

Chewelah United Church of Christ CREEKSIDE GAZETTE

No matter WHO you are or
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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:

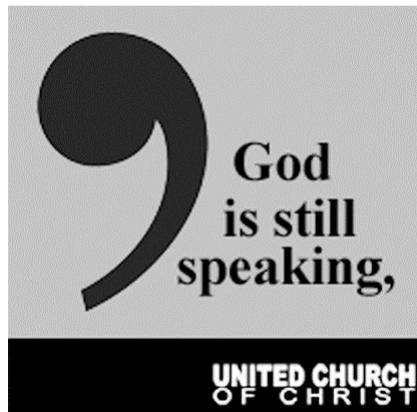
"As children of God, united in our belief in Christ,
we are called to love one another as God loves us:
helping each other to live as givers, to be as doers,
to pray as believers, and always to serve."

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Chewelah United Church of Christ, Council Minutes, August 2, 2017

Call to Order: The Council meeting was called to order by Assistant Moderator, Holly Peterson at 6:30 pm following the second quarter budget review presented by Susan Chamberlin.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 3, 2017 Council meeting were approved with corrections. Rachel Kristianson moved; Ron Peterson seconded. Motion passed.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Financial Reports: Susan Chamberlin presented Mitch Freeman's Financial Secretary's report and the Treasurers' Report. (see attachments)

Individual Member Loans: After much discussion Holly Peterson reported a consensus that individual member loans be paid after the bank loan is deposited and that there is no penalty to paying off loan early.

Banner Bank Loan: A special meeting was held on July 9 with Banner Bank and a loan of \$20,000 for a period of five years with the parsonage as collateral is being secured. Rachel Kristianson moved, and Kim Power seconded that Chewelah UCC proceed with the loan of \$20,000 and accept the terms with Banner Bank and that Holly Peterson be signatory on the loan. Motion Passed with no dissenting votes.

Term Loan – 5 years; amount \$20,000 Rate-Variable WSJ prime + 1.75%/w/auto pay; fixed 6.25% with auto pay. Loan fee - \$250; title fee est. -\$500

Flood fee-\$8; Collateral – parsonage residence at 108 N Stevens Street, Chewelah, WA 99109

Website: Sherry LaVigne will no longer host the current website after August 15, but suggests the Chewelah UCC migrate to web host, Siteground. Carmen Deal moved; Roberta McMillin 2nd that Chewelah UCC change website host to Siteground with Ron Peterson as manager and reimburse half the cost (\$35) to Ron and accept Sherry's offer to administer and contribution of \$35 (half the cost of site fee. Motion Passed.

Sunday Scheduling: Sara needs people to volunteer with greeters, hospitality, worship, ushers. Chris Johnson volunteered to remind people of this need.

Interim Pastor Status: Dr. Steven Lucas has requested a copy of the Pastor's job description and contract which are in process. Dr. Lucas is planning to arrive the last week in August.

TASTY Report: Chris Johnson reported that an ecumenical group of 10-12 people take orders, fill boxes, deliver boxes to Sr. Citizens pick up site & sometimes homes. The food is healthy, low-sugar, low-sodium, breakfast and lunch food. Families receive reminder calls, Safeway has been very helpful in the process. The food is funded by individual contributions and grants, e.g., Colville had a grant for \$65,000 and has shared. The fourth and last distribution is about to take place.

N Sid Sen Weekend is September 8-10 and includes people from Chewelah, Colville, Newport, and Westminster UCCs. An annual meeting takes place Sept. 29-October 1. (continued pg 3)

I've Learned, by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Rooney used to be on the 60 Minutes TV show.

I've learned....That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
I've learned....That when you're in love, it shows.
I've learnedThat just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
I've learned....That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
I've learned....That being kind is more important than being right.
I've learned....That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
I've learned....That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.
I've learned....That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
I've learned....That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
I've learned....That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
I've learned....That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
I've learned....That money doesn't buy class.
I've learned....That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
I've learned...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
I've learned....That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
I've learned....That love, not time, heals all wounds.
I've learned....That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
I've learned....That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
I've learned...That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
I've learned....That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
I've learned....That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
I've learned....That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
I've learned....That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
I've learned....That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his/herkas little fist, you're hooked for life.
I've learned....That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
I've learned....That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The 2017 theme for the NIN offering is "Protect the Sacred: In a Just World, Clean Water is Life." One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

The Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM) is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. CAIM provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians and to the wider church. Justice issues that affect American Indian life are communicated to the whole UCC by CAIM.

Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by many Christian denominations, takes place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the eucharist.

September Lectionary

<p>September 3: 13th Sunday after Pentecost Lesson 1: Ex 3:1-15 or Jer 15:15-21 Lesson 2: Rom 12:9-21 Psalm: 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b or 26:1-8 Gospel: Matt 16:21-28</p> <p>September 10: 14th Sunday after Pentecost Lesson 1: Ex 12:1-14 or Exek 33:7-11 Lesson 2: Rom 13:8-14 Psalm: 149 or 119:33-40 Gospel: Matt 18:15-20</p>	<p>September 17: 15th Sunday after Pentecost Lesson 1: Ex 14:19-31 or Gen 50:15-21 or Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21 Lesson 2: Rom 14:1-12 Psalm: 114 or 103: (17), 8-13 Gospel: Matt 18: 21-35</p> <p>August 27: 12th Sunday after Pentecost Lesson 1: Ex 16:2-15 or Jon 3:10-4:11 Lesson 2: Phil 1:21-30 Psalm: 105: 1-6, 37-45 or 145:1-8 Gospel: Matt 20:1-16</p>
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Diaconate: Roberta reported Ashley Watson, Peter Shober, and Kim Power will be pulpit speakers in August with the 4th Sunday open.

A group of people are working on a Call agreement and Job Description. Holly Peterson inquired if Dr. Lucas were receiving materials e.g., Gazette.

Pastoral Relations: No Report

Christian Education: Next Sunday the kids are going to Brown's Lake with Carmen Hartill and Davee Pullen. Sunday School will begin on September 17.

Adult Bible Study: Kathy Combs and Mimi Tiderman have approached Good Intent to see if those ladies might be interested in piloting and reviewing study from "Acts". Tony Robinson is the author of some of the material provided. This will be at a separate time from Good Intent meeting.

Mission & Stewardship: is reviewing a list of their activities. Food pantry items & hygiene bags (toothpaste, etc.) have been created; 42 lbs. of food donated to the food bank.

The School Supply Drive occurs in August. There is a box in the fellowship hall.

Trustees: Cleaning has occurred at the parsonage. Trustees will do a walk-through on Thursday, August 3. T & M will begin restoration August 9 & 10 then repair will begin. The yard has been cleaned. Furniture of a dining table and four chairs, a sleigh bed, and a piano (donated by May Alm) have been left. Trustees will deal with the piano and store the furniture in the garage. Roger has replaced parts in the church kitchen dishwasher with a replacement part cost of \$265.69.

House Committee: No Report

Campership: Seven kids have gone to camp.

Music: No special music was presented this summer other than Jessica Cochran who played guitar and sang. Fall choir to be determined.

Nominating: Nominees so far: Financial Secretary- Roland Frye; Clerk – TBD; Moderator(s) Co - Kathy Combs & Judy Bean. Susan Chamberlin tendered her resignation as Treasurer effective August 20. Nominations can always be taken from the floor at the Semi-annual meeting.

Semi-annual meeting is August 20 with a potluck following.

Thank You. A VERY great thank you to Susan Chamberlin for her service as Treasurer.

Concerns: Bonnie & Bud Rail; Roberta McMillin; Carmen Deal's brother, Wally and brother-in-law, Stuart; Cheri & Mitch Freeman; Roger & Alma Stone; the Bell-Towne family; the Shelton family.

After a reading of the mission statement, meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Members: Holly Peterson; Ron Peterson; Roger West; Patty West; Mary Ann Lachiwicz; Chris Johnson; Sandy Beadles; Roberta McMillin; Kathy Combs; David Combs; Lynn Hume; Susan Chamberlin; Kim Powers; Rachel Kristianson; Carmen Deal; Judy Bean.

UCC Church Council Minutes, July 3, 2017

Call to Order & Devotional: Meeting Called to order by Assistant Moderator, Holly Peterson at 6: 30 pm with the choral reading of the Mission Statement and a devotional read by Holly.

