

THE Carillon

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The Carillon

May 2018

Sunday Worship Schedule:

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - 11:30 am - Fellowship

11:30 am - 12:30 pm -Adult Sunday School

During Worship - W.A.T.C.H.

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Group Leaves for Holy Land April 27

Twenty five members of the Northwest Coast Presbytery will be traveling soon to Israel/Palestine for a spiritual pilgrimage with Pilgrims of Ibillin, a Living Stones tour. Not only will they be seeing a number of the holy sites



Photo: www.livingstonespilgrimage.org

and walking where Jesus walked, but they will be meeting with Palestinian Christians and Muslims as well as Israeli Jews to hear their stories. We'll be going to see where Jesus is alive among the people of the land today, those in the three great monotheistic faith traditions who are seeking a just peace.

This "Living Stones" tour grows out of the scriptures message from when the women arrive at the empty tomb and are told by an angel: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" So too, we will not be seeking Jesus only among the stones and relics of the past, but among the "living stones," the Christians, Muslims and Jews who are seeking Jesus' way of peace in a conflict-ridden "unholy" land—and yet a land of the resurrection where anything is possible and we still hold on to hope.

You can follow our 10 church members through a daily blog by googling "Pilgrims of Ibillin" and going to "Living Stones" blog.

You are invited to pray as well for a rich and meaningful spiritual pilgrimage for:

Randy and Sally Hart, Ursula Gallagher, Gayle Gulick, Charlie Lewis, Howard and Rita Stoess, Herm and Carole VanLoo, George Vasil . Also in the group are Rev. Alan Dorway, Katherine Campbell, Steve and Judy Hammond, Jee Sook Kutz, Judy Kutz, Dana and Judy Wright—all from Everett First P.C., Rev. Luke Hyder from Cascade View P.C. in Everett, Carol and Jerry Bates from Cottage Lake P.C. in Woodinville, Eli and Heidi Saikaly from Mukilteo, Jeanne Hoek and Minna Dimmick from Northcreek P.C.

Off the Wall with Pastor Alan



By the time this is published, I will be halfway through another trip to Israel/Palestine. Three years ago when I went with the Pilgrims of Ibillin, I confess the many layers of history, faith, theology and geography mixed together and overwhelmed me. I'm sure this happens on many trips we all take. We have an idea of the area, we've read and dreamed about the place, and then we get there and we realize it takes more than one trip to soak even part of the journey into our being. Many people feel that way about Disneyland or even like our recent trip to Charleston, SC, you can read, prepare, get your route all plugged into your phone to avoid lines, and then when your foot hits Main Street, everything from sounds, food, and lights floods your senses.

This process happens in education, travel, mission, family, and worship. (I know, it's called life and I'm sure there are plenty of other areas to note.) We can be prepared, but when we show up, reality begins. The Boy Scout motto is "be prepared". The Greek maxim is "know thyself". We say that life is "90% showing up". And there is truth and wisdom in all of these. Yet, Christian worship (and theology) asks us to come as we are into the presence of God. We are told that God's knowledge is beyond our thoughts and we are special that God cares for us. We are asked, were we there when the earth was formed? We risk the tension of the incarnation and the resurrection, but in all of this, we are invited to come. There in worship, as we gather, sing, pray, listen, and respond to the word, we may be disoriented or experience a dislocation from our vision of God and the way we live.

Yes, we are blessed with a great music program, space, and windows. We have a great community to be with, yet there are times when we are not prepared, we do not know ourselves well enough, and that percentage of showing up allows God to touch our hearts in new ways. Maybe we learn to forgive a long hurt. Maybe we hear an anthem and it reminds us of God's amazing love. Maybe we read scripture or in our prayer, the Holy Spirit shows us something new to ponder. When we put our faith and lives into a time of worship, we never know how our senses will be engaged and how we may be invited to follow Jesus. Each time is different and all of us support each other, are present for each other, and are vital to the life of our congregation.

This time as I get ready for my trip, as I meet with others, as I reflect on what I experienced last time and what I'd like to get out of the trip this time, I am grateful for an opportunity to step back. Things will be new and jarring just like last time, but like any one who has traveled back to a place, this time I hope for moments of quiet and perspective different from last time. I will still marvel at the landscape, the politics, the stories, and the history, but rather than walk as fast as I can to see the next thing, I plan to stop along the way. Hear something new. See a new place. Attempt to process what I've learned these past three years and reflect on the present.

