

SPOKANEWORD

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January

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Sunday Schedule:

Unprogrammed Worship 8:45
Education Hour 9:30
Meeting for worship 10:45

It's hard some times to recognize some thing that is new. We are most comfortable being able to understand any event, thing or person we encounter by relying on characteristics which are common place and accepted. When that fails it can leave us feeling pretty desperate.

In the movie **Hunt for Red October** there is a scene quite early in the movie when the American submarine begins tracking a Soviet sub that the on board computer recognized as being 'new'. At that point that meant that it was just the newest one of a type already recognizable by certain tell-tale signatures it left in the ocean. But then this new submarine just up and "disappeared" from the sonar apparatus. Fortunately for the U.S. Navy and the security of the whole world the U. S. submarine had an extraordinarily gifted sonar operator who realized that when the computer told him that what he was chasing in the ocean was a "seismic anomaly" - what the computer thought to be the displacement of earthen magma of an earthquake – that he had encountered something wholly new.

Sonar couldn't detect it, the computer couldn't identify it – it took someone with the wisdom to look beyond the normal and acceptable ways of knowing, to read what had to be conflicting and confusing data, and then be able to find this new thing in the Atlantic Ocean.

We don't often find ourselves talking about anything new when we talking about our faith. We prefer to discuss what is tried and true – tested and establish. Matter of fact, anything really new is treated with great skepticism.

Now in Revelation there is a thread of new things: a stone with a new name written on it; a new Jerusalem, a person on whom a new name is written; a new song that is sung a new heaven and a new earth. "Behold" we read in Revelation 21:5 "I make all things new". The Apostle Paul in 2nd Corinthians tells us that to be in Christ is to be "a new creature" - and that all things "are become new". Hebrew's author develops the same idea – a new covenant is promised, and a new and living way. So why is it that things new seem to frighten us? Well maybe in the same way that a new submarine that doesn't play by the established rules is a frightening possibility.

Well, as we enter a new year and a new decade, it seems reasonable to me that our challenge well may be to evaluate things, events and people in a new way. To take the risk of setting aside preconceptions and open ourselves to be led in some new directions – some new way that the Holy Spirit would like us to explore – to become, in Christ, new creatures. For each of us that will undoubtedly take a different form...

A Big Thank You from Susan and Nick for the generous Christmas gift.

NATIONALLY KNOWN CHRISTIAN SPEAKER MAKES VISIT TO SPOKANE FOR JANUARY CONFERENCE

Spokane, Wash. - Women in the Inland Northwest have two chances to hear Sheri Rose Shepherd as Southside Christian Church presents its first ever women's conference.

Mark your calendars for January 22 & 23, 2010 and get ready to be blessed by the teaching of Sheri Rose Shepherd. This two day event is made possible by Southside Christian Church which is underwriting part of the cost to bring Sheri Rose Shepherd to Spokane. "We wanted to give women in our area the rare opportunity to hear a speaker like Shepherd without having to spend a lot of money or travel a long distance" said Pastor Galen Doughty. "We are thrilled to welcome her to Spokane" Doughty said.

Featured speaker Sheri Rose Shepherd is a former Mrs. United States. She grew up in a dysfunctional home and was severely overweight as a teen. As a young woman, she battled depression and an eating disorder. She is a best-selling author and founder of

'His Princess Ministries' <http://www.hisprincess.com/default.aspx> Sheri Rose inspires women by reminding them they are God's chosen princess here for a divine purpose.

This conference is open to the public. Tickets should be purchased in advance as this event is expected to sell out. Tickets are available for one or both days. The cost for both days is \$25, or \$15 for either Friday or Saturday's presentation.

When: January 22, 2010 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and January 23, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

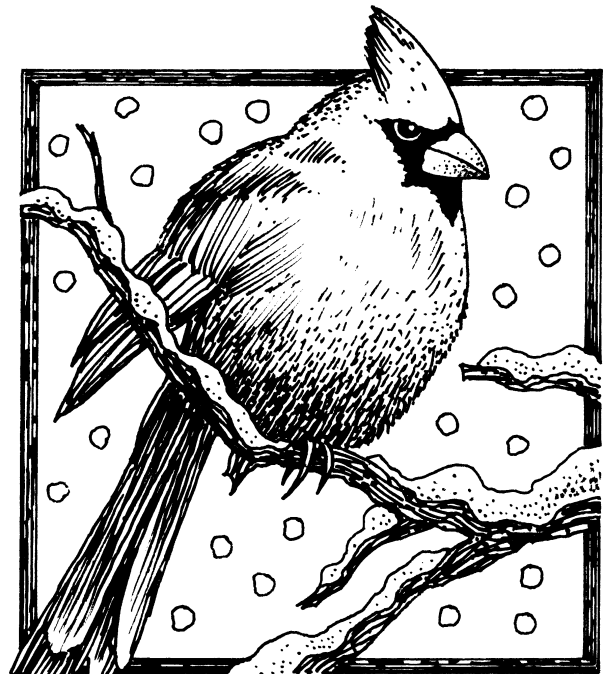
Where: Southside Christian Church, 2934 E. 27th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203

Tickets: Available at the church or online at www.sccprimed.org

"When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home
When the shepherds are back with
their flocks

The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace among people
To make music in your heart."

