



# 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.

Church Phone # 935-8046 Website:

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## Mission Statement:

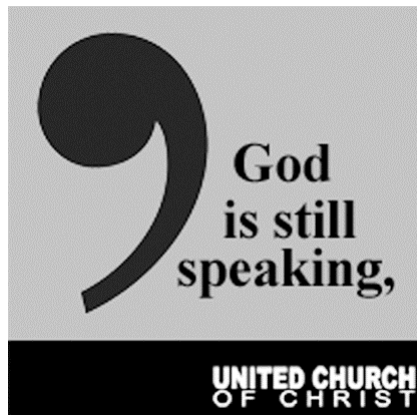
"As children of God, united in our belief in Christ,  
we are called to love one another as God loves us;  
helping each other to live as givers, to be as doers,  
to pray as believers, and always to serve."

November 2017

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Address Service Requested



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Greetings!

I would like to thank you all, or y'all as I say in my native tongue, for your many kindnesses and thoughtful gifts...of sun-ripened plums, of a parsonage yard mysteriously mown while at N-Sid-Sen, of home cooked meals, and the daily offer of friendship and community, through each of you.

Thank you for making me feel welcomed in.

More than anything else, church is community. People gathering together to hear and share our lives together, or at least the recent sightings of our lives, as the news and the days fly by.

In my days, I have been working with the committees of our church, laying the groundwork for the transitional process in which we will be engaged, in the coming months.

Central to our task together is the selection and training of a Transition Team, to guide and facilitate our ongoing work. The Transition Team will be a group of 6-10 individuals chosen from the congregation. The way in which they will be chosen is that beginning this past Sunday, and continuing for the Next two Sundays, each of you will have an opportunity to offer 6 names of individuals that you believe will serve our fellowship well in the following ways:

- \* Those who have shown a commitment to their ongoing growth as human beings, spiritually and in relationship to others.
- \* Individuals who have shown a commitment to the growth of our community.
- \* Individuals who value flexibility and connection, learning and growth.
- \* Individuals who are new to this community.
- \* Individuals who have been a part of this community for many years, who know the history of our community.

**The topics that this Transition Team will lead us through in our discussions are:**

Our Shared History

Our Connections, Community and Denominational

Our Chosen Leadership

Our Relationships with Each Other

Our Ongoing Sense of Mission, and Our Shared Hope for Our Future Together (continued p. 3)

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Church directory needs to be updated. Chris Johnson is working on updating the email addresses.

Web site has now been moved to the new server. Ron has updated parts of it.

The Election Board will be using the Ruby Cole room on election day for ballot drop-off.

Concerns: Stan and Margaret Stiles, Debra Morgan, Mitch and Cheri, Dede's husband Roger, the Rutherfords, Sherrie LaVigne

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Rutherford, Clerk

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Classes finished the first unit of the year on Sunday, October 8. Unit 2 began Sunday, October 15 and covers the last six weeks of the Season after Pentecost. The theme is "Choosing God". The lessons focus on what it means to be "Chosen by God" using age appropriate concepts and lessons. The unit ends on November 26 and marks the end of this Christian Year.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3 and Church school will begin rehearsing for the Christmas program then. The Christmas program will be presented on the third Sunday in Advent, December 17. Dress rehearsal and lunch will be held at the church on Saturday, December 16. If possible please make sure that church school students are at church every Sunday in December to practice the program.

Youth Activities:

The students made maracas. Special thanks to everyone who helped with this youth project but especially Deb Alviar, Carmen Hartill, Laurel Shelton, and DaVee Pullen. The kids will be playing these rhythm instruments during church in the near future.

Youth participated in "Light Up The Park" on Saturday, October 28. They had the opportunity to participate in pumpkin carving and other activities. Some of the older students helped with the baked potato bar that the Chewelah UCC hosted as a fundraiser during the event.

Sunday November 12 the Sunday school students will collect food for the Thanksgiving baskets during the annual scavenger hunt held after church. Please have your son/daughter bring a sack lunch to eat prior to the collection of food. Afterward they will be making caramel apples.

It has been a busy fall and hopefully everyone is growing in their awareness of the love of God, learning, and having fun. Thanks for entrusting us with your children.

Happy November!

Sunday School Teachers and Christian Education Committee

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2017

Kathy opened. There were 15 present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Useable income is \$5117. All member loans have been repaid. Roland moved to move \$4000 into savings to be reserved to pay the Banner Bank loan. Seconded and passed. See separate reports.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve explained the process of interim ministry. We will form a transition team of 6-10 people to learn the skills needed to deal with communications and problems. This is not the same as the search committee. The plan is to have the congregation submit names for this committee with the final selection made by the nominating committee plus a member from Diaconate and the church council.

Adult education will begin by Oct. 26 with the material from Acts. Stewardship Sunday will be the first Sunday in Dec.

Trustees: The furnace is on. The dishwasher is still in progress. A request was made to take the free-standing sign down as it is looking very worn. The glass sign also needs to be updated.

Nursery: The nursery is not being cleaned by a group that uses it. Mary Ann will follow up. We may need a new sign that makes the rules clear.

Security: We need people to volunteer to check the church every evening. Please see Mary Ann to sign up.

Diaconate: Roberta reported they are working on the Called to Care program again. Mercy fund needs updating with rules and guidelines. Pastor Steve and Holly will work on this.

Pastoral Relations: Kim reported this committee met.

Mission and Stewardship: Holly reported the free dinner has been turned over to Good Intent and will be held in the spring. Neighbors in Need offering has been taken. The food pantry is in pretty good shape. Thanksgiving food baskets will continue with the scavenger hunt set for Nov 12. Mary Hagstrom has resigned from this committee.

