

THE CARILLON

NEWSLETTER

They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams.

[Isaiah 44:4](#)



We're getting a late start to the Newsletter this year but excited to welcome back

'THE CARILLON'

We hope to make this as informative and thought provoking as we can so please feel free to contact Pastor John (503-949-2744 / pastorjohnsmail@gmail.com) or Terri Tye (541-263-0519 / rufustye1@gmail.com) with any ideas, suggestions or input.

Schedule for each Sunday of the month:

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| Bible Study | - 9:30 | *1 st Sunday | - Communion |
| Worship Service | - 11:00 | *2 nd Sunday | - Noisy Offering |
| Childrens Church | - 11:15 | *3 rd Sunday | - Food Bank |
| Coffee Hour | - After Service | *5 th Sunday | - Sing, Praise, Worship |



OUR MISSION:

To Grow Spiritually by Moving Beyond Ourselves with Passion and Purpose, Following the Teaching of Jesus Christ.

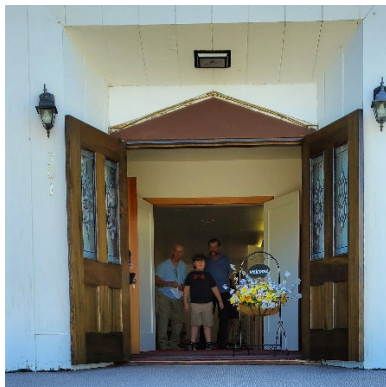
WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- * We believe in the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- * We believe that God is our supreme and divine creator, and the only judge of mankind.
- * We believe that we receive salvation through faith alone in the belief that Jesus Christ is the son of God, sent in human form to die on the Cross for our sins, so that with faith, we may have hope for eternal life in the kingdom of Heaven.
- * We believe we are inspired to follow the example of Jesus Christ, to open our doors and hearts to all, and to serve others as part of acting out our faith.
- * We desire to increase our knowledge and dependence on the Bible and to live according to its teachings, striving to grow spiritually and lead lives based on a foundation of faith, hope and love.
- * We are neither ‘conservative’ nor ‘liberal’, ‘right’ nor ‘left’, and we leave our politics at the door, united in our desire to grow spiritually and live Christ’s example to the best of our ability.

OUR WORSHIP STYLE

Our worship style has evolved over the past few years. We begin with music and singing. We sing a variety of music, all celebrating Jesus and his love for us in some way. We are informal in dress, and our focus is on learning to grow spiritually and live better lives by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH WITH THE OPEN DOORS!!



Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray. Rely on his help and let go of the pressure of trying to say the right words. Share your heart with confidence as you embrace the truth that the Spirit of Jesus is praying with you.

LIFT UP IN PRAYERS

- *Shirley Parker - Healing from surgery
- *Don Swart - Recovering from stroke. Also his family as his caregivers (Requested by Don)
- *John Tye - Healing from shoulder surgery
- *Sue Wagner - Torn meniscus – pending surgery
- *Gail Johnsons Grandson – Vanishing bone disease and was in motorcycle accident breaking both legs
- *Ken & Marilyn's daughter, Cindy and her husband - Both with cancer
- *Sonia Ritz - Beginning treatments for back issues
- *John Green - Moved to New York beginning a new chapter in his life
- *Johlona Nelson and Tabitha Norwood - Beginning of new business venture. Proud owners of 'Paws & Claws Kennel' (formerly LinLee Kinnels)
- *Bill Coffin
- *Ruth (Kathy Reynolds niece) - Chose not to have heart transplant
- *John & Jenni's son, Earls fiancé's father - Cancer
- *Nils Christofferson - Doing well since stem cell transplant
- *Addie Marks - Alpine House
- *Bev Connally - Alpine House
- *All families that have recently lost loved ones
- *Our Country



Everyone deserves to be prayed for! But not because of who they are, or what they've done, or even what they believe. Everyone deserves to be prayed for because that's what God Desires. Moreover,

PRAYING FOR PEOPLE IS AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S CHARACTER THROUGH US!

WHATS COMING UP?

