



Spirit of Faith

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....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.

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3: 22-23

As I write this column, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the faithfulness of God. In spite of all of the challenges of life, and the troubles in the world, God remains faithful. Here are some of things for which I am grateful.

God's faithfulness of our church. The "Patio of Praise" is now a reality. While a couple of tasks remain to be done, this amazing space for outdoor worship and fellowship is largely complete. I am so grateful to our Property Ministry Team, and especially Ron Lodge and Scott Kruse, for their work. I am also filled with gratitude for all who contributed to this project. Your gifts are appreciated! I am also thankful for our outreach in mission, for all who assist with worship, and for our educational and caring ministries.

God's faithfulness to my family. This month, Jeana and I are celebrating the first birthday of our first grandchild, Logan! He is such a happy little guy, and has brought joy to our entire family. We love hearing about his adventures, and look forward to seeing him walk soon. We are also grateful for all three of our sons, and their partners in life. As we beam while watching Kristin and Jonathan parent Logan, we are equally thrilled to see the love between our son Joshua and his fiancée Margaret, and our son Jacob and his fiancée Maribeth (both weddings in 2023!)

God's faithfulness to Seattle Mariner's fans! For the first time in 20 years, the Mariners are in the post-season. May God continue to be faithful to them throughout the post-season.

What are you faithful for? Share your answer with a friend!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

Reaching Out in Mission!

Happy fall to you all. I am so thankful that we have a mission-minded church which is so generous in supporting our many ministries under the umbrella of our Mission Ministry Team.

October, November and December are the busiest and happiest for the Mission Team (which includes YOU)!

The Packing Friendship food drive is now underway. We call this Ministry “Feed the Lambs”.

Our Women’s Bible Study will be packing two days of lunches for 10 children this year. The church provides a budget to buy the food and Chris Dugan shops and keeps our shelves full . I set up in the narthex with a list of foods that we like to pack and a box to put donations in. We will do our first packing session on October 5th and deliver the lunches to Rock Island Elementary after Bible Study on Wednesdays.

Kaps for Klean Water is a knitting ministry. We have 12 women in our knitting group who knit hats for all ages . (and always looking for more knitters. We sell the hats and all of the proceeds go toward buying Sawyer water filters and sending them to areas of the world where children and adults are dying from drinking contaminated water. These water filters will give a family clean drinking water for a lifetime. So far in this ministry we have raised over \$50,000 to buy and send the filters abroad. We are having a hat sale at the church on Sunday, October 30th, during our fellowship time. Just in time for Christmas shopping!

Operation Christmas Child ministers to children through the Samaritan’s Purse Ministry. Samaritan’s Purse was founded by Franklin Graham, Billy Graham’s son. Franklin still is the head of this wonderful ministry. The theme song of Samaritan’s Purse is Matthew 28:19 “ *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.* ” The Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts delight the hearts of boys and girls in more than 100 countries. The local partners in these countries deliver the boxes, along with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For some children, it is their first gift ever!

There will be a list Shoebox Gift ideas on the Christmas Child table in the foyer. The Dollar Store is a great place to shop for them !

Grace House is a faith-based home in East Wenatchee and is run by The Wenatchee Lighthouse Ministries. It is a safe haven for up to 40 mothers and children who are homeless and escaping abuse. Grace House gives them the chance to heal, to be discipled, and to grow in faith. The house gives them a place to become the women and mothers that God created them to be.

We are excited and honored to be able to sponsor one of these families at Christmas time. We look forward to showering them with gifts, food, and gift cards, so that they can have a joyful and Christ-filled Christmas.

The Mission team has also been blessed to be able to donate to Tall Timber, Heidi Lum’s ministry Advocates for Africa’s Children to the orphans in Eswatini and Tanzania, The Wenatchee Lighthouse Ministries, Serve Wenatchee, and to the Patio Fund.

Thank you,

Patty Rush, Chair of the Mission Ministry Team

Patio of Praise takes shape

In case you hadn't noticed, we have a patio! The concrete contractor has finished their work, and we recently had the area around the patio sodded and new sprinklers installed. The planters are filled with top soil and drain rock, ready for whatever plantings we ultimately decide on. There is also a strip of dirt adjacent to the parking lot that will sport a low boxwood hedge. The plan is to plant a tree in the planter closest to the parking lot. This tree will ultimately give a bit of shade, but not get so large as to overwhelm or possibly damage the patio. We are currently considering a crepe myrtle or other similar option. The rest of the planters will have plantings that remain under 36 inches tall, so that sight lines will not be impaired for events. Two metal picnic tables have been assembled. They are ready to be moved out to the patio, where they will be permanently bolted down.

