



GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH REACHING WIDER IN LOVE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SNOHOMISH

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Many of us have been to the circus or seen trapeze artists, gifted at “flying through the air with the greatest of ease.” There always comes that moment of suspense when one lets go of the bar and leaps or somersaults through the air to the hands of a partner or to the bar swinging toward them. For that brief moment as they are suspended in mid-air, the audience looks on in awe, wonder, and a little uncertainty - until the next bar is solidly in hand or the catcher has grasped hold of the hands of the one making the leap.



Transition times in a church are a little like this, as we let go of something and ready ourselves to grasp hold of what’s coming next. For those wondering what’s coming next in terms of staffing, we have our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Felipe Ocampo, leaving us and it seems we’re in mid-air awaiting the opportunity to take hold of what’s next. If you are watching and wondering, our session has a search process well under way, looking for a Temporary Associate Pastor who will cover a wide variety of ministries with a major focus on youth ministry. Our elders are looking now at candidates, and are committed to prayerfully discern who will be the best match for our congregation and position. For the present time, it may feel like we are in mid-air until we’ve laid hold of the new pastoral staff person.

In actuality, we are in the hands already of some very capable and seasoned leaders. We’re thankful for several people stepping in to carry us through this interim period of “being in suspense.” Scott Miller is stepping in to lead our 5-10 Middle School / Jr. High Youth on Wednesdays while Mary Boose, who has been worshipping with us this last year and feeding our Jr. High group, is stepping in to lead our 6-11 Sr. High students on Thursdays. Both Scott and Mary are professional educators with a lifetime of serving as volunteers in Christian ministry to youth and children. We will be identifying an assistant for each of them. Cathy Haddenham will continue to provide dinners for youth on Thursdays and a team of cooks will provide dinners on Wednesdays. These dinner hosts will not only nourish bodies, but nurture relationships with the youth over dinner. We could not be more thankful to Scott, Mary, Cathy, & other volunteers for their commitment to our youth. These key volunteers will keep our youth ministry in the air and moving toward the oncoming new associate who will catch the bar and carry us onward and upward.

So if you wonder how long we’ll be in suspense, know that our young people are in caring, capable hands already. And when the new associate arrives, our youth will swing from one set of caring, capable hands to another. As we’re in this transition, we ask that you consider not just looking on as a spectator, but becoming part of the act yourself by praying for and encouraging our youth, temporary youth leaders, and our search process.



Lakeview Room Worship on Sept. 11

Staffing Task Force Update on Caring for Youth Afterward

Our congregation will be worshipping on Sept. 11, in our Lake View Hall. Immediately after worship, the staffing task force and session will offer an informative Q/A time together, sharing exciting details of our search for a Temporary Associate Pastor who will play a major role in our ongoing ministry to youth. We currently have several strong candidates. We anticipate finishing the meeting no later than 12:30 PM. ALL middle-school students through adults are encouraged to join us!



Small Groups—Returning this Fall

Gathering together to share scripture and our own stories is the finest way to grow on our own spiritual journey and be stimulated to share God's love with others. Watch the What's Happening Calendar to see when groups start up again or contact the church office, Paula Erickson or Jon Bishop to put your roots down.

Handbell Ringers Invited

Our handbell choir will soon begin rehearsals on Thursday evenings and normally play the last Sunday of each month. A few ringers have retired or moved and we welcome new ringers. Some musical background would be preferred and an orientation class will be offered for those with no previous handbell experience. If you would like to join this fun group or would like more information, contact Howard Stoess at hstoess@outlook.com or 425.263.9253.



Covenant Bible Study: For Beginners and Those Seasoned in Scripture

Participants in the Covenant Bible Study will experience a comprehensive, in-depth study of the Old and New Testaments around the theme of *covenant*. The study underscores the unique relationship God has with God's people, a relationship grounded in the faithfulness of God's love and our ongoing commitment to stay in love with God as we share signs of God's love with others. The Bible study will be offered live on Zoom, Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM. Recordings will be available for viewing for those who want to view the study at another time. There will be 24 sessions in three units. To register, and purchase study books, please follow [this link](#).

