

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to Clarice B and her family with the passing of Pastor Barry B on April 2. His memorial service was yesterday, Saturday, April 6.

ADDRESS UPDATES:

Kristi N has moved back to Lynden Manor. She is in her old room #340.

Nellie H has moved to room #128 at Meadow Greens.

WELCOME TO FIRST CRC:

Kendra B, Kelli H, Kennadi H, Brant H, Carl R, and Avery V have come before the elders to profess or reaffirm their faith. Kendra B, Kelli H, Kennadi H, and Carl R will make public profession or reaffirmation of faith and be introduced on Sunday, April 14 during the morning worship service. We welcome them to the First Church family and pray we will be a blessing to them.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF THE MONTH OF APRIL

are Carl R and Judy W. Please check out their poster in the back of church and pray for God's blessing on their life and future.

EASTER CELEBRATION

• **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14:**

The Children's Church will be singing during the morning worship service for Palm Sunday, April 14. Please bring your children to the Ed. Building before the morning service.

• **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19:**

Join us on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. as we gather to remember the sacrifice Christ made for us on that first Good Friday. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

• **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21:**

** Come and celebrate the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. as we gather to celebrate his joyful victory over death.

** Join us again as we gather together with other area CR churches on Easter evening at 6:00 p.m. at Sumas CRC.

• **EASTER LILY FUNDRAISER:**

Support Oasis (Junior High Youth Group) by purchasing an Easter lily (\$12.00 each) in memory of a loved one or just for yourself. The lilies will be used in church on Easter morning, and can be picked up following the Easter worship service. All orders must be received by Sunday, April 14 and can be turned in to the box on the Welcome Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO OURSELVES:**

During the season of Lent, we are exploring how the truth of the Gospel affects every area of our daily lives through the sermon series and in personal interactions and application.

** **STUDY GUIDES** are available in the back of church.

Whether you are in a small group or studying on your own, you are welcome to pick up *A Gospel Primer* and study guide.

A suggested donation of \$10 per book can be placed in Kara Humphrey's box (G12). Please make checks out to First CRC.

• **SENIOR DINNER– TUESDAY, APRIL 9:**

Anyone 70+ is invited to our Senior "Hawaiian" dinner this Tuesday, April 9. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, sign up in the back of church or contact the church office at 360-354-4560.

• **FIRST FAMILY CAMP – SEPTEMBER 13-14:**

Join us for family church camp, September 13-14 (note this is a week later than past years) at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Concrete. This is a great time to get together and be blessed with God's family. *Everyone* is invited, to a potluck dinner together on Saturday night. For more information, or to make reservations, contact Amy V.

• **CASCADE FAMILY BIBLE CAMP – JULY 4-8:**

There are exciting outdoor and inspirational events planned for the entire family this summer at the Cascade Family Bible Camp at Warm Beach. It is a weekend you will never forget. They are also offering a 50% discount to first-time campers! There has never been a better time to invest in your family. For more information about camp or to register, visit www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org

• **YOUTH DYNAMICS CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER:**

Youth Dynamics is collecting clothes, linens, and accessories as a fundraiser. See the flyer in your mailbox for more details. Donations can be dropped off in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Tim N.

• **SERVE 2019 UPDATES:**

** Pray for our SERVE coordinators and that God would help us place the right volunteers in the right task.

** Mark W will be our speaker for Lynden SERVE 2019 and Mitchell S will lead us in music during worship.

** We are looking for students (going into 9th grade and up) to help with SERVE for the whole week or even part of the time. If you are interested, contact Dan H or one of the coordinator team members: Molly H, Len H, Steve L, or Cal B.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **HELPING HANDS FOR BABIES:**

We will meet on Monday, April 8 at 1 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All who love to sew, knit or crochet are welcome to join us! For more information, call Leona O.

• **OASIS 2.0 (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

** Join us for an adventure at Castle Fun Park in Abbotsford, BC on Monday, April 8. We plan to leave church at 6:30 p.m. Youth group will put \$10.00 towards each person's games (indoor mini-golf, batting cages, arcades, go karts and more). What you need: 1) birth certificate or passport, 2) signed form with parents' permission (Dan will email a copy to sign), and 3) extra spending money.

