

Welcome To CCUCC

Our mission is to welcome all into a loving, progressive faith community, knowing our actions reflect our Christian values: to question and explore beliefs and assumptions, to strive for peace and justice, and to care actively for the earth, our community, and one another.

The Core Values of Progressive Christianity

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean we are Christians who...

1. Believe that following the way and teaching of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life, even as we recognize that the Spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
5. Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

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We acknowledge that we stand on land stolen from Native and Indigenous people. We are on Nimiipuu land and we recognize that they were the first people here.

We acknowledge that we benefit from the prosperity of the United States, which was built on the labor of enslaved people.



Community Congregational

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2024/25 Church Council

Moderator: Darin Paulson

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Stewardship & Finance Team: Herb Hill

Building and Grounds Team: Doug Blanks Hindman

Faith Development Team: Sandy Evenson

Congregational Life Team: Charla Chaudhry

Congregational Care Team: Nancy Gillard

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Justice and Witness Team: Kym Dye

Outreach Team: open

THIS WEEK AT CCUCC

Monday, December 16

Stewardship & Finance 10:30 am

Tuesday, December 17

Coffee at Pups & Cups 10:30 am

Building and Grounds 1:30 pm

Wednesday, December 18

Office closed

Council 10 am

Thursday, December 19

Congregational Care 1:30 pm

Friday, December 20

Queer Quest 6:30 pm



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An Open and Affirming & Just Peace Church

December 15, 2024

10:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent

What Then Should WE do?



Luke 3: 7-11

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Gathering of All Who Seek God's Presence

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Emily Warnecke, voice
arr. Sally De Ford

Welcome Rev. Mike Bass

Life of the Church

Joys and Concerns

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

***Call to Worship** Darin Paulson

There was one who came to prepare the way.
Rejoice! For God shall take on flesh.
Justice will be manifest; our lives will be made whole
The Holy guides us like a bright star.
Rejoice, my friends, rejoice!
the Presence of God is near!

Passing of the Peace

Let us share words of peace and belonging

***Hymn** *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* #120

Call to Wholeness:

We seek your tenderness, O God of Becoming. At times we forget the importance of collective flourishing. Yet, great joy abounds when we can meet another's need. Open our hearts to the fruits of redemption. Help us to live out the love of God made manifest in caring for one another and the joy of recognizing our need for each other.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Anthem *A Simple Stable* CCUCC choir
Don Besig & Nancy Price

Connecting with Sacred Stories

Ancient Witness Luke 3:7-11 [Inclusive] Darin Paulson

John said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You pack of snakes! Who warned you to escape the wrath to come? Produce good fruit as a sign of your repentance. And don't presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Sarah and Abraham as our mother and father,' for I tell you that God can raise children for Sarah and Abraham from these very stones. The ax is already laid

at the root of the tree; every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be cut down and tossed into the fire."

When the people asked him, "What should WE do?" John replied, "Let the one with two coats share with the one who has none. Let those who have food do the same."...

Sermon *Joy: What Then Should We do?* Rev. Mike Bass

***Hymn** *Colorful Creator* #30

Responding to Live Faithfully

Prayers of the People & the Jesus Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The praise of your name echo through the universe. The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world. Your heavenly will be done by all created beings. Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Vineyard Haven* Mary Carloye, organ
Richard Wayne Dirksen

For the month of December the loose cash offering will go to support Palouse River Counseling and Latah Recovery Center.

Sent with Love into the World

***Hymn** *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* #55

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy*

**I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (Where?)
Down in my heart (Where?) Down in my heart**

**I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (Where?)
Down in my heart to stay**

*Please stand as you are able.

† As an inclusive and open faith community, we attempt to convey gender inclusive images, terms, and language of God.

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Thanks to the Rev. Molly Bolton and Rev. John Will as liturgical guides.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Announcements

COFFEE HOUR: You are encouraged to stay for coffee and treats and fellowship after worship today. Just head across the entryway to Brewster Hall and join us for coffee hour.

Have a desire to make a joyful noise? Choir meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Any and ALL are WELCOME.

Our weekly downtown coffee time is now on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Through **December** we will meet at **Pups & Cups** on Main St. All are welcome to drop in between 10:30 and 11:30 for our no-host social time with Pastor Mike.

CCUCC is teaming up with the Unitarian Universalist Church in Moscow for a project they started in Moscow called "Chasing the Chill". They expanded to Pullman later and asked if we would like to alternate months with them this winter. Scarves, gloves, hats, and socks of all sizes are collected and placed on the fence at River Nook near Neill Public Library. Let's fill the box in the Narthex with new or gently used items to help our friends in the community "Chase the Chill" this winter! Questions? Contact Kym Dye at kymdye57@gmail.com.

The holiday potluck is **Sunday, December 15th after worship.** Turkey, ham, potatoes, rolls and cookies are provided. Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself.

Next Game Night is **Friday, December 27th at 6 pm.**

New congregational book read, to be followed by a potluck discussion in early February. Books will be ordered and available soon. The read is *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* by Suzanne Simard.

Get ready for our new competition to kick off 2025! Find your personal coffee cup, we want to see how long it will take for our congregation to keep 1,000 cups out of the landfill. Starting the first Sunday, January 4th, 2025 have your washable/reusable cups ready for coffee hour. Yes, there will be prizes when we reach our goal.

Christmas Eve service will be **Tuesday, December 24th at 7 pm** followed by a social in Brewster Hall.

United Church of Moscow is hosting Heath Druzin on Tuesday, **December 17** for an inside look at Extremism in the Northwest. Space is limited to those who register. This will be held in the 1912 Center in Moscow at **6:30pm**. A link to registration is in the activity update.