- ★ **May 5** - Wallowa Valley Chorale Spring concert, 7pm at Enterprise Christian Church
- ★ **May 10** - Free shred day sponsored by Soroptimist, 10 am to 2 pm in Community Bank parking lot
- ★ **May 12** - Mothers Day potluck 'POTATO BAR' after Church service
- ★ **May 16** - Women's Fellowship is going to start meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at noon in the Hub room. Lunch will be provided. We ask for a \$1 donation
- ★ **May 19** – Cabinet meeting after Church
- ★ **May 29** – Serve senior meals. (5th Sunday of every month)
- ★ **May** - Friends, Food and Fellowship, 5:30 in Hub room. Getting together once a month for the summer. Next date will be announced.
- ★ We are getting the Care Team up and working on calling/visiting those that are unable to come to Sunday Service. Sue & Larry have been working hard and checking in on those in need.
- ★ Women's Fellowship is hoping to get going on another 'Neighborhood' yard sale and include a craft fair on the front lawn of the Church this summer – more information to come. If you have anything you would like to contribute, let one of the ladies know or bring by the Church. (No clothes please!) If you have crafts to sell, you will be expected to set up your own table and man your own sales, unless other arrangements are made.
- ★ Cabinet and Diaconate plan to have a quick meeting after Church service on the 3rd Sunday of every month.
- ★ Women's Fellowship will meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at noon in the Hub room.
- ★ The Church serves at Senior Meals on the 5th Wednesday. Volunteers are always needed.
- ★ We will be getting the Newsletter on the Website soon so spread the word, if someone doesn't get it in the mail, you can still check it out at bigbrownchurch.org

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

Lamentations 3:22-23

PRAISE TEAM



PASTORS PERSPECTIVE



The need of communication, community, and commonality. These three words carry in themselves key elements of life. Enterprise Community Congregational Church has been, will be, and is moving in such a way together that we can say, ‘we the church are His body’, and we will communicate to our community the commonality of what the love of Christ has done, can do, and will do in His body the church.

Communication is part of the reason for bringing ‘The Carillon’ newsletter back out for use. His body the church, needs to be informed and aware of what is happening. We all are a significant part of the actions of the body. His body needs to move together in unison and harmony. The more each of us is aware, the more we can give of ourselves and get stronger working together, with fun and a joyful heart.

Community is a group of people together in a place that have a similar characteristic. Is that ECCC.? Yes, it is! Since Jenni and I have been here, the love, joy, and acceptance of Christ is seen in who you, the church, and His body. The characteristic of loving the Lord, and willingness to be who you are, shows the reflection of God. This builds a healthy church but carries the ripple effect to the community in Enterprise. We together are making a difference.

Using, ‘similar characteristic’ earlier, commonality seems to be the same thing. This is true. Commonality can be used in moving forward as a church also. With the health of His body here at ECCC. I want you to know that if together in commonality we take the words of Jesus from Mark 12: 30-31 and “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.**’ **The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.**” We will continue moving forward through Him for His glory, honor, and praise together.

Continue to carry His blessings,

Pastor John

Don’t forget to check out Pastor Johns Blog on our website!



Angels making our presents known at the Trunk or Treat event downtown Enterprise.

Another great turnout for the 2023 Women's Fellowship Soup & Pie Luncheon.



Special Christmas presentation by The Seventh Day Adventist Chime Choir.

A very special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Full house and loud Praises for the birth of Christ.



Wonderful job done by our kids in the Christmas pageant 2023! Always so much fun! Thank you, Atticus, Kaydee, Scarlet, Swade, Stella and Aiden.

We love Children's Chat time! The kids really come up with some amazing answers and comments.



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING?...

*Lots of changes happening in our little Church! Many upgrades are continually being made to the landscape surrounding the Church as well as upgrades inside. Ross & Linda Rooper and Ken Holt are spearheading the planting of new trees and plants. Thank you Ross, Linda, Ken and everyone that volunteers their time to help.

Dave Parker happy
on his equipment
doing what he
loves!



*All of Pastor Johns sermons are posted on Facebook and YouTube weekly for those who are unable to attend. Links to these are on our website 'bigbrownchurch.org'

*Cookbooks were put together last fall with recipes from many congregants. They are available through Women's Fellowship for \$10 each. Feel free to contact anyone from the church to purchase.

JANUARY 2024

*On December 24, 2023, Donna Vetsch went home to be with the Lord. A beautiful Memorial was held for her at the church on January 13.

*Gail Johnson's granddaughter was selected for the Boise Youth Philharmonic Orchestra AND SW Idaho Youth Honors Orchestra

*Ross & Linda Rooper began a fun new get together called 'Food, Fun & Fellowship' every Wednesday evening at 5:30 at the Church where who ever wants to attend can bring food/snacks. It's a time to just get together and enjoy each other's company playing games or discussing various topics.