The underground infrastructure is still in progress; as only the conduits have been installed as of this writing. We will be working on pulling wire and installing electrical receptacles, as well as sound system cabling and components. The cardboard tubes you see sticking out of the ground are for concrete bases for the electrical and sound system fixtures. We will also be extending our livestream capabilities outside, so that any church services, weddings, memorial services, etc. can be broadcast and/or recorded.

Theoretically, we could have had a church service on the patio as soon as the concrete was finished, even without the underground cabling completed. The obvious problem is that the valley has been consistently too smoky to consider it, and we are soon on our way to colder temperatures. So, it appears our first service out there will be next spring, unless we decide to brave the elements for Christmas Eve, which we have done in the past.

The planters are an area where you could get involved. Some had suggested that one or more could serve as a memorial to a church family member. All of the planters are plumbed for sprinkler systems and water features, such as small fountains. Beyond that, there is no master design, and we have determined that some variety of design from one planter to another is desirable. So if you are interested in designing/sponsoring/installing a planter, please talk to Ron Lodge. We will work with you to develop and approve a design and facilitate procurement of materials.

On another note, we have ordered new commercial steel doors, just like the new south entry doors, for four more exterior locations. This will help upgrade our safety and security needs at the church. Unfortunately, due to supply issues, we won't be seeing them for about four months! Everything we have done and have ordered so far is completely funded by your generous support. We appreciate all of your financial gifts toward these projects, and we will soon be evaluating what is next to accomplish on the project list!

By Ron Lodge, member of the Property Ministry Team



Pat Plumb	10/2
Pat Koehler	10/4
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Jon Abbott	10/14
Sheila Callihan	10/15
Ken Smith	10/19
Jared James	10/23
Carol Hansen	10/25
Mary Ann Ford	10/30

Happy Birthday to you!



October

23rd

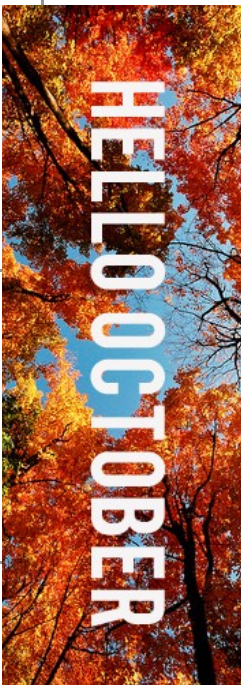
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October Anniversaries

Mike and Lori Reed

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2 10am Worship World Communion	3 Office Closed	4 9:30am Board of Deacons Office Closed	5 9:30 a Women's Bible Study	6 10:30 Office is open	7 10:30 Office is open	8 11:30 Serve Lunch @ Light House	
9 10am Worship Service	10 Columbus Day Office Closed	11 Office Closed 4pm Choir Practice	12 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	13 10:30 Office is closed	14 10:30 Office is open 7pm Weekend in the Word @ Redemer Presbyterian Church In Ephrata	15 9am Weekend in the Word @ Re- deemer P. C. Ephrata 1pm Honorary Lunch Rev. Caulkins @ Tall Timber	
16 10am Worship Service	17 Office Closed	18 Office Closed 1pm Mission Team	19 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	20 10:30 Office is open 6pm Session Meeting	21 10:30 Office is open	22	
23 Pastor Appreciation 10am Worship Service Potluck after Service	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed 4pm Choir Practice	26 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed Pastor Jim Leaves for vacation	27 10:30 Office is open	28 10:30 Office is open	29 Pastor Jim returns from vacation	
30 10am Worship Service 11:15 Kaps for Clean Water / Hat Sale	31 Halloween						

About/Bio

David Crump was born into a military home with moves across the United States almost annually, which exposed him to the many different faces of American life. He received a Bachelor of Science degree ('76) in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana, in Missoula; a Masters of Divinity ('85) from Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., Canada; and his Ph.D. ('88) in New Testament from King's College, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. After nine years of pastoring the Mountain Springs Community Church in Salt Lake City, UT, David then moved to Grand Rapids, MI in order to become a professor of New Testament at Calvin College, where he taught for 18 years. David is now retired and living in northwest Montana where he spends his time enjoying his passions for falconry and riding his custom Harley-Davidson chopper.

Crump has authored books such as:

- Like Birds in a Cage: Christian Zionism's Collusion in Israel's Oppression of the Palestinian People (Cascade Books, 2021)
- I Pledge Allegiance: A Believer's Guide to Kingdom Citizenship in 21st- Century America (Eerdmans, 2018)
- Encountering Jesus, Encountering Scripture: Reading the Bible Critically in Faith (Eerdmans, 2013)
- An Introduction to the Gospels and Acts (Eerdmans, 2008)
- Knocking on Heaven's Door: A New Testament Theology of Petitionary Prayer (Baker Academic, 2006)
- Jesus the Intercessor: Prayer and Christology in Luke-Acts (Mohr Siebeck, 1992)