



Spirit of Faith

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Faith Presbyterian Church
Of East Wenatchee
November 2021 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 Season of Thanksgiving

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!
Psalm 107: 1

November is a time of Thanksgiving. We observe the holiday of Thanksgiving, when we remember how the Pilgrims and Native Americans shared a feast together. Yet the subject of thanksgiving is larger than a single holiday, or month, or even season.

As Christians, we are called to offer thanks to the Lord, for all of His many blessings. Thankfulness ought to be continually on our minds, and in our hearts.

One of the most striking scripture stories about thankfulness is found in the gospels, when Jesus had healed ten lepers, in Luke Chapter 17. He then encouraged them to go and show themselves to the priest, so that they would be declared clean. All went, but one turned back to Jesus, offering his sincere thanks. He was a Samaritan.

Jesus asks, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

The story ends with Jesus blessing the healed Samaritan, declaring that his faith has made him well.

The story reminds us of how our Lord notices our thankfulness, or our ungrateful hearts. In this season, may we all be like the Samaritan. Let us give thanks to the Lord, for His many blessings, in spite of great challenges.

Have a blessed November, and a happy Thanksgiving!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

P. S. I would appreciate your prayers this month, as I go in for surgery on my knee just before Thanksgiving. My total knee replacement surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23rd. Fortunately, Jeana has the next five days off, to help me out as I recover. Thank you!

Greetings!

“The happiest people on earth are the people who have discovered the joy of giving” - Unknown.

Why does giving make us happy? I recently read a Dave Ramsey article that touched on this question. For those unfamiliar with Dave Ramsey, he is a well-known financial guru and author who employs Christian values to help convey his message of financial prudence and saving. The article suggests paying attention to a person in the act of giving and to notice their reaction. They light up! That reaction is nicknamed the “giver’s glow”. According to scientific research cited in the article, when we’re generous our brains release several chemicals that give us a sense of joy and peace. The research also shows that generosity lowers stress levels and helps you live longer. The article finishes by stating generosity is contagious. It makes us feel good; and when we feel good, we’re better at making those around us feel good, too. The benefits of giving are truly amazing for multiple reasons!

As we make our financial commitments to fund the mission and ministries of our church in 2022, let us do so with a spirit of joy and generosity. To give is to acknowledge God’s ownership of all that we possess. To give generously makes it possible for the Church to accomplish its purposes and mission.

We are planning a Stewardship Dedication Sunday this year on November 21st. During the service there will be an opportunity to bring forth a pledge, or a commitment of financial resources, our financial resources which come from God. We then dedicate these pledges to God, for use in funding the various ministries of our church including our operating and capital project needs for the coming year. We recognize many are unable to attend worship, or are choosing to worship at home during the pandemic, or may be uncomfortable coming forward during the service. That is okay, and other ways to return pledge forms to the church are noted at the end of this message.

We are blessed to have such a generous congregation, and I pray this continues. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge this year, and if possible consider pledging more than last year if it is in your heart. Please know that whatever you can give is appreciated and that your pledges, as well as all contributions made to the church, are kept confidential, and only seen by our Receiving Treasurer, Judy Stone.

Pledge forms are available within this newsletter. Copies are also available in the church office, and we will be emailing them out, as well. We will gladly accept pledges after Stewardship Dedication Sunday, but would ask from an administrative and budget planning standpoint, for pledges to be turned in by the end of December.

Thank you very much!

Josh Weldy, Elder

Pledge Forms can be returned as follows all with the attention to Judy Stone:

By mail to our mailing address:

200 South Kentucky Ave.
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Drop off at the church office during office hours (W-F 9:30am-12:30pm)

By email to Judy Stone at judithstone2305@yahoo.com

"For the future with Faith!"

Stewardship Form for 2022

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Regular Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2022

Grateful for God's love, I (we) make the following commitment to support the regular mission and ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church

\$ _____ per ____ week ____ month ____ year

*"A gift opens the way
and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."*

Proverbs 18: 16

Please return this form on Stewardship Sunday (November 21st). Or, you may return it by mail, or drop it by the church office during office hours (W-F 9:30am -12:30pm). We would appreciate receiving all pledges by the end of the calendar year.

Questions you may have:

Who will know about my pledge?

Only Judy Stone, our receiving treasurer, will know the amount of your pledge.

What if I need to change my pledge during the coming year?

Pledges may be adjusted, either upward or downward, by contacting Judy Stone.

Send
Good News
and
Great Joy!



Help children around the world celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Prepare a gift shoebox through Operation Christmas Child, through Samaritan's Purse. Empty boxes and instructions may be found in the foyer. Contact Patty Rush for more information on the exciting ministry.

Give
Thanks



BASKETS
OF
BLESSINGS

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBOR THIS THANKSGIVING

CALLING ALL DECORATORS:

- BASKETS ARE HERE AND READY TO BE PICKED UP AND DECORATED!
- PLEASE CALL 663-4673 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DECORATE BASKETS WITH YOUR HOME GROUPS, YOUTH GROUPS, OR AS A SCHOOL PROJECT.

DECORATED BASKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SERVE WENATCHEE BY NOVEMBER 15TH.

- DECORATED BASKETS WILL THEN BE FILLED AND DISTRIBUTED TO REGISTERED FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING.



SERVE
WENATCHEE

Happy Birthday
November Born

Georgia Rae Stanfield	11/07
Jeff James	11/07
Rusty Clark	11/09
Wayne Smith	11/16
Kevin Kane	11/17
Wendy Smith	11/19
Claudia Patterson	11/25
Christine Reed	11/25
Elsie Abbott	11/27

NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES


Josh & Shannon Weldy	11/16
Danny & Frankie Zumwalt	11/19

Happy Anniversary!



HELLO NOVEMBER

2021

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		9:30am Board of Deacons	9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	10:30 Office is open	10:30 Office is open	
7 10:am Worship	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed 9:30am Deacons	10 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	11 10:30 Office is open	12 10:30 Office is closed 1:00pm Memorial Service for Grace Smith	13
14 Stewardship Dedication Sunday 10am Worship Service	15 Office Closed	16 Office Closed	17 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	18 10:30 Office is open 6:00pm Session Meeting	19 10:30 Office is open	20
21 10am Worship Service	22 Office Closed	23 Office Open Pastor Jim's knee surgery	24 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is Open	25 10:30 Office is closed 	26 10:30 Office is closed	27
28 Guest Preacher Rev. Bob Shepard 10am Worship Service w/Communion	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed				