

What's Happening

- ♦ Chix-n-Stix — October 5
- ♦ UM Men's Breakfast — October 8
- ♦ Sunny Ridge Luncheon — October 8
- ♦ Rachel Circle — October 10
- ♦ Women's Retreat — October 11, 12, 13
- ♦ Finance Committee & Leadership Team Meetings — October 14
- ♦ Classics Book Group & Luncheon — October 17
- ♦ Women's Book Group — October 19
- ♦ Single Women Magic — October 19
- ♦ Consecration Sunday — October 27

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Pastor's Pen

"Second Mile Giving"

Don Schultze refers to "second mile giving" in his article about Consecration Sunday on page 5. Do read it. I knew exactly what he meant. But then I got to thinking. How many people will have no idea at all what he meant? So I thought I'd open this column with a short Bible study followed by a reinforcement of what Don is telling you.

Jesus lived in occupied territory. The Roman Empire was in its heyday while he walked the earth. Roman soldiers were a common sight. The Jews in Jesus' day didn't like it one bit, but they were powerless to do anything about it.

One thing they especially resented was the law that a Roman soldier could ask anyone to carry whatever that soldier was carrying for one mile. This law was intended to give the soldier a rest and also to remind those doing the carrying of who was in charge. Some were brave enough to refuse such a request. Few of them lived to tell about it. Most just grudgingly did their duty, carried those heavy bags for exactly one mile, resented every step, and then dropped the bags on the ground and walked away angry.

Jesus gave some surprisingly different advice. "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles" (Matthew 5:41). In other words, don't just do the minimum required. Go that second mile. And don't do it grudgingly. Do it joyfully.

The phrase "second mile giving" is very familiar to those of us who grew up in the church. It just means extra giving, above and beyond the expectation of that first mile. Don used the phrase in that context in his article. We are asking everyone this year to prayerfully consider giving something extra.

The reason is that this church's operating budget is not big enough and has not been big enough for some time to fund the minimal maintenance and repair needs for our church building and property. What we've done is a combination of special appeals for certain projects (carpeting, lighting) and spending down our maintenance reserves for certain other projects (new roof, parking lot sealing). We have found



ourselves in the unfortunate position of choosing to defer maintenance because we don't have the funds. And of course, maintenance can be deferred only so long and then the bill becomes much larger than it would have been had we taken care of it when we should have in the first place.

If you have read this far, thank you. I know some stopped as soon as I mentioned money. And I know others are not feeling real thrilled about digging deeper into your pockets. So let me return to what Jesus said about going that second mile.

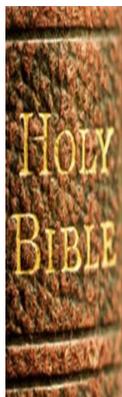
His whole point was to take something everyone hated, a burden, an obligation, a legal requirement, and turn it into something you can do with a smile on your face. His point was not that you carry those heavy bags grudgingly for two miles instead of one, hating every step of the way. His point was that both mile one and mile two could be transformed into something positive. That by your attitude, you have the power to turn a duty into a privilege.

The question I would ask is this: What will it take for us to move from, "Oh no, we have to give!" to, "Oh yes, we get to give!" ?

There's a Bible verse about this, too. "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). The cheerful attitude is part of the gift, too! Maybe the most important part. When a duty becomes a joy, everything changes.

Thank you for your faithful, consistent, generous gifts to God through this church. Those cheerfully given and those less cheerfully given! But my prayer is that this year we will all grow in our discovery of what a joy giving is meant to be.

THIS MONTH'S SERMONS



October 6	Laity Sunday, Ryan Levinger preaching	
October 13	"Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant"	I Corinthians 11:17-26
October 20	"The Talker and the Doer"	Matthew 21:28-32 II Corinthians 9:1-15
October 27	CONSECRATION SUNDAY Bill Hays preaching	



Kids Stuff Preschool and Daycare

I have been struggling with how to begin this article. These past few months have flown by and I have so many to thank and so much to catch up on. As most already know, I was out for a couple of weeks while donating a kidney for a paired kidney exchange so that my husband, Jay could receive the one he was so greatly in need of. We're happy to say that all parties are doing fabulously, including the donor and recipient in Georgia.

