

### Spirit of Faith

Pastor Jim Deal Faith Presbyterian Church Of East Wenatchee March 2023 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.

#### "Following the Footsteps" Movie

"Jesus said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Matthew 4:19, NRSV

What would it be like to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? To journey to the Holy Land, to see where Jesus was born, walked by the Sea of Galilee, agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane, and shared His last supper with His disciples?

This month, at the beginning of Holy Week, we have the opportunity to find out! Rev. Bob Rognlien, a Lutheran pastor who was a classmate of mine at Princeton Seminary, has produced "Following the Footsteps", a movie about the spiritual pilgrimages to the Holy Land he has led for decades. Jeana and I participated in one of these pilgrimages in 2017, and found it very meaningful. Our hope is that by viewing this movie, you will experience a little of what we did on that life-changing trip.

We will show the movie in our church sanctuary at noon on Palm Sunday. This will follow worship at 10:00am, and a church potluck at 11:15am. You are welcome to invite anyone to this movie, for which there is no charge. This will be a unique way for our congregation to begin Holy Week, which is often experienced by many people as a re-tracing of the footsteps of Jesus' last week, including his overturning tables in the temple early in the week, sharing his last supper with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, being crucified on Good Friday, and of course, being resurrected from the dead on Easter Sunday morning.

Jesus' command to his original twelve disciples is still his command to each one of us: "Follow me". May we follow Him in our daily lives, as we study His word, pray to Him for guidance, and seek to follow His will, not only this month, throughout Holy Week, and especially on the Day of Resurrection, but always.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

PS. Thank you so much for the many humorous cards, as well as the chocolate, and your presence at my 60thn birthday party on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate you being there! I know not everyone was able to come, with it being held on a three day weekend, but I do appreciate all who participated, and wished me well as I begin another decade!

#### Sign Up for our Seder Dinner!

On Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Seder Dinner in our fellowship hall. This is a Christian version of the Hebrew Passover Meal. It will involve a full dinner of lamb, so please come hungry!

We will be reciting a Christianized version of the Hebrew Passover at the meal. Why is it called Passover? Because when they were slaves, the Hebrews marked their doorways with the blood of a sacrificed lamb as a sign to the Lord, and the Spirit of Death "passed over" their houses, in the last and greatest plague upon the Eyptians.

Many have found participating in a Seder Dinner greatly increases their understanding of the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, when he re-interpreted the Hebrew Passover symbolism in terms of himself, with his upcoming sacrifice upon the cross making him "the Lamb of God," who came to take away the sins of all the world.

Please join us on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm, for this very special event. You may sign up on the table in the foyer of the church. For more information, please contact Jeana Deal.

#### A Free Screening of the New Documentary Film, "Following the Footsteps" Palm Sunday, March 24th at Noon

For over thirty years teacher and author Bob Rognlien has been leading people on unique, historically-based spiritual pilgrimages in the actual places where Jesus carried out his ministry. Now he has produced a feature-length documentary film that chronicles this amazing journey so we can share in the experience without traveling to the other side of the world. "Following the Footsteps" depicts the epic journey of a small group of pilgrims who walk in the very places where Jesus lived and ministered 2,000 years ago and are changed by a new vision of his Way of life. Come and join us for this Premiere Screening of the film and open yourself to a new understanding of who Jesus really is and what it means to follow him in your daily life.

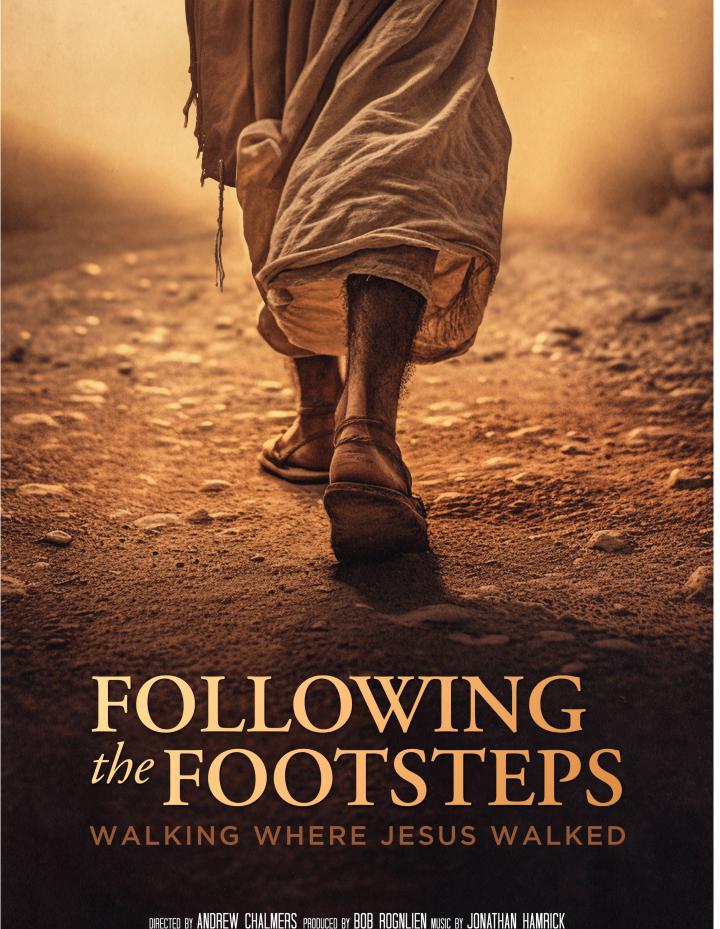
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Marie Coe.	3/9
Peggy Baker	3/12
Jim Ottosen	3/14
Pat Malone	3/15
Debra Briggs	3/20
Thomas Weldy	3 /24

March Birthday



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