Units are as follows:

Creating (Sept. 22-Nov. 17)

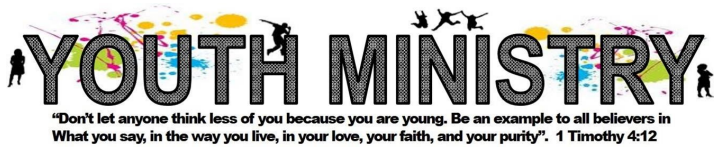
Living (Jan. 19-March 9)

Trusting (April 13-June 1)

Wednesday Morning Study: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John

Described as a gospel in which a child can wade and an elephant can swim, John's gospel is both simple and clear while at the same time complex and deep. In John's gospel, Jesus encounters a wide variety of people and in each encounter a fairly lengthy conversation takes place. Each of Jesus' encounters allows us to discover - or re-discover - Jesus for ourselves, to meet him again as if for the very first time.

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM by Zoom, starting Sept. 14, as we seek to let the Word that spoke all life into being at the dawn of creation, speak new life into us. [Follow this link to join meeting](#) or follow the link in the What's Happening email calendar.



Youth Events September 2022

Jr. High Youth Group & Dinner

Led by: Scott Miller

(Students grades 5-8)

Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM, in the FPCS Youth Room and LVH

Sr. High Youth Group & Dinner

Led by: Mary Boose

(Students grades 9-12)

Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 PM in the FPCS Youth Room and LVH

During our youth group gatherings, students spend time together playing games and talking about faith and life. There will be a meal offered the last 30 mins. of our time together.

Please contact Scott, Mary or one of the pastors if you have questions.



Family Firepit Fridays!

Come join families from the church on the first Friday of the month through fall for a fun firepit gathering at the Lambs.

Have kids? Bring em! Want to hang out w/ kids? Come!

Sept 2nd, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, Dec 2nd: 5:30-7:30pm

Pizza provided.

Bring smores, drinks or side to share.

RSVP helpful but not required.

hilla-rystarr@gmail.com or 360-453-7536

See directory or contact the Lambs for address.





JOIN OUR TEAM! SIGN UP TO WALK OR MAKE A DONATION USING THE QR CODE

INTRODUCING: YES!

(Youth Ecumenical group of Snohomish)

Faith & Fellowship events for youth

JOIN US FOR CROP WALK!

SUNDAY, OCT 2 1:00 PM

@ CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Featuring:

- 5 mile walk
- Photo scavenger hunt along the route
- Food & hangout to follow

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

GRADES 5-12 WELCOMED!

Introducing YES! For Youth!

Some Snohomish churches are pulling together to expand opportunities to bring youth together. This is the beginning of a partnership between FPCS, Snohomish United Methodist Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The first event is the CROP Walk. Students in Grades 5-12 are encouraged to sign up for the YES! Crop Walk Team with a friend and participate in a photo scavenger hunt along the way.



Honoring Sally Hart

The following song was sung during our worship service on Sunday, August 28 to honor our wonderful retiring organist, Sally Hart.

Words by Howard Stoess

Your preludes calm us so that we
Can worship God with hearts set free
To worship here our living Lord.
All praise to Him who is adored.

Our congregation is so blessed.
Each Sunday is a music fest.
You lead our hymns so we can sing
with voices that are worshipping.

A rousing postlude we enjoy;
With many stops, you do employ.
Our spirits lifted as we go
Into the world with lives aglow.



CROP HUNGER WALK: Oct. 2

It is coming!

This ecumenical, nation-wide event to stamp out hunger step by step, no matter whether you walk, run, or let your fingers walk to make a donation, jump in to participate in this year's 25th Annual Snohomish CROP Hunger Walk.



Check out CROP registration/donation information in the reception area of the church. Your recruiter this year is Pat Walchenbach: 425-374-8949, patretired@comcast.net

Register/Donate to
FPCS CROP Team

Donate online now! You do not have to wait for the CROP WALK. Donate online and view details at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/first-presbyterian-church-snohomish>



Holy Land Trip and Orientation

Pastor Charlie is helping coordinate a trip to the Holy Land in the last half of October, 2022. Phil and Lori Prins, Elie and Heidi Saikaly, Dede Babcock, and Joe Ramirez are among the 22 people from our Presbytery making the trip. We'll be exploring the ancient holy sites and stones, while also discovering where Jesus is present today as we meet the "Living Stones," those

Christians, Jews, and Muslims who are working for a just peace for all. Half the trip will be in Bethlehem and the other half at a guest house of the interfaith Mar Elias School, one of our mission projects. Orientation meetings will be held on August 13, August 27 and September 10.

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



Order Coffee by September 11 for pick up the following week.

