



Spirit of Faith

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Of East Wenatchee
March 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.

A time to begin anew!

March is a month of beginnings. Ash Wednesday occurs on March 2nd. This special day marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a six week period of time where Christians prepare themselves for Holy Week and Easter. Some Christians mark the season by giving up certain pleasures, while others commit themselves to spiritual disciplines like prayer, and scripture reading.

Sunday, March 20th marks the beginning of Spring. After a winter which featured a record-breaking snowfall, many of us are more than ready for a change of seasons! It will be good to see flowers starting to bloom, and foliage turning green again as we enter into this season.

Monday, March 21st, the mask mandate in our State comes to an end. We can rejoice that numbers of Covid cases continue to drop, and that we will be able to worship without wearing masks. It is good that we are returning to a sense of normalcy, after two years in this pandemic. Of course, those who want to wear masks are still welcome to do so. We want to be sensitive to those whose individual health situations might be different than our own.

In this month of new beginnings, we can rejoice in the opportunity to begin anew spiritually. At the heart of the Christian faith is the belief that our past sins need no longer doom us, or haunt us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins have been removed from us by the love of God. All we need to do is to accept God's love, grace, and forgiveness.

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

Second Corinthians 5:17 NRSV

May God renew us, now and always!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

PS I will be doing a sermon series during the season of Lent. It is entitled, "Reconnecting with God in the Wilderness". Here are the scriptures and sermon titles for each Lenten Sunday:

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| Week 1, March 6: | Tested in the Wilderness | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| Week 2, March 13: | Called in the Wilderness | Exodus 3: 1-13 |
| Week 3, March 20: | Patient in the Wilderness | Deuteronomy 1: 1, 3, 6-8 |
| | | Romans 12: 12, 19, 21 |
| Week 4, March 27: | Listen in the Wilderness | 1 Kings 19:1-13 |
| Week 5, April 3: | Pray in the Wilderness | Mark 6: 30-32, Luke 6: 12-13 |

Miscellaneous Announcements

Tall Timber Registration is open!

Camps for all ages are available at Tall Timber, our Presbyterian camp near Lake Wenatchee. Scholarships are available to help defer the cost. To register, please go to talltimber.org.

Ash Wednesday Service

Come and join us for this service on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7pm in our church sanctuary. Held jointly with Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the service features the sacrament of communion, and the optional imposition of ashes.

Mask Mandate ends

The State of Washington has declared that the mandate requiring the wearing of masks is to end on Monday, March 21st. Therefore, we will no longer require the wearing of masks in our church building. However, anyone is welcome to wear a mask, if they choose to do so.

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.



Rusty and Dee Clark
March 01

Conrad & Judy Stone
March 20

*Happy Anniversary
to you*



Lois Abplanalp 3/12
Peggy Baker 3/12
Jim Ottosen 3/14
Pat Malone 3/15
Debra Briggs 3/20
Thomas Weldy 3/24

*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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| 6 10am Worship Service/ Communion 11:15 Fellowship | 7 | 8 9:30am Deacons 4pm Men's Bible Study 7pm Mobile Meds | 9 9:30 a Women's Bible Study | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Daylight Savings 10am Worship Service 11:15 Fellowship | 14 | 15 4pm Men's Bible Study | 16 9:30 a Women's Bible Study | 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Spring begins 10am Worship Service 11:15 Fellowship | 21 Mask Mandate ends | 22 4pm Men's Bible Study | 23 9:30 a Women's Bible Study | 24 6pm Session Meeting | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10am Worship Service 11:15 Fellowship | 28 | 29 4pm Men's Bible Study | 30 9:30 a Women's Bible Study | 31 | | |