by the reception.

Christian Ed: Kick-off Sunday will be Sept. 17. Christmas program is planned to Dec. 17. Activities have been planned for Sept. and Oct. The youth will be helping with the baked potato bar on Oct. 28 for Lite up the Park. Next meeting will be Oct. 15.

Diaconate: Roberta reported they have been busy preparing for Pastor Steve's arrival and finding pulpit supply.

Pastoral Relations: They will be meeting on Sept. 12 or 13.

Music: Choir will be starting again on Sept. 10.

Mission and Stewardship: School supplies went very well, as did this summer's TASTY program.

Neighbors in Need will be taken Oct. 1. The food pantry is in pretty good shape. (continued page 7)

AUGUST 20, 2017: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes from the annual meeting in February were read and approved as read.

Financial Report: Mitch has resigned as financial secretary. A final financial report to this point was submitted. Susan has resigned as treasurer. She reported that all is current to this date.

Outstanding are the loans from church members (\$6000) and the Banner Bank loan of \$20,000. Business of the church: Pastor Lucas will be preaching on Sept. 10. We will have a reception following.

Parsonage repairs have mostly been taken care of. T & M completed the remediation work and did not charge us tax. Several projects are still on-going. Thanks to the many people who helped.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers to fill the empty positions: Co-moderators Judy Bean and Kathy Combs, Treasurer Roland Frye, and Clerk Laura Rutherford.

Rich Schatz volunteered and was nominated to fill the Financial Secretary position. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented to fill unexpired terms. Seconded and passed.

DaVee Pullen volunteered to serve on Christian Ed. It was moved to add her to the committee. Seconded and passed. Thank you to all the officers who have served.

Committee reports were presented.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Rutherford, Clerk elect

Gess Elementary is still collecting **box tops for education** but not Campbell soup labels. We will have a box in fellowship hall for box tops.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

- As of Sept. The 3 Girl Scout troops will meet every Monday – 5p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Girl Scouts 10/29 will prepare a Mystery Dinner 1-7p.m. (Kitchen & Social Hall)
- 10/6 – 10/7 Carmen Deal will borrow 6 round tables for the HAN Benefit
- Love and Logic Classes (Head Start and Rural Resources) Every Wednesday October 4-November 8th at 5:30-7 pm

The mountains are calling and I must go. ~John Muir

Celebrating the Life of Bud Rail

Sunday, October 15, 2017
1 to 4 P.M.

Chewelah Peak Learning Center
3215 Flowery Trail Road
Chewelah, WA

Join in a potluck about 1:30 if you choose or stop in and say help to immediate and extended family.

If you have not yet had a chance...a good opportunity to meet and greet the "new" Mr. and Mrs. Rail, aka Jayson and Megan

It's The Circle of Life

CAMPERSHIP FUNDRAISER

Davee will be having a table of items for people to take home. Any items they wish to make a donation for, the donation will go to Campership fund for our youth. New items added each week. Anyone needing a large canner and water bath, please contact Davee at 675-4487.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

At a recent Good Intent meeting the subject of the church nursery was brought up. There has not been a regular nursery attendant since Abrianna left for college two years ago. During this time we have had a few families with young children visit the church without having an attendant. We do not know if this factored into their not returning.

Hiring a student was considered during our discussion. Anyone who might be hired as well as volunteers from church members would have to have a background check in place, including fingerprinting, or this would need to be a condition of their hiring.

We realized that there are some folks in the church who already have a background check. A suggestion was made to get a list of these folks who might volunteer on a rotating schedule. There is concern that we will not attract young families without a nursery staffed by a certified attendant.

A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board along with reminders in the Sunday bulletin.

**October
Worship
Helpers**

October 1st	Communion, Food Sunday
Greeters	Bonnie Rail, Janice Burya
Ushers	Greg and Laura Rutherford, Laurel Shelton, Rana Shelton
Worship Assistant	Holly Peterson
Hospitality	Alma Stone, Melody Pierson
October 8th	
Greeters	Rachel Kristianson, Roberta McMillin
Ushers	Joey Locke, Janice Burya, Joan Blubaugh, Patty West
Worship Assistant	Robert Nein
Hospitality	Bev Heidlebaugh, Sally Beane
October 15th	
Greeters	Janice Burya, Joan Blubaugh
Ushers	Carol Auvil, Carmen Deal, Mary Ann Lachiewicz, Lynn Hume
Worship Assistant	Joey Locke
Hospitality	Anneliese Hume, Holly Peterson
October 22nd	
Greeters	Chris Johnson, Bev Heidlebaugh
Ushers	Patty and Roger West, Alma Stone, Laurel Shelton
Worship Assistant	Bonnie Rail
Hospitality	Roberta McMillin, Carmen Deal
October 29th	
Greeters	Mary Ann Lachiewicz, Lynn Hume
Ushers	Rana Shelton, Roberta McMillin, Greg and Laura Rutherford
Worship Assistant	Roger West
Hospitality	Janice Burya, Joan Blubaugh
November 5th	Communion, Food Sunday
Greeters	Carol Auvil, Laurel Shelton
Ushers	Mary Ann Lachiewicz, Bonnie Rail, Chris Johnson, Bev Heidlebaugh
Worship Assistant	Carmen Deal
Hospitality	Alma Stone, Melody Pierson

SIGN UP TO HELP OUT
Remember to sign up to usher, be a greeter, and do hospitality. The sign up sheet is on the big bulletin board by the front door. Remember only the second Sunday is designated. "Treat" Sunday. You are welcome to provide treats other Sundays, but it is optional. You are responsible to serve coffee and tea, and bring juice for kids. You also need to do clean up. If spaces are not filled before each Gazette, Sara will fill in the blanks from the time and talent sheets. Thanks!