This was quite an experience for me. Before surgery, people asked if I was nervous—and the thought had never crossed my mind. After surgery, people came up to me and said "you were so brave." This too had never crossed my mind and was definitely not how I looked at the situation. I truly believe that you all were our backbone. Without the support of this church and Kids Stuff, we wouldn't have been able to make the choices that we did. Jay and I did not go through these surgeries alone. I could not have given a little piece of me without you giving a whole lot of yourselves.

The staff did an amazing job while I was gone! Especially for the time of year that they have to deal with: **Back to school and changes in schedules.** If one didn't know any better, you might have thought I had requested this timing. They had been so busy enrolling new families that I came back feeling like I was a new hire having to learn everyone all over. AWKWARD! So I apologize again to anyone that I may not have given my full attention to when I first returned. The staff was doing such a great job, that I felt I could sit back and play catch up behind the scenes.

I also have to admit that it was kind of nice coming back at a slower pace and getting to see just how well everyone was working together and doing everything they could to assist one another.

Some of you may have already noticed that Ms. Karen Hatch is no longer teaching our 3-years-olds. While I was gone I was saddened to learn that she had been offered a job with the Nampa School District. We wish Karen the very best and are very thankful that her children get to still attend here. Luckily before I had left, Ms. Sara Simmons who used to teach that class had called us inquiring about teaching here again.

I know you hear me say time and time again, "My God shall supply all your needs." Phil. 4:19.

On that note, WELCOME BACK Sara and THANK YOU to everyone for touching my family in a way that we'll never be able to repay.

God Bless, Ms. Carolyn

Thank you Donna Riha from all of us at Kids Stuff!

We'd like to thank you for all the items you donated to us after retiring and closing your center. Anybody who has ever had any experience with teaching knows how hard it can be to let material go. It meant a lot that you thought of us. We wish you and your husband, Tim, the very best!

Ms. Carolyn



Leadership Team Corner

The Leadership Team met on Monday, September 16. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- ◆ Patsy Waters, chair of our Building and Grounds Ministry Team presented a thorough report on the work they have accomplished and work that still needs to be done.
- ◆ The resignation of Traci Alonzo, our church treasurer for the past 11 years, has been received. Marie Hamann has agreed to be trained in Traci's responsibilities and to help us on a temporary basis while we evaluate how we want to staff in the future to best meet our needs.
- ◆ The Finance Committee is recommending that we explore with Terry Frisk the possibility of a contract to help with our church finances. Terry is a CPA who presented a "discovery analysis" at our last meeting.
- ◆ Our Charge Conference has been set for Monday, November 11. Rev. Karen Puckett from Kuna United Methodist Church will preside.
- ◆ Kathy Huff, Church Life Director, reported on progress in developing a mission outreach partnership with Sherman Elementary School.

Leadership Team will meet next on Monday, October 14 at 7 pm in the GPS building. Guests are always welcome. If there are personnel matters to discuss, guests will be excused for that portion of the meeting.



Finance Committee

Our finances are doing fairly well. We are currently getting 90% of the pledges year to date and the budget for non-pledged funds is 97% of the projected budget for this year. We are looking at future maintenance needs that are daunting and will require a bigger budget next year.

As you may be aware, Traci our treasurer has resigned to take a position at Northwest Nazarene University. She is currently helping in this transition period. Marie Hamann has offered to assume those duties in the interim and Tracy and Marie are working hard to maintain payroll and budgets. If you have a chance, please thank both of them for their great service during this transition.

Thanks for your support and continued prayers. Consecration Sunday is coming.

Don Schultze, Finance Chair



Please check the coat rack in narthex and the lost and found in the office for any winter gear (coats, hats, gloves, etc.) you may have left at the church.