Agenda and Minutes: Agenda was approved with additions of Wilma Shanzenbach's service, Chamber dues, and Nominating Committee. Minutes of June 19 Council meeting approved (MSP – Rachel & Roberta). June 14 special meeting minutes were approved by e-mail previously.

Financial Reports: Susan presented June Treasurer's Report (see attached) and answered questions Mitch presented Financial Secretary's Monthly Report (attached). Mitch reported that Judith had been paid. Holly reported that Judith and Steven are planning to be out of the parsonage by July 25 if not sooner.

Unfinished Business:

Line of Credit: Chris Johnson reported on the work with cornerstone Financial (a UCC organization) and Banner Bank. Cornerstone charges an interest rate of 5.75% with a balloon payment at the end of the contract. Banner Bank's person managing line of credit loans will be out of the office until next week. A loan of \$20,000 at \$606 per month payment would result in \$1,822 interest over three years. A \$15,000 line of credit would be \$455 per month resulting in interest paid of \$1,370. The church's appraised value is \$1,280,000 and the parsonage's value \$170,000 per insurance carrier.

Trustees'/Roger's report on the parsonage repair/restoration by T & M was: Restoration only \$6,995.43; plus a sump pump of \$200; concrete work approximately \$500. Estimate of \$7,500 - \$8,000 may be needed. Holly asked for a recommendation. Rachel moved that a line of credit in the amount of \$20,000 be acquired from either Cornerstone Financial or Banner Bank. Kim 2nd. MSP. Chris, Roberta, Holly, and Judy will pursue the application with info collected from Susan.

Interim Pastor Search Report: Roberta reported that a teleconference interview with Dr. Steven Lucas had been conducted by the four Diaconate members (Bonnie, Kim, Ron & Roberta) with 15 people from the congregation listening/observing on June 19 and that the interview went well. Diaconate met on June 20th and conducted references/reference checks. Diaconate met again on June 29 and vetted the candidate and unanimously recommended hiring. Roberta moved that Chewelah UCC employ Dr. Steven Lucas as Interim Pastor until a settled pastor is hired. Rachel 2nd. A unanimous Council vote cast by show of hands (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions) was passed. Roberta will research the Interim's annuity and a package will be prepared by Diaconate. Roberta will also see that an article about Dr. Lucas is placed in the Gazette.

New Business:

Nursery Attendant: Discussion of need occurred but no action taken at this time.

Fundraiser: Judy presented the option of a food vendor booth at "Light Up the Park" on October 28. The booth fee is \$25 and requires securing one's own food permit. A suggestion might be a baked potato bar. Kathy moved, Chris 2nd the UCC engage in the fundraiser with any profits to go to the general fund. Show of hands vote – 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. MSP. *(continued page 5)*

Trustees:

Roger West, Mary Ann Lachiewicz, Susan Chamberlin & Greg Rutherford

A busy month at the parsonage catching up on landscaping projects, maintenance and general upkeep during the time between pastors. After the cleaning arranged by Pastor Judith was done, the parsonage was immaculately clean and not in need of any painting. Only a couple small repairs from general use were necessary.

It was decided that the yard and landscaping could be lower maintenance and steps have been taken to accomplish that. The garage was completely cleaned out, swept and vacuumed. Outlets were added and more overhead lighting. We disposed of items left in the basement and garage by the last several pastors.

The fence needs re-staining and that may be accomplished with a couple volunteers.

A small studio piano given to the church by May Alm, a long-time past member of the church, (which was graciously stored in the parsonage living room) has been moved to the church chapel. The larger piano is in the addition classroom.

Thank you to Deb and EJ for helping with the landscaping projects.

Watch for the fall yard and church cleanup in October. There will be a sign-up sheet posted and further announcement of dates and time.

Church Finances 101: Susan Chamberlin -outgoing treasurer.

I have been your church treasurer for the past 3 1/2 years (and 6 years some years back). When I took it on I said I wouldn't let it keep me up at night and have found it has been, there are those of you who will have seen e-mails from me in the wee hours of the morning. I am still a very active member of the trustees.

My report at the semi-annual meeting will have been mainly the current balance after paying T & M for the parsonage basement flooding and what is owing in loans. \$6000 to church members and \$20,000 to Banner Bank.