FEBRUARY 2024

*February 11, was our first Congregational meeting of the year when new officers were elected for various positions. The Church Directory is included in this newsletter and is also available at the Church with everyone's contact information. If you are unable to pick one up, ask anyone from the Church and we will see that you get one.

MARCH 2024

*The Church purchased a new program for presenting our Sunday morning service. Songs, Praises and Sermons are all up on the big screen TV so that our faces are lifted in Praise rather than looking down at the Hymnals. Make a Joyful Noise!!!!

*We are hoping to find a guitar player willing to join our Praise Team to complete our 'Joyful Noise'!

*A new laptop was purchased specifically for the use of Church programs which has the 'Presenter' program for Sunday morning Worship.

(What's Happening Cont.)

*We also updated our internet service to fiber optic to allow quicker and more reliable internet.

*It was decided to have 'Food, Fun & Fellowship' once a month through the summer, rather than every week.



*March 29 – Good Friday, we showed the movie 'RISEN' in the sanctuary to 18 people. What a wonderful movie.

*Easter Sunday, we had over 40 people in attendance to hear Pastor John speak on 'VICTORY IN EASTER'. Any one that wasn't able to attend can still watch on Facebook or YouTube. We also had our annual Community meal afterwards with over 40 in attendance. Three different hams were prepared by John Vetsch, Daniel Sneed and Jenni Chamberlain. What a feast!!



APRIL 2024

*We now have a defibrillator on site! Hopefully it never has to be used but we will be providing a class on how to use it coming up. We're also hoping to get an elevator installed some time in the future for those having difficulties getting up the stairs to the Fellowship Room.

*Throughout the winter, Sue and Terri have put in many hours getting the Library and History Room set up in the old Choir room. Its now open for business with many books of the history of the Church as well as Inspirational, learning, County history, novels etc. There is a check out sheet on the desk inside the door for any one wanting to grab a book. If you have books you would like to donate, feel free to leave them on the table in the library and we will see they get in the correct section.

*In April, a surround sound system was donated to the Church which will be used for now to increase the volume of the TV when needed. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to get new speakers for the rest of the sound system.



In the Bible, the Apostle Paul compared the church to a body, with Jesus as the head. He said for a body to work, every member is important and must do its part

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:16

Participating in church and offering your time and talents will improve and strengthen both you and the people around you.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS ACTIVE ONCE AGAIN!!!

Women's Fellowship Group (WFG)

God is alive in the WFG. April 18 was the first meeting of 2024 and though our numbers were a little small, we were big on fun. I struggled on the guitar, but the ladies sang beautifully. We talked about ways to get to know God better, we ate (as usual) and we enjoyed great fellowship.



WFG will be meeting every third Thursday at noon in the HUB room through the spring and summer. We will provide food, (similar to Sunday morning fellowship time) and we will be encouraged as we catch up on each other's busy lives.

We have some plans to discuss for events in the future, so I hope to see as many as possible at our next meeting on May 16th. Women are strong and often the backbone of a church. We are fortunate to have strong men too, but we are valuable and needed by God. Thank you for being part of WFG (that could stand for Women For God).

C. T. Studd's poem Only One Life starts like this: **Two little lines I heard one day, traveling along life's busy way; bringing conviction to my heart, and from my mind would not depart; only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.**

Jenni



1st Quarter Accounting

January 1 thru March 31, 2024 Income and Expenses:

Cash brought forward from December 2023 **\$ 27,708.09**

INCOME 2024

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| Tithings | \$13,313.48 |
| Interest | <u>13.25</u> |
| 3 Months Income | <u>\$ 13,326.73</u> |

EXPENSES 2024

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| Utilities (Church) | \$ 1,168.56 |
| Utilities (Manse) | 1,033.79 |
| Church Supplies | 782.44 |
| Edu & Worship | 945.85 |
| Pastor John Chamberlain | 5,250.00 |
| Janitorial | 1,100.00 |
| Church R & M - | 101.00 |
| Manse R&M (Carpet One/manse flooring, \$4,838.82) | 4,873.40 |
| Propane | 3,649.51 |
| Oregon Corporate Activity Tax | 18.26 |
| SAIF | 188.17 |
| Outreach Ministries | 500.00 |
| Guide One Insurance (Church/Manse) | 5,217.00 |
| License/Professional Fees | <u>137.50</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES through March 2024 | <u>\$ 24,965.48</u> |

BALANCE MARCH 31, 2024 **\$ 16,069.34**

Savings Account: \$47,060.59

Memorial Account: \$6,157.31

Church CD: \$6,376.76 (Renewed 1 year – Maturity date 3/24/25)

Church CD: \$156,094.17 (Renewed 1 Year @ 4.51% – Maturity Date 4/17/25) Note: Old rate 4.0

OUR KIDS - OUR FUTURE

*Young Americans performed once again in our community on April 7th, with many members of our Church in attendance. Our very own Atticus Sneed was right at home in the spotlight and was even included in our local newspaper. His sister, Kaydee as well as Scarlet Shetler and Malia Rooper also performed and did a wonderful job.