If these items are not claimed by **November 1st**, we will be donating them to a local charity so they can benefit those in need. Thank You!



Consecration Sunday

In our July newsletter, I encouraged you to consider what God would have you to do to support the ministry and work of your Church. Well, Consecration Sunday is coming and scheduled for Sunday October 27, 2013. This is a time to celebrate the blessings of God in your lives. Further, it is an opportunity to give back to

to God. We have a number of tasks that need your time and talents as well as your financial support. How has God blessed you this year? By faith, we follow and give of ourselves to God's work in our hearts, this community, and the world. We ask that you pray and consider what God would have you to do.

In addition, we are adding a second mile component this year to develop sufficient funds to maintain this Church plant. We have tried to maintain this Church on a budget of \$5,000 per year. The result is that we need to ask for funds for carpeting, sound systems, lights, and the list continues. We are estimating a need for \$25,000 for required maintenance issues this year and an additional \$15,000 for the development of the maintenance fund. We are hoping that this plan will preclude the need to come to you for funds for the heating/cooling system, painting, or new carpeting, should these issues require our care.

What percentage of your time or income is God calling you to give? During the morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking attendees and members to make financial commitments to this Church and its missionary, benevolent and educational ministries in this community and around the world. If you do not wish to fill out an estimate of giving card, please attend and participate in the Sunday celebration, since we are very aware of the solid support of those who do not pledge. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity.

Don Schultze, Finance Chair

Building and Grounds

Being on the Building and Grounds Team has certainly opened my eyes to what is involved in maintaining our church property and how easy it is to become complacent. Before this experience, I would drive into the parking lot, notice a nicely mowed lawn, beautiful roses, new rocks and bark, be greeted by friends at the door, and be handed an informative bulletin. After having cookies and coffee, I would enter our beautiful sanctuary that was always the perfect temperature and well lit, see the announcements on the screen, hear the beautiful music and worship our Lord. I didn't think of ALL the people and hours of work that it took to provide this wonderful worship experience for me. Nor did I have any idea of the money it takes to keep our doors open. I know now what a monumental task it is to keep our church running. I certainly appreciate all of you who give of yourselves to help our church. We could not keep our doors open and minister to our members if it were not for you.

As many of you know, the Building and Grounds Team had the parking lot resurfaced. Considering the deterioration and deplorable state of the parking lot, we feel that we received a good value for our

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Men's Ministry

This church provided 97 meals during September at the Nampa Community Shelter. We thank the members for their prayers and support. The towels were divided between The Light House and the Community Shelter. It's amazing how the smallest things bring the most joy. Thank you for your contributions.

September's program was based on the word "pride" and when pride is a sin. Men wanting and needing to feel good about themselves to have a good self-image is natural. There are so many things a man can be proud of; a job well done, a grade on a test, doing something for someone. As such, pride is a motivator to create additional pride. Pride is wrong or a sin when it is used to compare your strengths against another's weakness—that would be putting someone down. This could lead to a confrontation, anger, hatred, etc. Praising yourself builds self-esteem and that builds character. Luke 18:14 "for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The participation and fellowship at these breakfast meetings bring to the table a variety of thought provoking ideas. An additional discussion resulted around the question "where does your conscience come from?" That little voice inside you that tells you the "right and wrong" of your decisions. Think of all the evil things that take place in our world. Did they have a voice telling them that their actions are wrong?

Opportunity to Serve: Canyon County has a Veterans Court program for veterans that are struggling with addictions. The program calls for veterans to have a community service project to complete their program and suggests a mentor for

each veteran with a service background. Visit on the first and third Monday of each month or call Dwayne Evanson at 467-3054 to witness the process.

*Dwayne Evanson,
United Methodist Men*

Building and Grounds

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money. The plan is to walk the lot each spring and carefully examine it for large cracks, fissures, and other issues; then repair them as they appear so we can extend the life of this resurface. The company that did the resurfacing explained that if we are diligent with repairing cracks and do not let our parking get in such a deteriorated state as we have in the past, we should be able to get about 4-5 more years before we need to resurface again.

