



THANKSGIVING  
DAY WORSHIP

10 A.M.

Please join your Gracer family for some praising of our gracious God



2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (November 12)  
Gather at the church for prayer for our families and loved ones 10 A.M.

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## Gazette

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### From the Pastor - Larry

“..... Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation” (2Co 5:17-18 RSV)



It's been a long way to Tipperary!!! Tipperary turned out to be at the Amtrak station in Boston, 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 1, 2011. The big guy on the right is Danny Colombini, my half brother. My mom and dad called it quits martially when I was about three years old and after I was about five I never saw my dad again.

Meanwhile dad remarried and his son Daniel came along eight years after I had made my debut on the planet. Mom dodged any talk of her former life and in Daniel's family –more of same. We both knew of each other's existence and the other guy's name. That was about it....even though our boyhood homes were close by in Parkland and Spanaway.

I always thought I would only know one blood relative of my generation and beyond – a female cousin with whom I am close and who was also an only child. I made a feeble effort or two, long ago, to find out more about my throw away family but gave up easily and quickly. Through a chance and humorous incident in my history classroom at Peninsula High School in the early 1990's I came face to face with more than a student...a cousin in the Colombini family removed by a generation. She spilled the family last name in identifying her great grandfather Colombini (my grandfather) as the “first bootlegger” in South Tacoma. I have since been comforted with this proof that not all my descendants were horse thieves.

From there, and with some diligent research and plenty of back side kicking (“encouragement”) from my wife, Maudie, I am now the proud of owner of four more first cousins, a half brother, and a wide assortment of other Italianos (and Italilanas). *continued* p. 2

Thanks to the many who made the World Communion Sunday service the special day it was.



From the Pastor continued

**So what does this have to do with ministry? With Scripture?** Take another look at the Scripture atop this article. Every other faith system in the world is about distance between God and man, about divine retribution and demand, ordinances and rituals. **Only in Christ is there peace, love and harmony between the Creator and His people.** He is all about an invitation, through the amazing grace of the cross, to fellowship and family. "Christ reconciled us to Himself" . . . and for a reason, that we may be reconcilers.



He gave us the ministry of reconciliation

**How might our ministry of "reconciliation" look?** It may not be about *blood brother finding* as in my case. However, if it is, I urge you to get on with it – soon. I cut an actuarial break. But time does run out. Casey Stengel made the famous quip, "most guys my age are dead". I'm getting pretty close to the cut off age where I could say the same.

Perhaps reconciliation is healing a rift in the family, apologizing for a wrong, bringing harmony even though you, yourself, were wronged, drawing antagonists together, letting go of a resentment. **Whatever call to**

**reconciliation lies before each of us, it will likely be risky and uncomfortable.** Its pain, nevertheless, will pale next to that endured by the Great Reconciler when He took the hits for you and for me. He accepted the blame for all my sins, and for yours, that we may be issued a royal invitation to the Family Reunion here and now for the taking and available forever in His presence.

- As holiday season looms think about purchasing those great *Gideon cards* that get your point across and benefit distribution of Bibles here and far away. **Bill and Carol McKinney** are lurking waiting!!!

SEE JON ANDERSON SOON to CONTRIBUTE MONEY OR FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED.

**Two types please God** - who serves him with all his heart because he knows him; who seeks Him with all his heart because he knows him not.

*Nikita Ivanovich Panin*

“**Edward Cole:** I envy people who have faith, I just can't get my head around it.

**Carter Chambers:** Maybe because your head's in the way.

*“from the film, “the Bucket List”*

**CONGREGATION**

**MEETING**

**Immediately after**

**Service November**

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*Many would be scantily clad if  
Clothed in their humility*  
Anonymous



*REMEMBER*

*CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR THE CHILDREN - the Franklin Graham project.*

*Please buy a box or boxes from Gina and then join in the packing session on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*Nothing sets a person so much out of reach of the devil as humility. J. Edwards*

**Every Christian occupies some kind of pulpit** and preachers some kind of sermon every day. *The Methodist Story* Paul's preaching usually ended in either a riot or a revival. *Orin Phillip Gifford*