



# Spirit of Faith

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Faith Presbyterian Church  
Of East Wenatchee  
April 2022 News Letter

...to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

## He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Easter is the most triumphant day in the Christian calendar, symbolizing victory over death and the grave. Yet we live in a world full of suffering and pain. How are we to put those things together? This question may be acute this year, due to events in the world.

On the one hand, we will be able to worship together, in person, without masks. We raise our hands, and want to shout, "Hallelujah!" On the other, war is raging through Ukraine, leaving death and suffering in its wake. We want to fall to our knees, praying to God, "Lord, send us Your peace..."

The good news is that Jesus came into our world in the midst of all of its complexities, contradictions, and pain. The message of Easter morning is that nothing can stop the love of God, in Jesus Christ. Not political power. Not economic oppression. Not even human sinfulness. The love of God has the last word. As First Corinthians 13 reminds us, "Love never ends."

A number of years ago, I came across a story, which I have shared on a number of occasions. This year, it takes on added meaning because of where it takes place. It takes place in Kyiv, at a time when it was referred to by the older spelling, Kiev. Here is the story:

*Dr. George Sweeting tells of an incident in the early 1920s when Communist leader Nikolai Bukharin was sent from Moscow to Kiev to address an anti-God rally. For an hour he abused and ridiculed the Christian faith until it seemed as if the whole structure of belief was in ruins. Then questions were invited. An Orthodox church priest rose and asked to speak. He turned, faced the people, and gave the Easter greeting, "He is risen!" Instantly the assembly rose to its feet and the reply came back loud and clear, "He is risen indeed!"*

-Source: Today in the Word, September 1989

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Wherever Easter is celebrated, whether in our beautiful Wenatchee Valley, other parts of our nation, or the world, and even in Kyiv, the message is the same: He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Have a blessed Easter!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

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### **Special Offering for Ukraine**

The Session has called for us to take a special offering for Ukraine. We will receive this special offering on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We are directing our gifts through Samaritan's Purse, which has a field hospital in the region. From the Samaritan's Purse website:

*"Samaritan's Purse continues to provide medical relief to displaced Ukrainians, serving them at our **Emergency Field Hospital** on the outskirts of Lviv, in western Ukraine. The hospital opened on March 14.*

*We are also operating a **24-hour medical clinic at a train station** in Lviv. To meet growing needs, we opened an additional **clinic in one of the city's major bus stations**.*

*Our fourth medical intervention, an **Emergency Outpatient Clinic**, is meeting medical needs in southern Ukraine."*

You are encouraged to give to this offering, when it is received on Palm Sunday, through the offering plate, marking your check or envelope accordingly. Alternatively, you may mail in a contribution to the church office. Thank you!

### **Sign Up for the Seder Dinner on April 14th**

Please join us for a Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in our Fellowship Hall. This is a Christian Version of the Hebrew Passover Dinner. During the dinner, participants will have the opportunity to read along with the Passover Seder, which tells the story of God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, using special foods to represent the journey (salt water for the Dead Sea, etc.). This dinner includes a full lamb dinner, so we need an exact count of all who will be attending. Please RSVP by signing up in the fellowship Hall. For more questions, please contact Jeana Deal at 509-670-2925. Thank you!

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children will take place on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. Participants are encouraged to come early for hunt, as we start promptly at 10am. You can help support the hunt by bringing bagged candy to the church ahead of time. Thank you!

# Scholarships Available

Faith Presbyterian Church is reminding vocational, college or university students of the availability of scholarships from the Hussey Scholarship Fund for the upcoming school year this fall. The scholarship fund was established by church members, Chuck and Alice Hussey, fourteen years ago for assisting young adults who are affiliated with our church in their pursuit of higher education. Over \$116,000 has been received by 31 students since the inception of the scholarship fund. Once again this spring, scholarships are offered to students affiliated with the Faith Presbyterian Church who are graduating seniors or others pursuing or continuing their higher education. What a wonderful opportunity for our young adults! And what generosity and foresight of Chuck and Alice Hussey!

Applicants should have the following additional qualifications:

- 3.0 GPA for high school; 2.5 GPA for college students preferred
- School and community involvement
- Leadership skills

All applicants will be considered

Scholarship applications are due at the church no later than April 15th. This news brief is intended to provide a “heads up” and reminder to pick up the brochure and application in the narthex of the church in the near future. And students are reminded to be certain to give those individuals writing references for the application a minimum of three weeks. ALL portions of the application must be received by the due date to qualify for consideration. If you have questions or would like an electronic copy of the application, please contact Pat Malone at 884-6349 or by email at [patmalone2@frontier.com](mailto:patmalone2@frontier.com).

## April Anniversary

*Martin & Angela Dial*  
April 14



## April Birthdays

Tom Raese	April 03
Julie McLean	April 06
Carole Lee Walk	April 06
Shannon Weldy	April 07
Fred Deal	April 18

*Happy Birthday  
To All*

## Please Give!

We welcome you to give online through our web site, through the mail, or in connection with worship.

Thank you to all who give!





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3 10am Worship Service 11:15 Fellowship	4 Spring Break	5 9:30am Deacons 7pm Mobile Meals	6 9:30 a Women's Bible Study	7 Spring Break	8 Spring Break	9 10am Easter Eggs Hunt
10 Palm Sunday w/ Communion 10am Worship Service 11:15 Fellowship	11 Spring Break	12 4pm Men's Bible Study	13 9:30 a Women's Bible Study	14 6pm Seder Dinner	15 Spring Break	16 10am Easter Eggs Hunt
17 Easter Sunday 7am Sunrise Service 10am Worship Service No Fellowship	18 Spring Break	19 9:30 am Men's Bible Study	20 9:30 a Women's Bible Study	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break	23 Spring Break
24 10am Worship Service 11:15 Fellowship	25 Pastor Jim on Study Leave	26 Pastor Jim on Study Leave	27 9:30 a Women's Bible Study	28 Pastor Jim on Study Leave	29 Pastor Jim at Presbytery ECO in Sandy, Oregon	30 Pastor Jim at Presbytery ECO in Sandy, Oregon