The Building and Grounds Team is looking for volunteers to help with small projects around the church. As I said earlier, it is so easy to become complacent and think "someone else will do it." Please contact the church office or myself at patsylee71@msn.com or 467-7890.

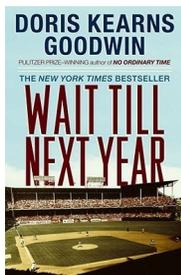
*Patsy Waters,
Building and Grounds Chair*

*I am the
bread of life.
Whoever comes to Me
will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.
John 6 vs. 35*

Classics Book Group & Classics Luncheon

The Classics Book Group and Classics Luncheon will meet again on Thursday, October 17. Book Group meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The luncheon is at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

The October discussion will be led by John Watts on the book, "Wait Till Next Year" by Doris Kearns Goodwin.



Set in the suburbs of New York in the 1950s, *Wait Till Next Year* is Doris Kearns Goodwin's touching memoir of growing up in love with her family and baseball. She re-creates the postwar era, when the corner store was a place to share stories and neighborhoods were equally divided between Dodger, Giant, and Yankee fans.

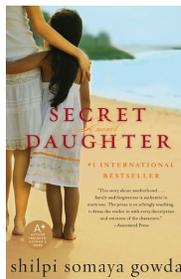
Meet the people who most influenced Goodwin's early life: her mother, who taught her the joy of books but whose debilitating illness left her housebound; and her father, who taught her the joy of baseball and to root for the Dodgers. Most important, Goodwin describes with eloquence how the Dodgers' leaving Brooklyn in 1957, and the death of her mother soon after, marked both the end of an era and, for her, the end of childhood.

If you have any questions about book group, contact Von Comstock at 468-9112.

If you think you would like to HELP prepare a Classics Luncheon, they are looking for some senior chefs to join them.

If you have any questions about the luncheon or you'd like more information about helping with a luncheon, contact Diane Morris at 467-4297.

Women's Book Group



The Women's Book Group has started back up again for the 2013-2014 reading year. The group meets every second Saturday of the month (with the exception of October) at 9:00 a.m. in the G.P.S. Building on the youth side. Please

join us for lively discussion and fellowship as we work our way through some thought provoking books this year.

Here is a list of the books the group is reading. You do not need to come every month and you do not even have to have read the book to come and be a part of the group—hope to see you there!

Contact Heather Carter at 914-3152 or at suscrapper@cableone.net with any questions.

October 19: ***Secret Daughter***
by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

November 9: ***To Kill a Mockingbird***
by Harper Lee

December 14: ***Rise and Shine***
by Anna Quinlen

January 11: ***Ghost of Manhattan***
by Douglass Brunt

February 8: ***Wildwood***
by Drusilla Campbell

March 8: ***America the Beautiful***
by Ben Carson

April 12: ***Nineteen Minutes***
by Jodi Picoult

May 10: ***The Kitchen House***
by Kathleen Grissom

BITS AND BITES



Saturday, November 2nd
9:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

Our all-church Annual Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner! Our ladies have been hard at work for months creating things that you simply won't be able to resist.

Mark your calendar and plan to come and get all your Christmas shopping done!

Also from 11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m., the United Methodist Men will be cooking up something mouth-watering good to eat and drink—so bring your appetite.

We are still counting on the congregation for donated items. Anything handmade is welcome and appreciated. Jams and jellies are especially needed, as well as baked goods. There are still several stacks of dish towels (and patterns) in the church office for embroidering.

Donations will be accepted through Friday, November 1.

If you have any questions,
contact Melva Dinius at 466-3734

Dear Members of First United Methodist,

Thank you very much for the scholarship money. It makes my anxiety of paying for school calm down a little. I would just like to say thanks for everyone's support and the loving atmosphere I took part in. Thank you for the trust and investment you took in me.