Kaydee & Atticus



Malia



Atticus



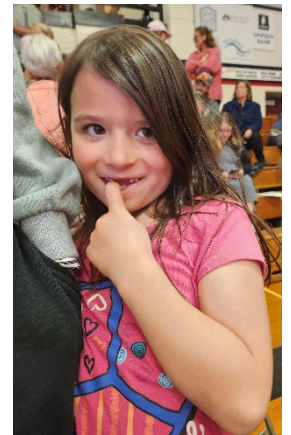
Kaydee

Swade



Scarlet

Stella



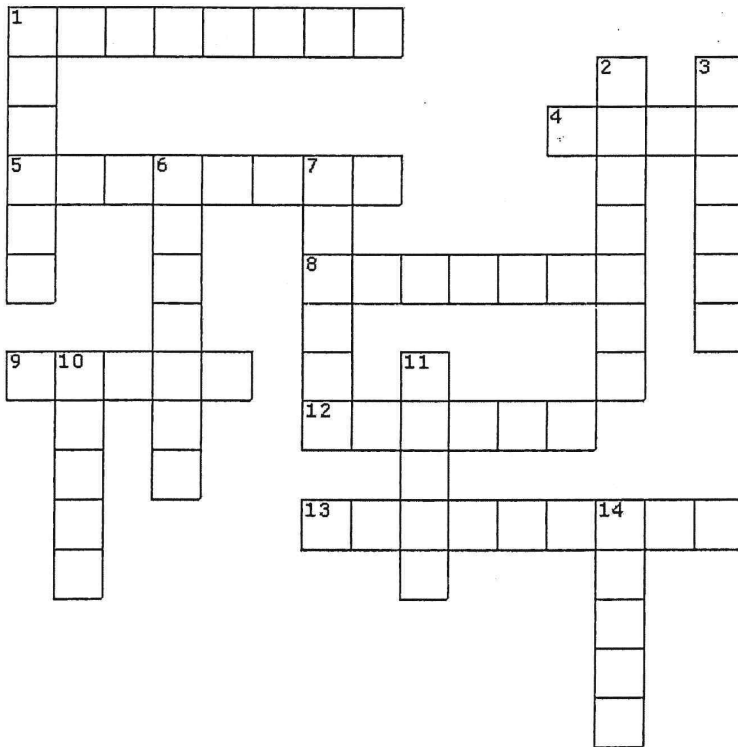
MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

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| Kathy Reynolds | 05-05-1952 |
| Sam & Dora Morgan | 05-09-1970 |
| Jeff Parker | 05-14-1962 |
| Aeson Norwood | 05-19-2018 |
| Gail Johnson | 05-24-1951 |
| John Green | 05-26-1995 |
| Stacy Green | 05-29-1966 |

JUNE

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| Maddie Bosch | 06-10-2001 |
| Greg Johnson | 06-15-1944 |
| Jenni Chamberlain | 06-21-1958 |
| Carol Wallace | 06-24-1940 |
| Don & Sherrol Swart | 06-24-1983 |
| Shirley Parker | 06-25-1935 |
| Marilyn Holt | 06-28-1940 |



ACROSS

- 1 Let the little ____ come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God
- 4 It is more blessed to ____ than to receive
- 5 The Lord is my ____, I shall not want
- 8 ____ is a lamp unto my feet
- 9 For God so ____ the world that he gave his one and only Son
- 12 Enter by the ____ gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction
- 13 He hath made every thing ____ in his time

DOWN

- 1 Many are called, but few are ____
- 2 Seek ye first the ____ of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you
- 3 To every thing there is a ____, and a time to every purpose under the heaven
- 6 Love is ____, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud
- 7 For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou ____
- 10 I am alpha and ____, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord
- 11 Man shall not live by ____ alone
- 14 The spirit indeed is willing, but the ____ is weak