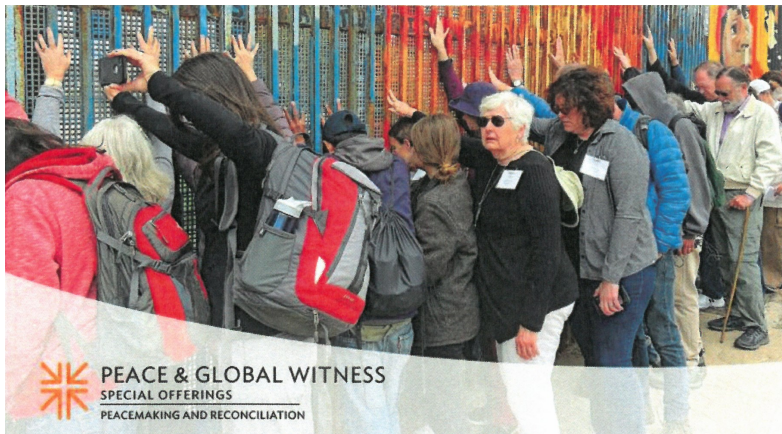
HOW TO ORDER AND PAY

Call Joan Lane for questions or instructions on placing an order or [order and pay online](#). Your cup of coffee does a world of good when you place an order with us! Thank you!

Snohomish Food Bank Our deacons are collecting donations for the Snohomish Food Bank in the box across from the church office. **All donated items must be unopened and in original packages only.**

Donations for YWCA Working Women's Wardrobe

Please ensure that all clothing is washed / dry-cleaned, in good condition and placed on hangers to prevent wrinkling. Donations may be hung in the church reception area coat rack where donation cards are available to clearly label donations. Clothing should be office-appropriate and reasonably fashionable. Accessories (handbags, scarves, umbrellas) & shoes are also needed. There is a specific need for large sizes. Thank you for the donations coming in!



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSEHOLD WITH ACTIVE PEACEMAKERS

SEASON OF PEACE

September 4–October 2, 2022

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries.



RESPONDING TO CONFLICT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

25%

Participating congregations retain this portion of the Offering to support peacemaking and reconciliation in their own community.



CONNECTING MID COUNCILS FOR PEACEMAKING

25%

Linking congregations in ministries throughout presbyteries and synods.



ADVOCATING FOR CHRIST'S PEACE & JUSTICE

50%

Calling for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative initiatives of education and Christian witness.

Weekly Compline Evening Prayer

Thursday at 8 pm (PST) - End your day in peace and in the presence of the Holy Spirit through prayer and reflective instrumental music. Through prayer and reflection, we will turn our focus back to God, our one true source of strength. This time will calm and restore your soul, leaving you refreshed and encouraged.

If you would like to join us on Thursday night, visit our website (link: <https://renewalminnw.org/about/email-signup/>) and sign-up to receive the Facebook link. No Facebook account is required!



Anne Thomas Here on Sept. 11

We welcome Anne Thomas to share briefly in worship about her literacy work in Cambodia and Laos. While she shares in the service for a mission spotlight, she will also arrive early at 10 AM if you'd like to visit with her more and hear about her literacy efforts directly.

Assistance For Refugees Ministry Team (A.R.T.), in partnership with Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest has begun providing weekly support each Friday to an influx of Ukrainian refugees.



Volunteers from our church have been assisting Van Kuno and the NW Refugee team at the VOA Carl Gipson Welcome Center in Everett by handing out housing supplies, clothing, etc. and providing other support services. We are seeking to meet refugee families where they are and provide support in a loving and compassionate manner. Volunteers are signed up through September at this point. [More about volunteer categories here](#). For information on how to match your skills and passion with an opportunity to help refugee families please contact Derek Hovey at 859-533-9083 or art.communications@snopres.org.



Tall Timber Cabin Update

The bunk beds are finished. Much thanks to Bill Wanser's supervision and a great crowd of volunteers! Logs have been milled into siding, and just need to dry before application this fall. Insulation is now in, thanks to the labor of Bill Whitney, Jon Bishop, and Justin Blasko. The electrical connections have been roughed in, waiting to pass inspection. Ready for moving forward with drywall! Over 55 people have been involved in funding, promotion, demolition, rebuilding, sanding, staining. A great gift from our congregation!