Like our times in worship, each time we attend, we have an opportunity to see, hear, and experience something new. We take the familiar and relax enough to seek the new. I look forward to sharing what I learned and listening to what our other friends learned on this trip. I also look forward to seeing how God continues to grow, change, and shape us in our community as well.

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To our friends and family here at the First Presbyterian Church of Everett,

We want to thank you all for your amazing support, grace, and love, as we were married in February! From showers, to cards, to gifts, and most importantly your presence at our wedding ceremony and reception, we are deeply touched by the community here. Thank you for welcoming this new step in our lives, and we look forward to the continued sharing of life together here in Everett for years to come.

Peace and love, Alan and Vicki

Library Update: Spring Cleaning

The spring we've been waiting for has arrived at last, bringing some compulsion for that annual ritual: spring cleaning.

Whatever it means at your house, there is probably a parallel for the church library. Perhaps you have purchased or received new clothes - then noticed a shortage of hangers or difficulty closing the closet doors. Maybe some old favorite outfits, in the light of spring sunshine, look a bit shabby, shopworn, or dated. Time has come for spring cleaning.

We in the library have been announcing month by month new acquisitions, encouraging you to taste and read. Now the inevitable! Our shelves are beginning to bulge. Some of the new books don't quite fit on the shelves. Beside the shiny new ones, some of the existing collection looks a little, well, shabby, shopworn, or dated. So, with a resigned sigh, we need to undertake our own spring cleaning.

In traditional library parlance, the term, borrowed from our gardening friends, is "weeding."

In all honesty, it's not a favorite pastime of most librarians. Adding materials, provided they are attractive and enticing, fills us with joy. Deciding the categories, applying shiny mylar covers, announcing their arrival, anticipating the pleasure of new readers: this is what we live for!

But weeding! Ugh! However, we must admit to ourselves that today's young people are not going to gravitate to the most sage dating advice of past decades. We realize that the dusty, drab, discolored biography of Martin Luther has scant appeal to anyone. We have somehow added the newest edition of a commentary on Romans without retiring the old one. And why are there three copies of a once popular novel when one (or none?) would be sufficient?

It's not exactly fun. But weed we must. Here's where you come in. If it does sound like fun to you, we cordially and sincerely invite you to participate. We wouldn't ask you to make the final decision; just help us spot and tag the likely suspects. Don't worry that you wouldn't know which books to tag. We have a simple rubric, sort of a secret code, that guides our search. Now that we think of it, it *can* be fun! Let us know when you can come!

Are you starting to worry that we'll dismiss some of your old friends and you won't even get to say goodbye? We even have a plan to avoid that. Just sit tight and wait for the retirement party for our departing books!

In the meantime, celebrate spring in your own way. Above all, keep reading.
Your library staff, Shirley Solberg and Fern Tully



NOTE: THERE IS NO SESSION MEETING THIS MONTH (MAY)

Fourth Monday Book Group

Calling all readers! Please remember that the Fourth Monday Book Group welcomes all readers. Just read the book of the month and come to Calvin Lounge at 10:00 the 4th Monday of any month to join one of our lively, informal discussions.

* Exception: if the 4th Monday happens to be Memorial Day, as in 2018, expect a calendar change.

Thus, our May gathering will actually take place on June 4, one week after Memorial Day. Yes, we will come together again on June 25 for the real June meeting.

Topics for these meetings (from Everett Public Library's Reading Challenge 2018) will be as follows:

June 4: "a book recommended by a library employee"

June 25 "a book written by an author of a race or culture different from your own"

If you missed our March gathering ("biography or memoir"), we discussed, without making a firm decision, having one recommended title from the announced category for upcoming months. Thus, we would all be reading the same book as in the past. Please join this discussion through your email and / or future meetings.

Questions? Contact Shirley Solberg (425-252-2706 / srsolberg@frontier.com).

**** IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION!** This just in!

Linda Senter contacted Everett Public librarians with the following results:

"Two librarians gave us 16 great recommendations! We've read some of the books, and some didn't have book sets available, so we chose an intriguing-sounding book that has a book set available:

"*Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart

An elegant tale of suspense, mystery, and wry humor set in 1914 New Jersey. Hardened criminals are no match for gutsy, gun-toting Constance Kopp and her redoubtable sisters in this hilarious, exciting drama based on real-life events."

THANK YOU, LINDA!



