

Worship at Birchwood

We invite you to join with us this morning in a time set aside to focus our attention on the God who has created us and restores us as a people of faith, hope and love. It is our prayer that we might all know God's joy in our lives and begin this new week refreshed and rejuvenated in our walks of faith.

February 12, 2012

Welcome and Announcements

Worship in Song:

"Tell the World"

"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?"

"I'll Fly Away" #554

Children's Moment

Prayers of the People

Offertory:

"Without Love"

Scripture Reading:

1 Samuel 17:32-58 Pew Bible Page 279-280

Message:

"Jesus Loves. Jesus Shoves."

Song of Response:

"Glorious Day"

Blessing

Please Note:

- ◆ Children, through 5th grade, are dismissed after the Children's Moment for Activity Hour.
- ◆ You are invited to stand during the opening songs, but please feel free to sit down at anytime if needed.
- ◆ Printed texts of the songs to be sung are listed in the large print bulletins which are available from the ushers upon request.
- ◆ If you would like to pray with someone after the service, a prayer team will be available up front.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22

7:00 pm

Worship Center

Purpose: To start the forty-day period of Lent, which is traditionally a season for personal and corporate remembrance of what the Lord did for us through the cross and his resurrection. It is a time for repentance/renewal; a period of dying to self and rebirth in Christ. It is a period of time to prepare our hearts and minds to fully appreciate the joy of the resurrection that we will celebrate on Easter Sunday.

During the Ash Wednesday service, we will come together as the body of Christ, to remember that Jesus suffered, died and was resurrected so that each of us can be redeemed if we invite him to be our Lord and Savior.

During the worship service, if you elect to, you will have the opportunity to have ashes imposed on your forehead in the shape of the cross as a sign of your mourning and repentance before God for your sins. One of the key scriptures of Ash Wednesday is Mark 1:15 which says *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.* This worship service can be a much needed reminder for all of us that we are called to lead changed lives. Please save the date and plan to attend the Ash Wednesday service with the rest of your church family.



Celebration of Worship
February 12, 2012
10:15 am



*"Courage is the conviction that there is something
or someone more important than our fear."*

**We offer Hope, Community,
Acceptance and Purpose
in a broken world.**

Welcome!

What's Happening at Birchwood:

New Directories Are Here! Pick up a new BPC Directory today in the Foyer!

Garage Sale Final Total: Due to a generous gift the garage sale total has now exceeded \$3,800. Thank you to everyone for their support of youth and children's ministries at Birchwood!

MomSpot! MomSpot is a ministry for moms with young children. Moms meet in the Palm Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. Childcare is available for infants - Kindergarten. Cost is \$5 per meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, **February 14**.

Cancer Support Group: Birchwood's cancer support group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Noon in the Library. This group is open to all cancer patients in treatment or remission and for support people. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **February 14**.

BPC Book Group: On Thursday, **February 16** we will meet at the home of Betty Smith to discuss *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler. The story is of two families that meet at the Baltimore airport, each family anticipating the arrival of an adopted daughter from Korea. Read about how these families meet and their lives intertwine.

Please Join the Family of Lucy Fredrickson to celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, **February 19** at The Bellingham Senior Activity Center. Reception from 12:00-4:00 pm. No Gifts Please.

The Seasonaires, a fellowship group for those 55 and over, will have their February dinner and program on Tuesday, **February 21** at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The program will feature Noemi Ban, who will give her personal account of surviving the Holocaust. Our special music will be Bob Hiorns. Dinner will be Chicken Kiev prepared by the Coffingers. If you are not called by February 18, make a reservation by calling the church office

Lenten Hymn Sing: On Sunday, **February 26**, during the 10:15 am Worship Service, Birchwood will have a Lenten Hymn Sing. Our music that morning will be hymns that help us to reflect on the beautiful season of Lent.

A Jam Session for Singers and Musicians: On Sunday, **February 26**, from noon to 2:30 pm, all singers and musicians are invited to join the BPC Worship Team Jam session. We'll be looking at new songs to introduce to the congregation and enjoying a pizza lunch too. RSVP to Mary Walsh at mary@bpchurch.org or 733-8860 ext. 109.

30 Hour Famine: All ages are invited to join with our youth groups as they participate in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine. The famine will begin on Saturday, **March 10** at 7:00 am and conclude on Sunday, March 11 at 1:00 pm. There will be lots of ways to get involved. Watch your bulletin for more information!

Young Life Annual Dinner and Auction: Saturday, **March 10** is the date for the 8th Annual Dinner and Auction to benefit Young Life in Whatcom County. We will begin at 5:30 pm at the Bellwether Ballroom with appetizers and three silent auctions; dinner and dessert with a live auction to follow. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$500 for a table. Please call the Young Life office at 354-4807 or email at northwhatcomyl@gmail.com for more information or to make reservations. It's also not too late to donate as well if you have an item.



Education Hour Classes:

Sundays at 9:00 am

For Children Kindergarten - 5th Grade:

with Mary Becker, Gail Northey, Janice Bethman
"The Life of Jesus"

For Middle School & High School Students:

Middle School with Julia Paxton:
a study of "The Life of Jesus"
High School with Nate Knudson:
a study of Romans 12
Youth Rooms

For Adults:

"The Book of Amos"
with Pastor Bruce Becker
Palm Room

"Romans 12"
with Pamela Cushing
Almond Room

"Emotionally Healthy Spirituality"
with Peter Becker
Chapel

Office and Staff News:

Pastor Bruce Becker will be out of the office beginning Friday, February 17 returning to the office on Tuesday, February 21. Jim Schmotzer will be preaching on Sunday, February 19.



In need of
prayer

"Prayer & Care" Board this Week:

Sue Moore Nathan Knudson Ted Muzzy
Audrey Muzzy Marta Fuller Ozella Willis



Are You New to Birchwood?

If you are new or visiting Birchwood today, stop by our Visitor Station. We would love to welcome you and introduce you to what is happening at BPC. We're excited that you're here! Please stop by!

This Week at Birchwood!



Today

9:00 am Education Hour for All Ages
10:15 am Worship Service, Worship Center

Monday

9/9:30 am Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool
6:55 pm Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday

6:30 am Early Birds Women's Bible Study, Almond Room
9/9:30 am Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool
9:45 am MomSpot, Palm Room
10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Cedar Room
12:00 pm Cancer Support Group, Library
1:00 pm Staff Meeting, Cedar Room

Wednesday

9/9:30 am Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool
6:30 pm Youth Group for MS & HS
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

Thursday

9/9:30 am Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool
9:30 am Congregational Prayer, Library
10:00 am Meadowbrook Piecemakers, Cedar Room
1:00 pm Prayer for Our Nation, Library
5:00 pm Rebound Ministries
6:30 pm BPC Book Group, Home of Betty Smith

Friday

9:00 am No Birchwood Christian Kindergarten & Preschool
Personnel Committee, Library