A reminder to everyone:

The Financial Secretary is the church officer that collects and records the churches income, **is the only person besides yourself who knows what you give monetarily.** Think of it as accounts receivable. He/she will give you a statement at the end of the year of your giving for tax purposes. If you do a non-monetary gift to the church that you want credit for, you need submit that with the date, given by, what and a value.

The Treasurer is the church officer that categorizes expenses for the budget, writes checks & pays the bills, balances the check book. Think of this as accounts payable. If you need to be reimbursed for an expense that you have paid for please submit the filled out reimbursement form available from the church secretary or in the Treasurers fold with a copy of the invoice/receipt and place in the Treasurer's folder.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday, September 10, marks the end of the Sunday summer activity program for the UCC Sunday School kids. Special thanks to Carmen Hartill, DaVee Pullen, and Rachel Kristianson for planning and supervising the summer activities.

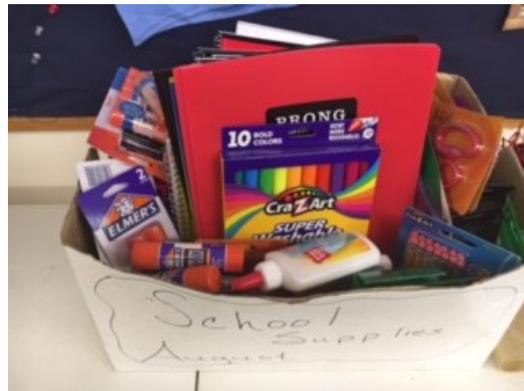
The Christian Education teachers met on Sunday, August 27th, to plan for the coming year. Celebration or "Kick-Off" Sunday will be September 17th. It marks the beginning of the new Sunday school year. The primary curriculum is one of the UCC endorsed programs purchased through Woodlake Publishing in Canada. "The Whole People of God" will be used by all of the classes. However, teachers will have the option to supplement with other materials that they have purchased and used in the past.

At this time two classes are planned. DaVee Pullen and Carmen Hartill will be working with the younger children. The upper grades will be working with Rachel Kristianson and Laurel Shelton. Substitutes are needed for both levels. If you can serve as a substitute please let Carmen and/or Rachel know. Thank you.

Sunday School will be held every Sunday except for the first Sunday of each month when families stay together in worship in the sanctuary and/or some of the younger children go to the nursery during the service. Kids will be dismissed for Sunday school following the children's sermon and blessing.

Our Sunday school teachers are dedicated and enthusiastic. Thank you to all of them for their hard work. Thank you, also, to the parents for sending terrific kids to us for the classes!

Rachel Kristianson,
Co-coordinator, Christian Education



Thanks to all...

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Pastoral Search Committee: Holly has summarized the search process from the UCC website with recommendations of a Nominating Committee of 5-9 people who are committed to the process and time commitment, and possess the capacity for "openness", confidentiality, listening with respect. Holly will write an article for the Gazette regarding the process and how to nominate members. Discussion ensued about how "search & call" could be linked to the website.

Chewelah Chamber of Commerce membership dues are now payable at \$35 per year. Rachel moved; Patty 2nd Chamber membership be renewed and dues paid. 8 yes, 0- no, 0 abstentions.

Wilma Schanzenbach memorial service will be held at Danekas' on Friday. Memorials may be made to Diaconate Memorial Fund in her honor.

Committee Reports:

Diaconate: Pulpit supply is arranged for July. Please contact Holly/Roberta if you are willing to fill in August. Kim Power was designated to fill Marcie's Diaconate position on the Interim Search Committee.

Pastoral Relations: Will continue with Interim.

Christian Ed: A hike up Quartzite from 8-12 occurred on Sunday, July 2. Davee, Carmen, Ava, Ellie, and Rachel. A summer activities meeting will occur soon.

Trustees: A request was made to stencil the HC parking sites. Approval given. A walk through of the parsonage will occur on July 26 at 9 am.

House: Mary Ann reported SCAN is no longer meeting at UCC

Campship: No report at this time.

Music: No sign up for special music "persons" at this time. Ron will be "off" on July 23. No service in Chewelah on July 30 as meeting with Colville UCC.

Nominating: Financial Secretary and Moderator positions are open and need candidates presented at August 20 semi-annual meeting.

