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...CALLED BY GOD TO LIVE AS A BLESSING...

Food Drive will Benefit Puyallup Food Bank

BRING NON-PERISHABLE AND TOILETRY ITEMS TO CHURCH THROUGH JUNE 5TH

Puyallup Food Bank has served the community since 1972 when a group of citizens saw a need in the area and did something about it. Since then, the number of volunteers, donations, and families served has consistently grown.

The Food Bank operates with 100 volunteers and two paid staff, and is also a distribution center to 26 local feeding sites. In addition to providing food, they have a pet food bank, a birthday gift program, supply backpacks and school supplies, as well as hygiene items when available. 90% of donated non-perishable food items are received from local food and fund drives. In 2007 over 200 local drives were held.

Through June 5th, when Operations Mgr. Shanna Peterson will speak in Worship, FCC will collect items for the Food Bank. Add to the pile in the foyer and watch it grow! Cash donations may be given in the offering or church office; mark gifts "Food Bank."

Want to learn more? Tour the Food Bank on June 5th after Worship—please sign up in the foyer to help with a headcount for drivers and coordinating items delivery.

See Page 2 to read about another way that FCC Puyallup will support the Puyallup Food Bank!



Field Trip! Tour the Food Bank on June 5th to see how it works & how you can help. Please sign up in the foyer!

The Food Bank **ESPECIALLY** needs:

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| Peanut butter | Canned fruit |
| Canned meat | Canned vegetables |
| Canned soup | Macaroni and cheese |
| Gift cards to local grocery stores for perishable items | |

The Food Bank **WILL** accept:

- Unopened packages of non-perishable food
- Food in undented cans
- Pet food
- Dried food

The Food Bank **WILL NOT** accept:

- Opened packages of food
- Home canned or home preserved foods

The Food Bank accepts **gift cards** for stores such as:

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| Albertsons | Top Foods |
| Fred Meyers | Costco |
| Safeway | |

The Food Bank **could also use:**

- Plastic grocery bags
- Paper grocery bags

Unopened packages of **personal hygiene items:**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Toilet paper | Bars of soap |
| Toothbrushes & paste | Laundry detergent |
| Shampoo | Liquid dishwashing soap |

More detailed lists available at church.

Spring Concert Benefits Food Bank Building Fund

MAY 20TH AT 7:30 PM—PUYALLUP VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

On Friday, May 20th at 7:30 pm, First Christian Church will host the annual Spring concert of the Puyallup Valley Community Band. In its 22nd year, the 40-member band is an all volunteer group comprised primarily of Puyallup valley residents. Directed by Richard Powers, the band performs at community events throughout the region.

Each Spring the band sponsors an Outstanding High School Soloist award and scholarship. This year's winner is Braden Waddell of Graham-Kapowsin High School. Braden will be the featured trumpet soloist on May 20th.

In February Puyallup Valley Community Band began holding its rehearsals in the FCC Puyallup sanctuary on Tuesday evenings. The Spring concert enables the band to give back to the congregation for the use of the building. First Christian is grateful for their support and the proceeds from the night's freewill offering will benefit the Puyallup Food Bank's building fund.

In May, the Food Bank will move into a 2,500 square foot building at its new location at 110 - 23rd Street SE. By purchasing its own building rather than renting space, the Food Bank will spend 49% less on mortgage payments than it currently spends on rent. The Food Bank also plans to build another warehouse on the new site adding 3,000 square feet to its space.

In 2011 the Food Bank served over 600 families per month. Each week the food bank gives out ten tons of food. In the first quarter of this year, it provided 64,476 meals for local residents.

**Mark your calendar and come out on
Friday, May 20th at 7:30 pm
for an outstanding concert by local musicians
and support a great local cause at the same time!
Donations of nonperishable food items
will also be accepted at the evening concert.**



Puyallup Valley Community Band performs at the Washington Soldiers Home in November 2010. Photo taken by Sandy Deneau Dunham.

may birthdays

- 1 Larry Dexter
- 5 Vi Wick
- 6 Katie Peterson
- 11 Alexis Thompson
- 17 Breanna Kosakoski
- 17 Bryan Kosakoski
- 21 Karl Raup
- 22 Doris Turner
- 23 Terry Forslund
- 25 Joy Best
- 30 Tyler Pasola

anniversaries

- 8 Laurie & Cary Stanhope
- 29 Nancy & Pete Freeman
- 29 Barbara & Dennis Schmitten

baptism dates

- May 11, 1975 Barbara Stroud
- May 19, 1968 Bonita Goatz
- May 19, 2002 Robin Crabb
- May 19, 2002 Alanna Duckett
- May 19, 2002 Nicole Fink
- May 19, 2002 Cary Stanhope
- May 19, 2002 Kayla Stanhope
- May 26, 1985 Anastasia Peterson
- May 30, 1982 Roxane Neslund

