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2010 WILL BRING CHANGE

Mark Dowdy, Pastor

It's finally here! 2010, a new decade. Enormous change ahead.....for the world, for our country, for our church, for our lives, and perhaps for our faith.

Thanks to Jan Van Pelt, I'm now receiving a new daily on-line devotional, *On a Journey*, written by Tom Ehrich. On New Year's day he wrote:

It would be tragic if we approached faith as if nothing had changed or been learned since 400 BC, or if we approached today's challenges as if we were still a new and largely agricultural nation protected by oceans and cast-iron cannons.

Anyone who has ever attempted to gain sobriety, mend their ways, correct a flaw, learn from failure or embrace new learning knows that the main obstacles are people who resist their changing. We live in systems, and when one member of a system – family, workplace, political party, friendship circle – tries to “change the dance,” the entire system tends to fight back.

The alcoholic family, for example, knows how to deal with Mom as a drunk. Dealing with her sober requires the whole family to change.

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MANY THANKS FOR CQ COMMITMENTS

Lee Johnson, Camp Quixote Steering Committee

Many thanks for your **Camp Quixote commitments**. Your collective response to our call for holiday contributions for the Camp's residents has been outstanding. *For Surviving Stocking “Stuffers”*, you provided numerous boxes of hand warmers (“hotties”) and foot warmers, new warm socks, other (expensive) clothing, toiletries, candy and gift cards. Twenty-four stockings were fully “stuffed” and gratefully received by the residents at our **Christmas Eve Day lunch** for the residents.

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Sunday Worship Services

January 10

First Sunday after Epiphany

8:15 A.M. - Chapel

11:00 A.M. - Sanctuary

“Affirmed by Love”

TEXTS:

- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Psalm 29
- Acts 8:14-17
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

6:00 P.M. - Chapel

Spirit Service

~ Celebrate Music

January 17

*Second Sunday after Epiphany
Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday*

8:15 A.M. - Chapel

11:00 A.M. - Sanctuary

“Extravagant Sign”

TEXTS:

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 36:5-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- John 2:1-11

✠ Annual Congregational Meeting, 12:30 Social Hall

6:00 P.M. - Chapel

Spirit Service

~ Taizé

2010 Changes (Continued from page 1)

In faith, as comforting as it is to memorize ancient words, there is no substitute for doing what Jesus did: walking about, learning along the way, changing his mind, embracing new ideas, and accepting unexpected outcomes.”

May God be with us all and guide us in the changes ahead!

NAMI PEER TO PEER CLASSES

Eleanor Van Noppen

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Peer-to-Peer Course is a 10-week class beginning in February on *recovery* for anyone who has been diagnosed with a mental illness. The presenters are a team of trained “mentors” or Peer-teachers who are experienced at living well with mental illness. The course is free and you do not need to be a member of NAMI. For information, call 360-455-4277. An application, which will be sent to you, and a brief telephone interview are required. All information is confidential.

Thurston/Mason NAMI Helpline (360) 866-0403
4305 Lacey Blvd, Suite 28 www.namitm.org
Lacey, WA 98503 namitm@live.com
(360) 493-6021

“SICKO” JANUARY 16, 6:30 P.M.

Michael Moore’s look at health care is this month’s Spiritual Cinema feature. Meet in the Fireside Room for a dessert potluck, watch and then discuss the film.

WEDNESDAY A.M. BOOK GROUP

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, will be the book for discussion at 10:00 a.m. on January 20. The meeting will be held at the home of Bernie Clarke, 2369 Chambers Lake Ln SE, Panorama. Betty Nickerson will lead the discussion. Please call Bernie at 438-5404. New members are always welcome.

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CQ Commitments (Continued from page 1)

For the lunch, over thirty of you turned out to set-up and clean up after and act as hosts for the Camp, breaking bread with our houseless friends. Still others of you provided additional food and cash contributions for the occasion. Look for pictures of the lunch on the website in the near future.

Your response for warm clothing has been impressive. These articles are carefully sorted and fairly allocated at the camp according to need. In all of this, you have nicely demonstrated TUCO’s hospitality.

Security Table Hosts Still Needed. Those of us charged with oversight of our church’s hosting of the camp reluctantly subscribe to the adage “No good turn deserves to go unpunished.” But “subscribe”, we must. To date, a little less than twenty of us (including some couples) have taken turns at the security host table at First Christian Church. For this commitment, we are most appreciative and for the fact that many of these folk have signed up for at least one three-hour shift per week through January. We know that the holiday season challenges us all in allocation of time; but as we head into January, please check out the Host Calendar on our website and decide when you might be able to join our other hosts – and, of course, the camp residents in their temporary home and in extension of our hospitality.

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To volunteer either go to the church website and look at the Camp Quixote calendar and email your time slot to Tucocamp@gmail.com or talk to **Leslie Cushman, Mark Bohe, or Otavio Lima** between services each Sunday. They will have the host calendar with them and will sign you up live!

YOUTH MIDWINTER RETREATS

Mark Boyd, Director of Youth Ministry

Junior & Senior High Midwinter Retreats

Mark your calendars for the Midwinter Retreats happening at Pilgrim Firs. Junior High (grades 7-9) is January 8-10 and the Senior High (grades 10-12) is January 15-17. You can register on line by going to www.perlworks.com/wniuucc/regcart/. You will also find rates there. For more information see Mark Boyd.