Renewal Ministries Northwest's Events

A Day of Renewal for Women

Saturday, October 1, 2022 | 9:30 – 3:00 PM

\$49 – Lunch included

Peace & Spirituality Center in Bellevue



Come to life, feel alive! Time of personal prayer, reflection, encouragement, and worship. Receive direction and clarity to live a full and free life. Register at https://renewalminnw.org/womens_retreat/



Friends,

We are saddened to share with members of the congregation the loss this week of Donna Robinett, whose bright spirit and compassionate heart has blessed this congregation and our community for many years. We celebrate that the physical challenges of recent years have now passed and that our faith offers comfort and hope that in Christ we shall be made a new creation. Please pray for Hank; children, Marty (Laureen), Julie (Randy), Joan (Craig), and David (Stephanie); grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. You are invited to join in a celebration of Donna's life and the hope of the resurrection on Saturday, September 10 at 1 PM.

Together in Christ,
Ann and Charlie

Farm-fresh Eggs Available

The chickens tended to by our church secretary, Liz Hanlon, will be slowing production, as our daylight hours wane. But, extras will continue to be available for pick up from the office or self-serve LVH refrigerator.

Donations toward chicken feed will keep the girls producing and \$1/doz. will be added to our Deacon efforts. (Egg cartons recycled here.) Contact Liz, in the office, for questions.

Ever wonder how long eggs are good for? As a general rule, unwashed eggs will last around 2 weeks unrefrigerated and about **three months or more** in your refrigerator. (Liz's eggs go into the refrigerator the day they're laid.)



Deacon's Transportation Ministry: Do You Need a Ride?

The First Presbyterian Church Deacons have re-started their Transportation Ministry. If you can't drive yourself, we can give you a lift. We can take you to a doctor appointment; or a dentist appointment; or to our church on Sunday; or to a church event; or when you need a ride and you have run out of options.

Just call Jon McKenzie at 360-631-2495 and we will see what we can do.



Deacon's Offering: First Sunday of Every Month

It has been a good two years since our church operated in a "normal" manner. One of those "normal" things we all used to do is place a special Deacon's offering into the offering plate the first Sunday of each month. The First Presbyterian Church Deacons want to remind you that the first Sunday of each month is Deacon's Offering Sunday and you can put a donation marked "Deacons" in the offering plate or go to CCB and designate a donation to the Deacon's Fund.

Prayers & Squares Welcomes You

The members of Prayers and Squares invite you to join them ... all are welcome. We are looking for sewists, as well as people who are good at organizing and record-keeping, artists, someone who can move furniture, and of course experienced quilters. We enjoy each other's company every Tuesday morning from 10 AM-noon.



If you're looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of others while being part of a close knit fun group, please consider joining us. Questions? Please call Sue Davis at 425-263-0312 or Marita Bishop at 425-422-1934.

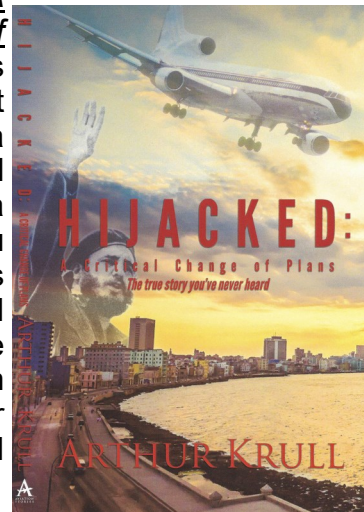
WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOOK CLUB



Our September book club selection is *The Lost and Found Bookshop* by Su-

san Wiggs, a charming tale about the silver linings of unwanted detours. We will share a potluck salad at the home of Myrna Lucas at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 14. Jean Hunter will be our reviewer. Questions? Call Carol Johnson at 206-595-9462 or email Carol at cjohnson98290@gmail.com.

Fall Senior Event Our fall senior event will be held at the church at 1:00 pm on October 14. Our guest speaker will be Art Krull, author of the book, *Hijacked - A Critical Change of Plans*, which details his experience as the First Officer on the Delta flight that was hijacked to Cuba in 1980. It's a harrowing story and you won't want to miss this one! Refreshments will be served following the program. The program will also be streamed for those unable to attend in person.



Dear friends,

On Monday, August 1, two trucks and six men showed up to pack my belongings out of my Pointe home. My daughter Talitha had arrived the morning before and we oversaw the packing together. I was so grateful for her company and assistance!

Tali and I left Washington State on Tuesday afternoon, August 2nd, driving my little Honda CRV stacked to the top with my clothes, Steff's Love rose given to me by a student 12 years ago in honor of Steff's passing, yellow calla lilies dug up from my yard which had been a house warming gift from a friend when I moved into the Pointe, and a large new road atlas to expand the driving information provided by our two GPS phones, and a lump in my throat as I left my



home, family, friends, church, and the Pacific Northwest.