Special dates:

- National Day of Prayer, *May 3, 2018*
 - Ascension, *May 10, 2018*
 - Mother's Day, *May 13, 2018*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 19, 2018*
 - Pentecost, *May 20, 2018*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 21, 2018*
 - Trinity Sunday, *May 27, 2018*
 - Memorial Day, *May 28, 2018*



“And the love of many will grow cold” (Matt. 24:12b)

Last summer my granddaughter Hope asked me what I most feared. I told her that what most scared me was that I would lose my ability to love others. I think I share this fear with many other people today. We hear so much about what we have come to call “compassion fatigue.” We are overwhelmed with the needs of so many people near and far who suffer so much that even our best intentions to care bend like heated metal in a forge. Indeed, desensitizing ourselves to the plight of others in pain often becomes a veritable survival technique for us. British singer/songwriter David Gray released “My Oh My” several years ago, a song that gives voice to my own fear of losing my ability to care.

What on earth is goin’ on in my heart? / Has it turned as cold as stone?

Seems these days I don’t feel anythin’ / ‘Less it cuts me right down to the bone.

What on earth is goin’ on in my heart? /

‘Cause my oh my, you know just don’t stop / It’s in my mind, I want to tear it up.

And tryin’ to fight it, tryin’ to turn it off / But it’s not enough

It takes a lotta love / It takes a lotta love my friend / To keep your heart from freezing’

To push on till the end / My oh my.

All of us would do well to fight with every fiber of our being against the possibility of letting our love grow cold. *“It takes a lotta love, my friend, to keep your heart from freezin’ and to push on till the end.”* Christians would say it takes God’s love to generate the kind of human love that refuses to quit caring for others. Such love “never fails.” Yet sometimes we don’t see the final evidence of the never failing love of God. We are indeed a broken people.

This month we showed *The Secret Life of Bees* for our movie series. The film is based on Sue Monk Kidd’s book of the same title. Kidd explores the depth of women’s experiences of pain and loss, in particular that of African American women during the height of the Civil Right’s Movement. One character in the story is May Boatwright, the twin sister to April Boatwright. April and May were as close to each other as is humanly possible. They shared the depth of each other’s lives. So when April dies in childhood, May takes in the pain of the separation she feels deep within herself. Not only is she sensitized to the pain of losing her sister. She becomes hyper sensitive to all persons who suffer, both near and far. So powerful is her sensitivity to others that it threatens to undo her. So her older sister August Boatwright encourages her to build a “wailing wall” in their back yard. Whenever May feels the pain of others in herself, whether from her family and friends or from the nation and the world, she writes the names of those who suffer on small pieces of paper and, like the rabbis in Jerusalem, tucks the paper prayers into her wall. Her “wailing wall” allows her to externalize her suffering in an act of prayer to God, and therefore to make her own suffering bearable because God shares her burden.

Tragically, however, May succumbs to the weight of suffering within herself and she takes her own life. The weight of the human condition is just too oppressive for her sensitive spirit. Caring for others, being sensitive to the suffering in others, is always a risk. Many of us are tempted to steel our hearts against the pain. A few of us like May succumb to the pain. And none of us, even those who are most sensitive, know the depth of the suffering that only God knows. Let us always fight against “compassion fatigue.” But let us also know that it is God alone who bears the full burden of the human condition and for that reason provides us a way to love beyond what we are capable.

Welcoming Guest Minister, Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson
Sunday, May 6th
10:00 AM

Pastor Bob has just returned from a month-long journey to Texas, Colorado, and Illinois where he was guest minister/preacher in four different congregations in two denominations. Two of the services were celebrated on BSA Scout Sunday. One of those services was at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Dallas, the congregation where he grew up, and 70 years earlier, received his Eagle Scout and God and Country awards from Troop 42. He would subsequently receive his Silver Beaver, the highest volunteer award in the BSA.



During Pastor Bob's visit here to FPCE, you can expect an experience presented with energy, imagination, practical language, inspiration, music and humor. This experience will include five special features that will enrich this worship experience:

1. A time with children: A special welcome to our church sponsored Cub Scout Pack from Whittier Elementary plus other Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members. All are encouraged to wear their uniform including adult leaders. The Cubs will be asked to help Pastor Bob with a short skit "The Good Samaritan Today," based on a true incident in which an 11-year-old Cub Scout saved his 80-year-old grandmother's life.
2. An offertory solo "Take My Hands" that will be signed and a special Doxology he has written for us.
3. Hymns that will engage your heart, mind and voice and evoke from you a personal response set to very familiar hymn.
4. Pastor Bob will follow the lectionary for the Sixth Sunday in Eastertide both dealing with love: John 15:9-7 and I John 5:1-6.
5. The postlude will be improvisations on the Welsh Tune Ash Grove. Bob asked the late Bene Hammel, noted world class organist and friend of Gary Norris, to compose this piece for Lake City Presbyterian Church where Bob was pastor for 14 years during which the church was home of the Welch Choir of the Puget Sound ***Côr Cymru***.