EVENTS AT CHURCH Thursday, January 7 - Saturday, January 23

<p>Thursday January 7 7:00 pm Mis- sions, Peace & Justice, Library 7:00 Theology, Natural Science & Continuing Crea- tion, Chapel 7:00 Worship Ministry, Fireside</p> <p>Friday January 8 7:00 am Men's Breakfast, The Spar Restaurant</p> <p>Saturday January 9 10:30-2:30 Hanging of Epiphany Stars</p>	<p>Sunday January 10 8:15 am Worship, Chapel 9:30 am Sunday School, down- stairs; NEW Adult Ed Class, Fireside Room 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 12:00 pm Coffee Fellowship, Fireside 12:30 pm Senior Highs, Youth Room 6:00 pm Spirit Service, Chapel ~ Celebrate Music</p>	<p>Monday January 11 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm Peace Crafters, Karen Watts home, 456- 2526</p>	<p>Tuesday January 12 10 am Staff Mtg, Rm. 106 1 pm Worship Planng, Rm. 106 5:15 Person- nel, Rm. 106 5:30 Middlers, Youth Room 6:30 Stephen Ministry Super- vision, Fireside</p>	<p>Wednesday January 13 VOICE ARTICLES DUE 6 pm Chapel Singers, Chapel 7:00 Drum Fun, Youth Room 7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>Thursday January 14 6:00 pm Christian Education Ministry, Rm. 106 7:00 Council Meeting, Fireside Room</p>	<p>Friday January 15 10:00 am Caring Friends Meeting, Fire- side Room</p>								
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  <p>MEN'S BREAKFAST Friday, January 8, 7 a.m., The Spar Restaurant Come join the conversation on "Men's Spirituality".</p> </div>			<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  <p>"EXPERIENCING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME" Fireside Room, 9:30 am. This Adult Education class begins January 3 and will go through February 14.</p> </div>											
<p>Saturday January 16 6:30 pm Spiri- tual Cinema, Fireside Room</p> <p>Saturday January 23</p>	<p>Sunday January 17 8:15 am Worship, Chapel 9:30 am Sunday School, down- stairs; Adult Ed, Fireside Room 10:20 Chancel Choir gather in Sanctuary 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary 12:00 pm Coffee Fellowship, Fireside 12:30 Annual Con- gregational Meet- ing, Social Hall 6:00 pm Spirit Service, Chapel ~ Taizé</p>	<p>Monday January 18 OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY  1:00 pm Peace Craf- ters, Karen Watts home, 456-2526</p>	<p>Tuesday January 19 10:00 am Staff Mtg, Rm. 106 1:00 pm Wor- ship Planning, Rm. 106 5:30 Middlers, Youth Room</p>	<p>Wednesday January 20 6:00 pm Chapel Singers, Chapel 7:00 Drum Fun, Youth Room 7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>Thursday January 21</p>	<p>Friday January 22</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH CARE FORUM, TUESDAYS, 6:30-8:00 P.M. <i>A seven-week series sponsored by the downtown congregations and Interfaith Works discussing the local implications of national health care reform.</i> First Christian Church, 701 Franklin St. SE. Free admission.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Jan. 12—Mike Kreidler, WA State Health Commissioner</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Feb. 2—Professional Panel</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Jan. 19—Democratic Health Care leaders</td> <td style="border: none;">Feb. 9—Insurance companies</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Jan. 26—Republican Health Care leaders</td> <td style="border: none;">Feb. 16—Dept. of Retirement Systems</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none;">Feb. 23—WA Area Agency on Aging and WA Senior Lobby.</td> </tr> </table>							Jan. 12—Mike Kreidler, WA State Health Commissioner	Feb. 2—Professional Panel	Jan. 19—Democratic Health Care leaders	Feb. 9—Insurance companies	Jan. 26—Republican Health Care leaders	Feb. 16—Dept. of Retirement Systems		Feb. 23—WA Area Agency on Aging and WA Senior Lobby.
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NEW CHURCH OFFICERS JANUARY 10

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At our congregational meeting in November, 20 of our members were elected or re-elected to serve on our 8 ministries and in other offices. Elected for the first time and will be ordained and installed are:

Jamie Hovis, Sirena Denbow, Chris Emineth, Alice Tweit, Tierra Hunter-*Christian Education*
Sandee Sennes, Liz Frey-*Congregational Life*
Lee Johnson-*Missions, Peace, and Justice*
Linnaea Arnett, Otavio Lima, Lynette Hunter, PatAnderson-*Worship*

Those coming for installation, having been previously elected and ordained to a ministry:

David Nightingale, Bunny Hooper-*Administration*

Charlene Mackey-*Missions, Peace, and Justice*

Mark Clark, Tom Green-*Personnel*

Don Plank-*Stewardship*

Tom Skjervold, Arra Brown-ing-*Theology, Natural Sciences, and Continuing Creation*

Joan Knapp-*Council Moderator*

Such exciting times ahead, along with many challenges and joys, plus undoubtedly a few sorrows in this year of transition. God bless all who are serving and will serve in leadership positions in our church this first year of a new decade!

Prayers For

- ⊕ **David Webster and family**, on the death of Mary Webster December 28. Her memorial service was January 2 in our Sanctuary.
- ⊕ **Julie Taylor Boyd**, continuing chemotherapy.
- ⊕ **Nora DeMaster**, leukemia.
- ⊕ **Bob Hutchins**, moved from Capitol Medical Center to Puget Sound Health Care.
- ⊕ **Laura Lundgaard**, post surgery radiation.
- ⊕ **Gabe Williams**, leg surgery on January 7 in Seattle.
- ⊕ Those serving in the military and law enforcement.
- ⊕ All who are in fear of losing jobs, and those seeking employment.

