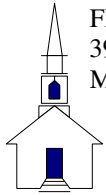
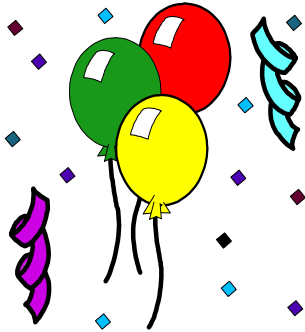


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A word from the Pastor

**What Would Jesus Do (WWJD);
What Are We Going To Do?**

***Arise, shine; for your light has come, and
the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.***

Isaiah 60:1

***Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you. For I
was hungry and you gave me something to
eat, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and
you welcomed me, I was naked and you
gave me clothing, I was sick and you took
care of me, I was in prison and you visited
me.....I tell you the truth, whatever you
did for one of the least of these, you did it
for me.***

Parts of Matthew 25:34-40

**Oh, by the way, does that include illegal
aliens? “Jesus was an illegal alien for
some time in Egypt with his parents as an
infant.”**

Matthew 2:13-15

**Apparently, some States in the Union are
taking it upon themselves to make sure
illegal aliens have no legal rights. We give
thanks to God for bringing us to the
beginning of another year- AD 2008. We
know God is with us in power and reminds
us to be witnesses. In this New Year, how
do we distinguish ourselves as persons in
relationship with God, a community of
faith- a vital part of the body of Christ? As
we nurture each other and our relationship
with God, it is important to “irrigate the
community with hope,” to quote James
Harnish in *Rejoicing in Hope*.**

**Many people experience hopelessness and
a lack of resources that support and
nourish life, rejection and the denial of
basic human rights. What would Jesus do
in our 21st Century world of terror, as we
are confronted with the voiceless, invisible
poor and those on the margins of society?**

**Mrs. Brown, the 3-4 grade Sunday school
teacher asked her class on the first Sunday
of the New Year: “Is there one thing you
really wish and pray for this year?” Many
little hands went up, waving frantically.
“Amy what do you say?” Amy got up
slowly, looked around sheepishly, and
said: “I want my friend Roberta to have her
daddy back. He is jail; they say he will be
‘reported,’ because he is an ‘alien’. I
thought ‘aliens’ came from another planet
and are not human. Roberta looks just like
me and I love her so much. Her family is
really human! Roberta does not want me
saying that her daddy will be ‘reported’.
She thinks it means she will never see him
again. What are we going to do, Mrs.
Brown? What are we going to do?”**

**Amy’s question hangs in the air.
I wish you and yours a meaningful and
prosperous AD 2008.**

Pastor Dorothy

Please note:

- Installation and dedication 2008
Leadership Team- Sunday January 6.
- Disciple Bible study Resumes-
Tuesday January 15, at 7:30 pm.
- Is the Lord calling you? We need
persons to serve in the following
capacities: Christmas Fair
Coordinators & Stewardship
Committee

Readers for January

Jan. 6 MaryLou Boucher
Jan. 13 John Beattie
Jan. 20 Donna Kling
Jan. 27 Fran Hollister

Ushers for January

Jan. 6 Edith & Elizabeth Ashley
Jan. 13 Karen Grand Pre`, Jane Riegel
Jan. 20 Dennis Kling, Arthur Knust-Graichen
Jan. 27 Scott & Kathy Vanseth

Acolytes for January

Jan. 6 Kelsey Tardif, Brittany Miner
Jan. 13 Megan Stewardson, Jessica Waldron
Jan. 20 Brittany Miner, Skylar Suffletto
Jan. 27 Kelsey Tardif, Jessica Waldron

Hostess/Greeters

Marsha Hastings and Melissa Tardif



January Birthdays

If your or your child's birthday is not listed, please call the office so we can update our Birthday List. Thanks!

January 2 Matt Kling
Asher Laliberte
Deanna Salter
Suzanne Weise
January 11 Justin Lewis
January 14 Samantha Chu
January 27 Jenny Braid
January 29 Ngoy Kimba

Attention Ladies:

Seekers is a group for women of all ages, who are present for each other - caring, sharing, and loving. The group uses literature, study, and prayer to grow spiritually. The group is bonded together by a belief in Jesus Christ and the power of prayer. Seekers meet monthly. Come join us! For more information please call:
Fran Hollister 478-8048
Donna Kling 478-4088

Our next meeting will be held on January 14. We will meet at Barnes and Noble in Bellingham to select our next book. We will plan to meet at 6:30 at the bookstore and dinner will follow after we have made our selection.