Members-at-large: Kim requested that people will be asked to submit the names their "5 favorite hymns" so that a "top ten favorite hymns" can be sung repeatedly so all learn them.

Closing & Announcements:

July 30 – Worship & potluck (Colville providing) with Colville UCC. Carpool from Chewelah UCC at 9:15 am. Courtney – PNCUCC Vitality specialist presenting.

August 2- Budget Review at 5:30; 6:30 Council

August 20- Semi-Annual Meeting

Thank You: Roberta thanked Holly for all of her efforts and work as Assistant Moderator.

Concerns: Judith; Rana; Toblers; Schanzenbachs; Marcie; Davee; Cheri & Mitch.

Attending: Holly; Susan; Mitch; Cathy; Dave; Patty; Roger; Rachel; Laura; Joan; Roberta; Mary Ann; Kim; Chris J.; Bonnie; Ron; Judy.

Prayer Shawl Group

The prayer shawl group is still working on shawls, even though it is so very warm. We had 7 at our last meeting. We are always looking for more ladies or gentlemen to help make shawls, so if you are interested let us know. We will teach you if you don't knit or crochet.

Please let us know if someone you know needs a shawl, as we don't always hear who needs them. Thanks.

We will keep the needles and hooks slicking.

Bev

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN BEAUTY AT N SID SEN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER!

Not many of us have enough money or resources to have our own “place on the lake” that will house us and 60 of our closest friends!

But all of us have access to our Pacific Northwest Conference “place at the lake” – N Sid Sen Camp and Retreat Center, outside of Harrison Idaho, on the shores of Lake Coeur d’Alene!

This is a beautiful spot of land, on the edge of a glorious clear body of water.

This is a peaceful, sun filled, pine scented spot.

This is a spot where generous hosts and staff take care of you and me with care and discernment.

This is the place you are invited to come on September 8, 9, 10. We will begin with supper at 6 pm, meet our neighbors and friends (some of whom you haven't met yet) with some fun activities, then give you the evening to relax, refresh and play. New friends from some of our sister UCC churches will be joining us, as will some of our interfaith friends.

Saturday will be filled with opportunities to relax, to play at the water's edge or be in the water swimming, or have fun on paddleboat, kayak or canoe. There will be the chance to create earth art, to experience the beauty of “forest bathing”, or come stand in the lake and renew your baptismal promises by getting thoroughly soaked!

There is time for reading a book, hanging out with friends in rocking chairs and admiring the beauty of the lake. There is time to nap, or take a hike. There are delicious meals, beautiful scents of pine and green growing things, vistas to feast your eyes on!

On Sunday, we will lift our voices in thanksgiving and joyful prayer at 10:30 am.

This is a weekend opportunity created by God through God's gift of the glory of the natural world.

It is a weekend opportunity to IMMERSE YOUR SENSES IN BEAUTY.

Registration is through the N SID SEN website.

September Worship Helpers

September 3rd	Communion, Food Sunday
Greeters	Christine Johnson, Beverly Heidlebaugh
Ushers	Carol Auvil, , Alma Stone, Greg & Laura Rutherford
Worship Assistant	Joey Locke
Hospitality	Mary Ann Lacheiwich, Holly Peterson
September 10th	Birthday/Anniversary Recognition Sunday
Greeters	Debra Tobler, Janice Burya
Ushers	Patty West, Roger West, Laura Shelton, Rana Shelton,
Worship Assistant	Judy Bean
Hospitality	Rachel Kristianson, Anneliese Hume
September 17th	
Greeters	Greg & Laura Rutherford
Ushers	Janice Burya, Mary , Ann Lachiewicz, Roberta McMillin, Lynn Hume
Worship Assistant	Carmen Deal
Hospitality	Holly Peterson, Bev Heidlebaugh
September 24th	
Greeters	Joan Blubaugh, Patty West
Ushers	Carol Auvil, Debra Tobler, Joey Locke, Alma Stone
Worship Assistant	Roger West
Hospitality	Roberta McMillin, Christine Johnson
October 1st	
Greeters	Bonnie Rail, Janice Burya
Ushers	Greg and Laura Rutherford, Laura Shelton, Rana Shelton
Worship Assistant	Holly Peterson
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!