~Love, Bailey Calhoun



Thank you Donna Riha for donating 2 rectangular tables, chairs, television, stand, and DVD's for children's church. We appreciate it!

*~Dawn Renfrow and
First United Methodist Church*

FELLOWSHIP COOKIES

If your last name begins with one of the following letters, please bring 3-4 dozen store bought or homemade cookies before or on your designated date.

A through B . . . October 6

C through E . . . October 15

F through H . . . October 20

I through M . . . October 27

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

To get your articles/events in the
NOVEMBER newsletter,
please get that information to the
church office no later than
Wednesday, October 18.

Information includes not only articles, but all activities so those can be on the church master calendar .

Celebrate!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 2	Ustina Erofeeff
Oct 4	Leatha Thayer
Oct 8	Annilese Jensen
Oct 9	Robert Healea
Oct 10	Joe Carter
Oct 11	Stacy House
Oct 13	Melinda Butkus
Oct 14	Ethel Chitwood
Oct 14	Halee Schafer
Oct 14	Judy Matthews
Oct 15	Kondra Thayer
Oct 16	Joe Harvey
Oct 18	Dawn Renfrow
Oct 19	Georgia Wirth
Oct 19	Ruth Sessions
Oct 20	Karla Fisher
Oct 21	Ron Muller
Oct 21	Kayla Pratte
Oct 21	Will Pratte
Oct 22	Vicky Kausen
Oct 23	Jay Curtis
Oct 29	Annette Farmer
Oct 30	Thompson Brown
Oct 30	Kelsey Nickel
Oct 31	Janet Beymer

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 6	Gene & Melva Dinius
Oct 12	Earl & Larie Ratcliff
Oct 15	Jarrold & Leah Hurlbert
Oct 17	Jay & Carolyn Curtis
Oct 19	Bill & Pam Kemp
Oct 23	Craig & Brandy Yearous

If your SPECIAL DAY is not listed or listed incorrectly, please call the church office anytime and we will get that information updated.

NUMBERS THAT MATTER

September Worship Attendance:

	1	8	15	22
9:00 a.m.	81	104	85	82
11:00 a.m.	54	90	89	89
5:30 p.m.	14	13	21	20
TOTAL	149	207	195	191

2013 Average: 185 2013 Goal: 220

Giving:

September Revenue:	\$13,193
September Expenses:	\$16,756
Year-to-Date Revenue:	\$150,734
Year-to-Date Expenses:	\$161,353
Percentage of Apportionments Paid:	34%
Percentage of Year Gone:	75%



DEATHS

Elna Pettus, 8-29-13
(Glen Hogin's aunt)

Zelda May Whitney, 9-11-13
(Charlotte Dickman's mother)

Mary "Maizie" Dekker, 9-12-13
(Clarke Yearous' sister)

David Alme, 9-16-13
(Glen Hogin's cousin)

Weldon Smith, 9-20-13
(Curtis Smith & Barbara Dinius' brother)





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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS



Our building is
 accessible to all!

Childcare in the nursery is provided during morning services.

- 9:00 a.m. – Wesley Service: Traditional worship
- 10:00 a.m. – Sunday School & Shared Fellowship Time
- 11:00 a.m.—Youth Group
- 11:00 a.m. – Celebration Service: Contemporary worship
- 5:30 p.m. – Simply Worship: For the disabled and their friends

NFUMC STAFF

- Pastor:** *John Watts*
- Office Manager:** *Carol Ogren*
- Church Life:** *Kathy Huff*
- Kid’s Stuff Director:** *Carolyn Curtis*
- Treasurer:** *Marie Hamann*
- Organist:** *Nancy Parks*
- Choir Director:** *Jeanne Kusterer*
- Lead Musician:** *Tim Swanson*
- Custodian:** *Carolyn Curtis*
- Lay Leader:** *Leatha Thayer*
- Bishop:** *Grant Hagiya*
- District Superintendent:** *Kim Fields*



Monday through Friday
 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.