Howard Thurman



Winter

Interfaith Hospitality Network



It has been our honor to host the families for Interfaith Hospitality Network in our church. One of the host churches has backed out and now they are short of places for the people to sleep. Therefore, we are having them stay with us for 2 weeks in February. We will be responsible for meals and hosts from February 7 through 13; but they will sleep here but others will be seeing to their needs through February 20.

UPDATE for Your Calendar and Information

Interfaith Hospitality will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring February 7, 2010

This is a wonderful opportunity for children and youth to help raise money for Interfaith Hospitality of Spokane

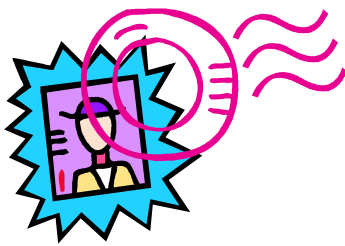
140 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, the statistics remind us that many people will not be able to take care of their basic needs such as staying warm, finding shelter and eating a warm meal.

On February 7, 2010 young people in churches across the country will be collecting money in soup pots for those who are hungry and hurting. More than 20 years ago, the Souper bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

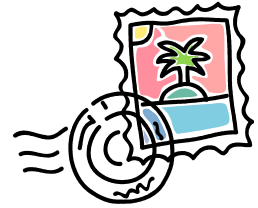
If your church would like to participate this year, please let me know at maddyb47@msn.com or 747-5487.

We hope you will be able to join us in this nationwide movement of caring!

Madelyn Bafus, Director
Interfaith Hospitality of Spokane



The mission committee would like you to save used postage stamps. These stamps will raise funds for the global outreach ministries of a Massachusetts Friends Meeting. There is a basket provided in the foyer of the church for the stamps. It is helpful if you would leave a



Worship

When we are in this place , we are in the House of the Lord. Jesus said that” whenever three or more of you are gathered together in my name, I am there with them, in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)

Then the question is asked, why do we come to the House of the Lord? We come to be with him , to worship him and to sing his praises. To me, worship is a lot of things. I come to sing songs to the Lord. If we take time to notice the Hymns, they come in several varieties. Some are songs of praise, some are songs of prayer, for friends, for our country for our faith, for our forgiveness. Others are songs of Thanksgiving.

I come to study the word. That can be in the Gospel, the message or other readings. We can not grow in faith with out studying the word.

I come to worship to pray, for others for myself , for other concerns. I come to pray in Thanksgiving for what God has given.

I come for fellowship with others. We are to share each other’s burdens and to be a blessing to them. We come to rejoice in successes and in answers to prayer. We are to build each other up, to encourage and support each other.

I come to the House of the Lord for peace and understanding. Knowing that I am God’s and he will watch over me. This place is a refuge from the outside world. This is the House of Lord. Worship and Glorify Him. We receive the Lord’s Blessing .

Worship does not end there , however, We are to go out and serve Him, to share what he has given us. To teach others about Jesus and to bring them to Salvation.

Now that the season of Christmas has passed, we need to remember why God has sent his Son for us that we might have everlasting life. Worship and adore Him and spread the Good News!

by Kevin Eaton



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
• Birthdays & Anniversaries					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4 <i>Milt Asher</i>	5 Gideon meal 7pm Peace with Justice	6 Music team Cliff Bendixen	7 Tops Elders 7pm	8	9
10	11 education committee 7pm	12	13 Music team	14 Steward/Trustee Tops	15	16
17 Monthly meeting/ potluck <i>Mike Rogers</i>	18 	19	20 Music team	21 Tops foresters	22 <i>Robbie Wiese</i>	23 <i>Juanita Salazar</i>
24 <i>Keith Sellers</i>	25 Saoirse Holland	26	27 Music team	28 Tops Kimi Holt	29	30
31					Mid-Year Boards	Mid-year boards

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- * Dwaine William's brother Dan and wife Nancy as he enters a long term cancer therapy that includes a bone marrow transplant.
- * Edith Pinto as she continues to recover at home.
- * Damien Cunningham as he fights an infection
- * Dick Keeting and the Bendixen family.
- * Bruce & Leann Williams new ministry and health issues.
- * Those in our meeting who are in search of employment.
- * All of the unspoken prayers and concerns.
- * For our Meeting as we seek God's will in areas of our life together.
- * We pray for the safety of Josh, Joel, Rich, Chris & Eddie, friends and loved ones of families in the Meeting, as they are in military service.
- * We pray that the leaders of countries at war, including our own, will seek just and non-violent ways to resolve conflict, and peace for the people in war torn countries and all who either personally or corporately endure war's consequences.
- * For our nation, our leaders and Members of Congress as they contemplate ways to improve our economy.
- * For families in our worshipping community wrestling with the practical concerns of health, education, employment and