This will be a remarkable kick off for our post Easter Celebration and will open the month of May with enthusiasm and hope. Pastor Bob will be the quarterback for this service, ready to deliver the ball, right where it needs to be! Be there to be a great receiver and let's make this one a win for FPCE!

Description: Our 40th series consists of a unique blending of two five-star documentaries and four premier dramas that in one way or another expose us to the wonder of birds, bees, and butterflies in the natural world. These creatures play essential parts in the symphony of our natural ecosystem that must not be disrupted. But they also teach us something about human existence, like living parables calling us to reflect on our communal existence in light of their own.

May 11. *Ulee's Gold* (Victor Nunez, 1997). Bees are being killed off worldwide. But Florida beekeeper Ulee Jackson keeps the family business alive because doing business is easier than keeping his family safe and out of trouble. Peter Fonda was widely praised for his portrayal.

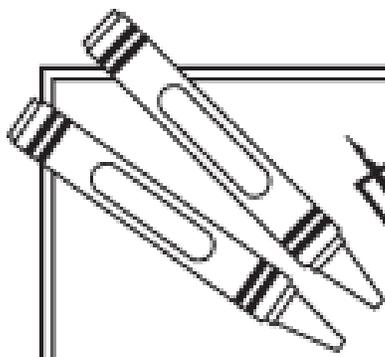
May 25. *Butterfly* (Jose Luis Cuerda, 2000). Life in the Spanish village of Galicia is good, even as the shadow of Franco's fascism looms large. When 7 year-old Moncho starts school, he is filled with fear until the kindly teacher Don Gregorio (Fernando Fernan Gomez) introduces him to the wonders of nature.

June 8. *The Birds* (Alfred Hitchcock, 1961). People still crow about this Hitchcock masterpiece of feathered frenzy in Bodega Bay. Rod Taylor, Tippi Hedren, Suzanne Pleshette, Jessica Tandy, Veronica Cartwright, and Ethel Griffies as "Mrs. Bundy."

**Potluck at 6pm, Movie at 7:00pm Followed by Discussion
Room(s): Westminster Hall/Calvin Lounge**



SAVE THE DATE: GRADUATION SUNDAY—JUNE 17TH



PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M	N	O
E	F	G	P	R	S
H	I	L	T	U	Y

" _____ your _____

and your _____,

the _____ your _____ has

_____."

_____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

After a brief vacation from the status reports on our finances, it is important to review where we are right now. We started the year (as we usually do) in positive territory in the Operating fund, with giving response providing a nice positive Operating fund balance of \$7,155 at the end of January. It turned negative in February however, and grew more negative in March after two uncharacteristically lean giving months. Total giving for Jan, Feb and Mar this year was \$91,339, compared with \$103,686 for the same period last year. Pledging was better for this year compared to last year however, so the future may still be bright!

There is another bit of information that it is a good idea to review from time to time. It deals with how our overall finances are managed in the church, with the objective of making the best decisions about how we use money for our budgeted program and ministry activities which are paid for out of the Operating fund. This is especially important because, in addition to these normal activities, we also need to consume other precious resources to keep our church facility in condition to support a wide range of ministries – all the time.

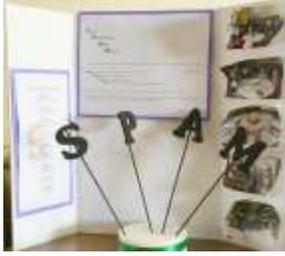
In our Presbyterian system the session of the church is responsible for managing the church resources. This responsibility requires that session be in a position to establish priorities – make choices – and be fully able to explain their decisions and actions to the congregation so that everyone can be aware of the decisions – and rationale. All this happens in an organization that includes individuals who are passionate about specific things – which can represent a variety of special interests within our church life. Sometimes these passions stimulate conversations which result in spontaneous contributions to the specific things, which then can develop a momentum of their own – unknown to session – which at the same time may be trying to focus the congregation's attention on other financial needs which result from their attention on the overall operation of the church. Thus these spontaneous gifts to the specific things may compete with other needs that session may be planning to take to the congregation.