The Book Club in May

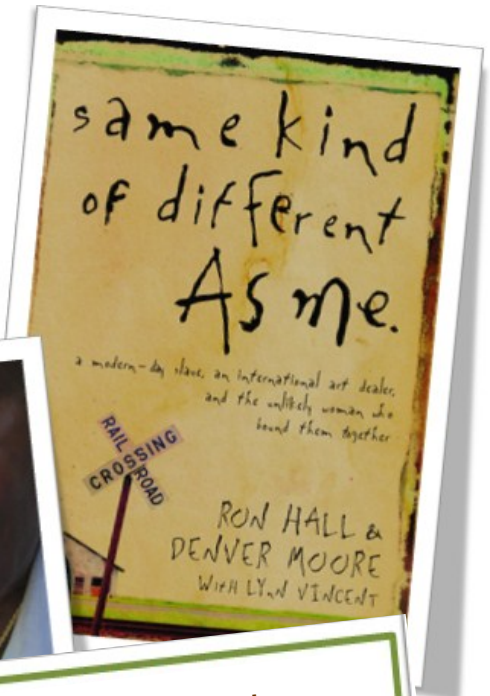
**A MODERN-DAY SLAVE, AN INTERNATIONAL ART DEALER,
AND THE UNLIKELY WOMAN WHO BOUND THEM TOGETHER**

“Meet Denver, a man raised under plantation-style slavery in Louisiana in the 1960s; a man who escaped, hopping a train to wander, homeless, for eighteen years on the streets of Dallas, Texas. No longer a slave, Denver’s life was still hopeless—until God moved. First came a godly woman who prayed, listened, and obeyed. And then came her husband, Ron, an international arts dealer at home in a world of Armani-suited millionaires. And then they all came together.

But slavery takes many forms. Deborah discovers that she has cancer. In the face of possible death, she charges her husband to rescue Denver. Who’ll be saved, and who’ll be lost? What’s the future for these unlikely three? What’s God doing?

Same Kind of Different As Me is the tale of their story: of pain, laughter, doubt and tears. No reader will ever forget it.”

--Amazon.com



Discuss April's read,
The Poisonwood Bible
Tuesday, May 3rd at 7 pm
Sunset Garden—201 - 27th Ave. SE
main entrance of Building C



“The [Old Testament] tithe was a demonstration of obedience, but the voluntary offerings were a demonstration of love, joy, and a heart of worship.”

“Giving does not border on worship. It *is* worship, every bit as much as praying or singing a hymn of praise.”

--Randy Alcorn

fcc giving:

April 3

General Fund*	\$ 916.51
Roger Stroud Memorial.....	\$ 150.00
Lunch with a Friend Snacks Sacks.....	\$ 150.00

April 10

General Fund*	\$2167.00
Roger Stroud Memorial.....	\$ 100.00
Lunch with a Friend Snacks Sacks.....	\$ 20.00

April 17

General Fund*	\$1986.00
Roger Stroud Memorial.....	\$ 100.00
Disciples Easter Offering	\$ 6.00

April 24

General Fund*	\$1863.00
Disciples Easter Offering	\$ 251.00
Maundy Thursday Offering (to FCC Homeless Ministries).....	\$ 14.97

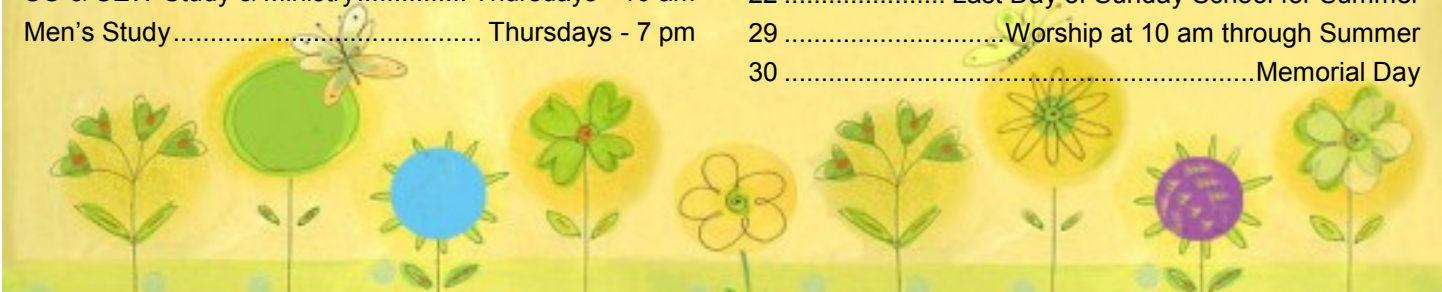
*To meet 2011's General Offering budgeted income, weekly General Fund giving must average \$1,346.15.

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life of the church in may

Studies for all ages Sundays - 9:45 am
Service of Worship Sundays - 11 am
Puyallup Community Band rehearsal Tuesdays pm
Cub Scout Meeting Tuesdays pm
Women's Study (BRB)..... Wednesdays - 10 am
SO & SEW Study & Ministry..... Thursdays - 10 am
Men's Study Thursdays - 7 pm

1 Diaconate Meeting at Crockett's - 12:30 pm
3 Book Club Meeting - 7 pm
5 Missional Council Meeting - 6 pm
8 Mothers Day
18 Elders Meeting at Thom Crabb's home - 6 pm
20 Puyallup Community Band Concert - 7:30 pm
21 Lunch with a Friend - 10 am
22 Last Day of Sunday School for Summer
29 Worship at 10 am through Summer
30 Memorial Day



Summer Schedule: Coming Right Up!

The last day for Sunday School until after the Fair in September will be May 22nd. To adjust for the extra hour in the morning, the Sunday Worship schedule shifts to an hour earlier, beginning at 10 am on May 29th.

Be sure to continue attending and giving through summer... some of the most exciting things at FCC happen during summer!