We journeyed to North Carolina in four days, staying in hotels that my son-in-law Phil arranged each afternoon using his Marriott awards, and singing and talking the miles away as we drove 11 hours daily. Along the way, I thought I caught a head cold. We stopped at Mount Rushmore for a quick look and took a photo with the wonderful Mount Rushmore card that granddaughter Kylie had made for us.

Phil greeted us at 11:00 PM in the dark on Friday, waiting in the bright light of the garage and holding a COVID test in each hand. Sure enough, I had COVID, likely caught from one of the six packers, one of whom had been coughing. Fortunately, Tali had already had COVID and was none the worse for having been cooped up with me in the car and hotel rooms.

in like thieves in the night and I beat a fast retreat to the guest room where I stayed for six more days, venturing out only to the screened -in porch to eat meals with the family seated apart from me. I felt okay, but it sure was discouraging to be so pent up! This pic shows Kylie promising to give me hugs when I tested negative for Covid!



I put that time of isolation to good use and developed a list of homes I wanted to see on Thursday, August 11, when I could rejoin the human race. Along with my real estate agent, Tali and Phil, we visited five homes, two of which I loved: a brand new build in a 55 plus community and a 15 year old home—both of which were one story homes. I chose the new build, put in an offer knowing that four other folks were viewing the home the same day, and my offer was accepted! I hope to move in sometime in September. Though slightly smaller than my previous home, I have a guest room for visitors and an office, as well as a lovely open floor plan with wonderful light streaming in. It's about 20 minutes away from Tali and her family.



My new address, starting in October, will be: 1221 Hodgson Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526. My email and cell remain the same: steffpatsanvik@hotmail.com and 425 760-9540.

Thank you for your prayers and cards - they sustained me throughout this journey and I continue to worship with you online until I find a church home nearby.

Giving thanks for God's good care for you there and me here, Pat



Remember in Your Prayers . . .

Church Family Members

- Hank Robinett, Joan Robinett-Wilson and family in their recent loss of Donna.
- Rev. Ann Lewis & family in the passing of her father, Rev. Dr. Charles Ferrell
- The Groeneveld Family in the recent loss of Wiard
- Elaine Sundman recovery from back surgery.
- Winny Chow – recovery from car accident
- Chuck Murray – on hospice care
- Jerry Williamson healing after fall and stroke
- Lee Warren – recovering from multiple surgeries and expected to be able to return home soon.
- Peggy Ferrell (Ann's mom)– recovering well from two surgeries

Homebound

Gary Gloe, Chuck Murray, Marcia Otteson

Ongoing Prayer Support

- World leaders in response to acts of war against Ukraine and for all who are experiencing great loss and suffering because of it.
- People around the world impacted by climate changes - fires, drought, flooding, shortages of water, etc.
- The ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic - health and economic challenges
- Displaced persons forced to leave their homes due to violence, natural disaster, etc.
- Governmental leaders
- Cynthia Sundman ~ mission work based in Peru, working remotely from Snohomish presently.
- Andrew Lewis ~ offering spiritual care through Story Intl., Huehuetenango, Guatemala
- Pastor Moses & Margaret Tanni and family in Cameroon; prayers for peace amidst civil war and violence against civilians

The Library Corner

To see a listing of all the books in the library, go to our online catalog:

<https://www.librarything.com/profile/FPCS>

I hope that you visit the library, look at the books, maybe take a preacher to coffee.



*Thank
you*



The congregation would like to express its sincere thanks to Heidi Haugeberg for her dedication as director of our handbell choir for over 15 years. Heidi has decided that she needs to step away from this position at the present time. We are grateful for the many hours of service she has given to this position.



Sally Hart and Howard Stoess have agreed to share this position and will be leading the group which will continue to play for our church services once a month.

Your Deacons would like to thank each and every one of you who contributed to or helped with the memorial reception for Wiard Groeneveld. It took a lot of working parts to put the whole together, and you willingly stepped up! We're so grateful.

The Groeneveld family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for all your words of support and love, your prayers, your cards and flowers, your hugs, your gifts of time, and your presence during this long journey that we have travelled during Wiard's illness, beginning September 4, 2018 and culminating in his memorial service on Aug 20th. We are so blessed, and profoundly grateful for each of you.



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