** **EASTER LILY FUNDRAISER** – Students, we need your help with our annual Easter Lily Fundraiser. Money raised helps with food, pop, activities, crafts, and Bible study supplies, so it's a big deal. Join us on Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. to help arrange the plants. Parents, we would love your help too and "many hands make light work."

** For more information about any of these, contact Dan H.

• **MOMS@1ST:**

We will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. Contact Stephanie R with questions.

• **GEMS (1st – 8th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**

Join us for a class night on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building. For more information, contact Gail B.

• **WORSHIP PLANNING:**

The Worship Planning Team will meet this Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Join us this Wednesday, April 10 for our normal gathering where we will be talking about the end of Lent and the newness of Easter. It all starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. For more information, contact Dan H.

• **MEN'S STUDY:**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. Please read Numbers 20 & 21. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.

• **THURSDAY PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Join us this Thursday, April 11 in the Parsonage at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss Week 5 of *A Gospel Primer*. Contact Phama W for more information.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **JANE S** is at home recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **JOHN B** had a second biopsy of a tumor on his liver. Pray for peace of mind for John and family and that he will receive a good report.
- **BETTY H** is failing in health and is on hospice care.
- **REVEREND RALPH H** (Dan's father) has completed his radiation treatment but is expecting a few more weeks of pain as a side effect of the treatment.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Jennie B, Jim B, Mary K, Carl F, Betty H, Johanna R, Adrietta S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Kristi N, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert V, Janet V, Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy V, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**
Jeff & Melissa
Ray & Angie
Steve & Sandy
Gary & Mary
Memli & Luiza
Al & Julie
Tim & Charlene
Eric & Penny
Mitchell & Rochelle
John & Jean
Ken & Chris
S Home – India

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7

Bus Driver: Willie A
Nursery Baby: Lori M, Pam R,
Kennadi H
Toddler: Jennie B, Carolyn B,
Tessa B
Floater: Jan B
PM: Anna Lee F, Jolene H
Greeters: Paul & Sharon A
Josh & Jill B
Welcome: Terry & Nicole B
Ushers: Blake V, Fred Y
Dan B, Levi B
Safety Usher: Darren G, Ryan B
Sound: Chris F
Video: Luke K
Flowers: Helene Y
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F
Cookies: Nicole B, Gert B,
Dee B, Peggy B
Music **AM:** Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Perlene H

Sunday, April 14

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Meredith Z, Jenny B,
Sadie H
Toddler: Sara B, Dora B,
Alivia B
Floater: Swandel E
PM: Kari H, Marlys H
Greeters: Dan & Gail B,
Terry & Nicole B
Welcome: Wayne & Nicki G
Ushers: Josh B, Cal B,
Jake D, Kyle E
Safety Usher: Lance H, Jacob A
Sound: Rick B
Video: Jordan H
Flowers: Meredith Z
Coffee: Berny & Vicky D
Cookies: Jennie B, Susan B,
Shirley B, Yvonne B
Music **AM:** Mike H, Nancy Z
PM: Nancy Z

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Sunday, April 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Gospel Before Time*
Scripture: *Ephesians 1:3-6*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Berny D
Message: *The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree*
Scripture: *Luke 13:1-9*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Monday, April 8

1:00 Helping Hands for Babies meets in the Ed. Bldg.
6:30 Oasis meets in the parking lot for Fun Park trip

Tuesday, April 9

9:15 MOMS@1st meets in the Loft
5:30 Senior "Hawaiian" Dinner in the Church Basement

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 GEMS meets in the Education Building
7:00 Worship Planning meets in the Council Room
7:30 TRIBE meets in the Loft

Thursday, April 11

7:00 Men's Study meets in the Church Basement
7:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the Parsonage

Sunday, April 14 ~ Palm Sunday

10:15 Children's Church meets in the Ed. Building
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Gospel for Hard Times*
Scripture: *Romans 8:35-39*
Offering: Gary & Mary
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*
Scripture: *I John 4:15-21*
Offering: Gary & Mary

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Saturday