This can be a tender subject, since all gifts are appreciated – whether they respond to individual passions or session action. The need and intention is not to dampen or inhibit the individual passions – rather to have the opportunity to work them into a more effective structure for managing all of the needs of the church. This structure, when supported, can assure that all interests can be heard and addressed – within a system that respects sessions' responsibility to determine and manage our priorities. So we should continue to bring all perceived needs to session – so they can be addressed and fit in to our list of priorities in an orderly manner.

If there are any questions about this long-standing practice, please ask the pastor, treasurer, or a session member. Next month, back to the charts!

S.P.A.M. News: Upcoming S.P.A.M. Events

Your Senior Ministry Team has two events to cap off year number seven of SPAM. Mark your calendar to save the date as you won't want to miss either of these outings.



Friday, May 4th 12:00-1:30. This time we will be carpooling out to the Hibulb Cultural Center, commonly known as the Native American Museum near Marysville. This will include a box lunch at noon and program in a room we have reserved. Mary Jane Topash who is a tour director at the museum, will give a historical talk about the lives of the Indian tribes that now form the Tulalips. Cost of \$7.50 includes lunch and admission fee to the museum. Following the program, you can tour the museum. We will meet at the church at 11:15 for carpooling. Please sign up for lunch, as well as carpooling, at the table in Westminster Hall by May 1st.

June - date to be determined. A beautiful nursery in Snohomish, McAuliffe's Valley Nursery, will be our destination. It is located on the grounds of the former Stocker Family dairy farm which was built at the turn of the century. Again, carpooling will be available from the church. The grounds of the nursery are walker and wheel chair accessible. Watch for future publication of the date and time

If you have any questions about either of these events, please contact any of the team listed below for clarification or to sign up. We look forward to having you join us.

Pat & Tom Erickson, Ethel Geniesse, Roy & Carol Gresham, Myrtle Lorenzo, Marilyn Minch, Shirley Morrow, Judy Pitcher, Judy Oberg, Dick & Jan Weakley, Roy & Barb Yates

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, May 14th, at 12:00 noon in Calvin Lounge.

Shirley Morrow will lead the lesson and Fern Tully will serve as hostess.

Special Announcements:

Thank you to my church family for your prayers and cards after my hip surgery.

Special thanks to Marilyn Minch who spent several days as my care giver and

helped with my exercise therapy. Thanks to Shirley Solberg, Judy Hutchison,

Jim & Judy Kutz who provided needed transportation.

I am richly blessed with a wonderful supportive church family!!

Blessings!
Marilyn Nalbach

Member Directory Contact Information Update (*Please update your directory to reflect the following change*):

Jan Weakley is asking that her phone number be updated to **360-691-7085**. Please disregard the two numbers printed in the directory.

MAY CELEBRATIONS!

Anniversaries:

24 Ken and Shirley Newman

27 David and Marla Baer-
Peckham

28 Phil and Sonya Beardsley



Birthdays:

3 Alan Hutchison

4 Dana Johnson

Betsy Kelly

Danica Little

Debra Roberts

6 Andrew Scoringe

8 Vivian Lohner
Mawudeku

Nicole Mockler

9 Linda Bloom

Keeanna May

10 Kevin Norris

Steve Ulvestad

11 Micki Hazen

12 Kathy Hunter

Robin Kohler

13 Lucy Danitschek

14 Leslie Sutin

15 Megan Kinard

16 Paul Kniest

Emily Roberts

17 Chloe Miniken

20 Elizabeth Lombard

Max Scoringe

22 Payton Langum

23 Hyukbong Kwon

Dick Oberg

24 Phyllis Kinard

25 Anika Bertoldi

Henry Newton

Katie Norris

27 Mark Bertoldi

Linda Chapman

29 Chuck Guildner

31 Hailey Faith



APRIL THIRD SUNDAY EVENT CHALLENGE PHOTOS

E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines

If you have information you would like included in the e-newsletter, please send that information to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the Thursdays prior to the second and fourth Mondays.

Upcoming Deadlines:

May 10, 2018

May 24, 2018

The Carillon Submission Deadline

If you have information you would like included in upcoming editions of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com two weeks prior to the last Sunday of the month. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday.

Upcoming Deadline:

May 13, 2018

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE
BY 5:00PM ON DUE
DATE.**



CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

From the Estuary Angels

Styrofoam Recycling May 13

Sunday, May 13, is the day to bring your Styrofoam for recycling. Take it to the Stocker kitchen door at the alley, either inside or outside, before or after worship. Styrofoam in blocks or sheets, clean and with any tape removed, is accepted, but not containers that have held food or drink. Bagged packing peanuts are accepted. Bring the Styrofoam in clear plastic bags, if possible. We have some clear bags, if needed.