House: Light up the Park committee will be meeting here on Mondays through Oct. The CFWC Chewelah Woman's Club will meet here the first Thursday of each month Sept. through April. Girl Scouts Christmas party will be Dec. 16.

Music: Ron will be gone on Oct. 22.

Other business: Kathy will be working on putting together the baked potato bar. Planning 100 potatoes which will be prepped at the church. (continued page 7)

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On that note, my office hours, going forward will be:

Tuesday: 9-12 & 1-3

Wednesday: 9-12

Thursday: 9-12 & 1-3

Please feel free to give me a call, to let me know that you are dropping by. My number is (512) 751-0748. I would welcome a chance to visit with each of you.

Ministers, by definition, are people who are responding to the needs that arise, at any given moment. And so please call ahead, if you can.

I will be taking Monday and Saturday as my weekend/Sabbath. Beyond the hours above, I will be available by appointment on Friday.

Many Blessings, Steve

**Stewardship Sunday will be December 2**  
Pledge cards and Time and Talents will be mailed out in Mid November

**Thanksgiving Basket Donation List**

Frozen Turkey (small)	Stove Top Stuffing Mix
Rolls	Butter
Canned Vegetables (Green Beans or Corn)	Frozen Pie
Cool Whip	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Tuna	Spaghetti Sauce
Pasta	Bread

Money donations can be given to either David Combs or Holly Peterson and will be used to purchase items needed to complete the baskets.

**SCAVENGER HUNT:** Sunday, November 12, following worship, the youth will be going to homes of UCC members and friends to collect items for Thanksgiving Baskets Other items can be donated as well. If you don't live in town, bring your donations to church on November 5 or 12. Please put frozen items in the freezer. May the blessing of giving be with you as we give thanks to our Lord and Savior for all that God has provided.

**Diaconate News to Know**

**Sunday November 5th:** Communion during worship

**Sunday November 19, 7p.m.:** Thanksgiving Service @ UCC

**Thursday November 23:** Thanksgiving Day "Orphans Dinner" here at UCC. Dinner, conversation, games, music etc. (More info forth coming)

**TRANSITION TEAM REPRESENTATIVES**

Dear Congregation,  
Please be looking for a box to place no more than six names of people whom you would like to see as your representatives on the Transition Team.  
Pastor Steve will be telling us more about the responsibilities of this Team as we work through our church's history, mission and core values, future growth, our community connections, leadership and trust development. The box will be out for your nominations (of no more than 6 names) for two weeks, October 22nd and 29th. Please participate with any suggestions of people whom you would like to see representing you and the Church, and our goals as we transition through this Intentional Interim Ministry. If you would like to be on the Team, please feel free to include your own name. THANKS.

**Youth Happenings**

On November 5th,( Daylight savings time ends) we will be having a get together for youth to finish the Shakers that Kim Powers so kindly cut out and drilled. It will be during church and may go longer depending on availability of families. Please save this date and check bulletin board for updates. You may email me at [daveepullen@gmail.com](mailto:daveepullen@gmail.com), text or call me at 509-675-4487.

There are Halloween costumes and other items available on back table in the gathering place near children's reading area. Please take what you can use. I will be soon taking this down for the Christmas. Thank you for the donations given for the "Campership fund".

This time of year with Autumn colors and the cool crisp days brings me great joy. I give thanks to all the many friends and church family that I have. I hope you feel the blessings that God has given you, too.

Sincerely, Davee Pullen

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

- CFWC CHEWELAH WOMAN'S CLUB– Kitch & Fell. Hall – 1st Thurs of month: Sept. – April
- HOSPITAL GUILD TEA Nov 2. Set up 11, Tea 2-4
- PIANO RECITAL Dec 8, 6:30 pm. Set up 3 pm (kitchen, fellowship hall, Sanctuary)
- GIRL SCOUTS Christmas Party Dec 16th 9-3 – Kit. & Fell. Hall (all day)
- The Chewelah Faith Resource Group (Ecumenical) met on 10/10 at 10 a.m.
- LIGHT UP THE PARK COM. met 6:30-8 p.m. 9/25,10/9,10/16,10/23 (Mon.)

**November  
Worship  
Helpers**

**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!

<b>November 5th</b>	<b>Communion, Food Sunday</b>
Greeters	Carol Auvil, Laurel Shelton
Ushers	Mary Ann Lachiewicz, Bonnie Rail, Chris Johnson, Bev Heidlebaugh
Worship Assistant	Roger West
Hospitality	Alma Stone, Melody Pierson
<b>November 12th</b>	
Greeters	Chris Johnson, Roberta McMillin
Ushers	Joey Locke, Janice Burya, Joan Blubaugh, Rana Shelton
Worship Assistant	Robert Nein
Hospitality	Bev Heidlebaugh, Sally Beane
<b>November 19th</b>	
Greeters	Janice Burya, Joan Blubaugh
Ushers	Carol Auvil, Mary Ann Lachiewicz, Lynn Hume, Patty West
Worship Assistant	Joey Locke
Hospitality	Anneliese Hume, Roberta McMillin
<b>November 26th</b>	
Greeters	Bev Heidlebaugh, Rachel Kristianson
Ushers	Patty and Roger West, Alma Stone, Laurel Shelton
Worship Assistant	Bonnie Rail
Hospitality	Holly Peterson, Rachel Kristianson
<b>December 3rd</b>	<b>Communion, Food Sunday</b>
Greeters	Bonnie Rail, Janice Burya
Ushers	Greg and Laura Rutherford, Laurel Shelton, Mary Ann Lachiewicz
Worship Assistant	Rachel Kristianson
Hospitality	Chris Johnson, Joan Blubaugh

**THANK YOU!**

This year's Neighbor's in Need offering total was \$293.69. Thank you all for contributing beyond your pledge to this offering!