

# The Spader's Speaker

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*From Interim Pastor*

*Kirk Shipley...*

Two years ago when visiting my family in Washington State, I spent an afternoon and evening with my brother Scott. I enjoyed most of the day, having tea in Isaquah and seeing Snoqualmie Falls, while noting the growth of new subdivisions and business areas. I was less interested when he directed to drive to a ski resort in the Cascades. The further we drove I felt the length of the drive there and thought about the long drive back to my parents in Oak Harbor, well to the north of my brother's residence. I became less enchanted when we left Interstate 90 and the road was recently plowed with 8 foot snow banks marking the roadway plus the occasional icy patch. On arriving the parking lot was icy and the mountain was shrouded in fog. My enthusiasm thermometer hovered in the low teens.

Once we walked toward the resort I began to enjoy the Snoqualmie River rushing down, nor far from its' source. There was something about the formation of the snow/ice bridges over parts of the river, amidst the fog filtered forest, and most of all the still and quiet. I really appreciated the quiet when we left it going to the ski slope side of the lodge. Although there were at most a dozen people around the complex, the management had shattered the silence by playing rock music through the resort and along the lower ski runs. With both felt pleasure getting back to the covered bridge on the entrance side and again feeling awe at the snow's depth and the interesting patterns it formed, and the contrast between the forest stillness and the sound of rushing river water.

Most of all what struck me is the transformation

God worked in me. I had moved from being irritated at the drive's length and road conditions (especially I was driving my parent's, much larger than my Toyota Matrix, Cadillac on snowy/icy surfaces) to enjoying a beautiful setting that was feeding my spirit. It some way the interior 'blech' on the trip was part of experiencing the wonder of the peace at the destination.

In February we will begin a journey into the morass of sin. The exact middle of this month we leave the gladness of Christmas and the Epiphany lessons confirming Jesus is God's Son, who has a loving, altruistic, purpose, presence and power for our current and ultimate benefit. The church calendar shifts to Lent. There the human response to Jesus is a clear mixture of some enthusiastic, but more uncertain, disappointed, and hostile response. We move from "Joy to the World" to "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord".

Much like my trip to the mountains, the soul searching Lent prepares us to appreciate more what Jesus went through for our present and ultimate benefit. It helps us grasp more fully the wonder and promise of Easter. May our worship this Lenten season be a helpful part of our reflection.

*- Kirk Shipley*

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## Announcements



### New St. Jacob's Community Center

The construction part of the new addition will soon be completed. With that will come setting up the space. A committee will be formed to work on rules for the space, pricing and scheduling of the space. We anticipate having an open house/homecoming later in the spring. Donations to the Building Fund are still needed as we will look into paving the parking area and supplies for the new addition. We thank God that this project is nearing completion and look forward to ways this space can be used for community service to further God's kingdom.

### Inclement Weather

If worship services are cancelled because of weather, notices will appear on Ch. 11 (WHSV-TV), 550 (WSVA Radio) and WHSV App under closings.

### Do You Have an Article to Contribute?

All of us are baptized ministers of the gospel, and all of us have something to share. If you have an article or announcement for the bulletin or *The Spader's Speaker*, please send it to Whitney Meyerhoeffer, who compiles both the bulletin and *Speaker*. Send it to: [wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com](mailto:wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

### Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 25, After Worship

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 25 after worship (snow date, March 4). Agenda items will include review of the 2017 Annual Report, voting on the name for the new community center and appointing a committee to establish rules/pricing and scheduling of the new community center. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee please let Nancy Bradfield know by the beginning of the meeting. The three names we will be voting on for the center name are:

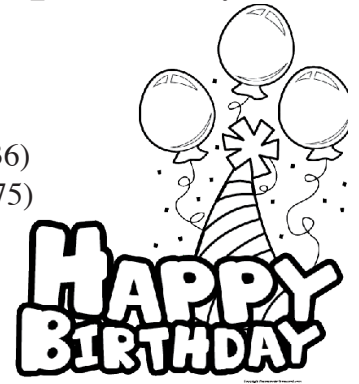
- Spaders Gathering Place,
- Spaders Mountain View Community Center, and
- Spaders Community Center.

## Lenten Schedule

<b>Feb 14</b>	Ash Wednesday Service	12 noon at St Jacobs 7pm at Trinity
<b>Feb 21</b> <b>Feb 28</b> <b>Mar 7</b> <b>Mar 14</b> <b>Mar 21</b>	Wednesday Night Lenten Meal and Services	6:30pm at Keezletown United Methodist Church ( <i>St Jacobs to provide meal and music on Mar 14</i> )
<b>Mar 29</b>	Maundy Thursday Service	7pm at Trinity
<b>Mar 30</b>	Good Friday Service	7pm at St Jacobs

**Take a moment to wish someone  
well on their special day!**

Feb 1            Tim Kyger  
 Feb 5            Ian McNeil  
 Feb 1            Linda Shipley  
 Feb 18          Ann Bender (1936)  
 Feb 5            Barbara Eye (1975)  
 Feb 24          Jeremy Coffey



<b>Weekly Word from God</b>	
<b>February 18</b> - <i>First Suda</i> y in Lent	Mark 1:9-15
<b>February 25</b> - <i>Second Sunday</i> in Lent	Mark 8:31-38

<b>Worship Leader Schedule</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	<b>Piano</b>	<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
Feb 18	Cindy Lam	Ann Royer	Mark Lambert and Glen Eye	Glen and Linda Showalter
Feb 25	Tom Lam	Maria Archer and Eric Hedrick	Cindy Hughes and Carolyn Randolph	Glen and Linda Showalter