Produce Stickers

Those tiny stickers that come on many fruits and vegetables are not biodegradable and are causing big problems at composting facilities. They should be removed from peels and thrown away, separate from any compost.

Weeds

Weeds are nature's way of protecting precious soil. We go at them with chemicals and end up destroying the soil. Some more benign ways to deal with weeds:

1. Replace the weed with another plant.
2. Put landscape cloth over the bed and cut slits for the plants, discouraging weeds from coming up.
3. Pour boiling water on crabgrass.
4. Pour vinegar and salt directly on the weed.
5. To keep grass away from spaces between bricks, pour salt in those areas.
6. Cut dandelions off close to the root and add mulch on top to kill off any growth.

Source: *The Green Book of Household Hints: Keeping an Efficient and Ecologically Sound Home*

Special Days

May 3 is *Garden Meditation Day*. May 10 is *World Migratory Bird Day*. May 12 is *Mother Ocean Day*. May 16 is *Love a Tree Day*. May 18 is *Endangered Species Day*. May 19 is *National River Cleanup Day*. May 20 is *Soil Stewardship Day*. May 22 is *International Day for Biological Diversity*. May 23 is *World Turtle Day*. May 28 is *Sierra Club Day*. May 29 is *Learn About Composting Day*. May 30 is *Water a Flower Day*.

May also is *American Wetlands Month*, *Clean Air Month*, *Gardening for Wildlife Month*, and *Gifts from the Garden Month*.

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us

See aesthetic trees in Snohomish's historic district in a guided walking tour at 2 p.m. on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. Led by Green Snohomish Group. About 90 minutes. Meet at 801 First St. in Snohomish. Free, donations accepted. Trees of Snohomish Walking Guides are available. Call 360-348-7059 for information.

*"Truly all is remarkable and a wellspring of amazement and wonder.
Man is so fortunate to dwell in this American Garden of Eden."*

Albert Bierstadt

PENTECOST OFFERING: Will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th.

This year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Pentecost Offering. Our congregation has supported this offering for many of those years and is seen as a sign of our faith and our hope for the future. Our gift will join a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ. Our gift will inspire them to share their faith through the Young Adult Volunteer Program, ministries with youth including the Youth Triennium and programs for children at risk. In addition, our congregation retains 40% of the offering we receive to develop and support programs for youth in our own church and community. In past years, we have helped to support our young people going to the PCUSA Youth Triennium, summer camp Vacation Bible School, and Cocoon House.

NOTES FROM OUR MISSION CO-WORKERS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

Brian and Sandi Thomson-Royer – Mission Co-workers serving in Guatemala
Sandi shared how 12 women participated in a “Sewing Project” where sewing teachers who came from the US to teach these women for three days how to make products they could sell to make money for their families. She also shared that a group came to lead the mission co-workers in a spiritual retreat and then stayed to hear the stories of the women in Guatemala and endeavored to build a personal relationship with them. She also shared that it had been a bad year for both she and Brian as they both lost their Mothers during the year but she states “The love and support we have received from our Guatemalan friends and all of you have kept us lifted up. We thank you deep in our hearts. Read more online at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/sandi-and-brian-thompson-royer/>



Ryan and Alethia White – Mission co-workers serving in Germany with the Iranian Refugees
Ryan writes how important it has been for them to “Accompany the Stranger”. They write “It seems there are new requests every week for help. For apartments, for recommendations, for jobs, for purpose and for presence.” The International Organization for Migration has issued its 2018 World Migration Report and states that global displacement due to violent conflict or natural disasters is at a record high. In other words, there are plenty of people in the world who have left their homes in search of peace, safety work, religious freedom, and stability. Ryan and Alethia plan to be here in the states this summer and we have a tentative date for them to visit us here at FPCE on July 1st. Read more online at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/ryan-and-alethia-white/>

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Dottie Villevik	Todd Morrow	Joan Lyderson
David Baer- Peckham	Teresa Good	Laura Little
Marsha Lueth	Bill Grosse	George Lockeman

Deacons

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Ken Bosman	Sam Capetillo	Judy Kutz
Donna Bosman	Rose Capetillo	Sonya Beardsley
Judy Hutchison	Marilyn Nalbach	Nadine Smith

