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life of the church

July's Mission..... Stocking Up 4 Freezing Nights
 Summer WorshipSundays - 10 am
June 10 - July 19All-Church Bible Study
 4Independence Day
 10, 11 ... 55 Alive AARP Driving Class - 10:30-2:30 pm
 17Elders & Diaconate Meeting - 6:30 pm
 18PaTH Coordinating Team - 6:30 pm
 19 PaTH Vision Panel - 6:30 pm
21 PaTH Vision Retreat - 9:30 am-3 pm
 21 Lunch with a Friend - Peace Lutheran - 10 am
 21-25DoC General Assembly, Ft. Worth, TX
 August's MissionFighting Hunger Food Drive

gwinwood camp dates
 Kids (2nd-3rd)July 9-12
 Junior (4th-6th).....Aug. 20-25
 Chi-Rho (7th-9th) July 30-Aug. 4
 CYF (10th-12th; grads).....Aug. 13-18

parking lot sale coming soon
 Have something worth selling? Love hunting for treasure? An August parking lot sale is in the works. Contact Dave Patterson or Ken Forslund to reserve a table or lend a hand.

a look ahead

fighting hunger: a week in mission
AUGUST 12-18

An intergenerational alternative to traditional vacation Bible school, this weeklong event will provide a wealth of opportunities for persons of all ages. The week in mission will focus on hunger as a problem with solutions we can all contribute to.

when I was hungry you fed me

The week will be full of activities and projects that focus on fighting hunger. Come to one or come to all! Tell a friend! Join us as we spend a week fighting hunger together in big and small ways. Look and listen for more information soon.

july birthdays

1Joy Clark	13.....Katie McCord
2Ben Johnson	17.....Betty Caley
3Kayla Stanhope	21.....Ed Markum
4Kenneth Romjue	22.....Loni Markum
6Greg Johnson	22.....Peggy Miles
11Allysha Clark	25.....Linda Fisher
12.....Nancy Freeman	26.....Sharon Yanasak
13Ken Maas	30.....Dot Smith
13Payden Stumpf	31.....Kris Goatz

& anniversaries

1 Darelee & Harold Phillips
8 Eunice & Sherman Squires
8 Sharon & Kerry Yanasak
9 Nancy & Greg Johnson
16 Lois & Earl Pfeffer
26 Ginny & Fred Docker
31 Anastasia & Dave Patterson

For updates to these events and much more, visit our website at www.FCCPuyallup.com



Stocking up for winter months. July's mission is *Freezing Nights Supplies*3



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Sign, Foretaste, Instrument: Discerning God's Vision for the Church: a Vision Retreat1

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First Christian Chimes

A WELCOMING, COMPASSIONATE, SPIRIT-LED PEOPLE OF FAITH SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

discerning God's vision: a vision retreat JULY 21 - 9:30-3 PM

In homes, coffee shops, small groups and worship we're joining in study to *Discern God's Vision for the Church*. The Bible study - which you may still join or take home - is helping us consider the nature and purpose of the church and what it means for us to be a *sign, foretaste* and *instrument* of God's kingdom.

•SIGN - Drawing on the biblical image of the *people of God*, the church is a called community from which the reign of God shines forth as a "light to the nations."

•FORETASTE - Set free by the forgiving love of God and continually empowered by the Holy Spirit, the church is (or can be) an early taste of God's vision for all humanity.

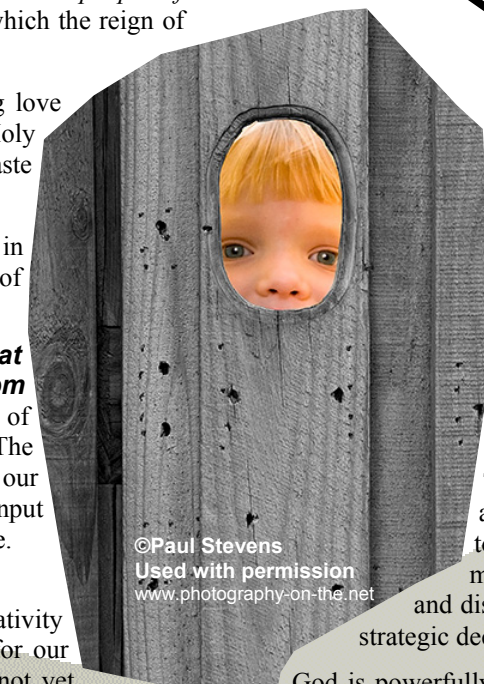
•INSTRUMENT - As the body of Christ in the world the church is God's primary agent of healing, forgiveness and transformation.

The study will segue into a Vision Retreat on Saturday, July 21st from 9:30 am-3 pm (9 am breakfast & lunch provided). All friends of FCC Puyallup are encouraged to participate. The Retreat is the very *heart* of the PaTH process our congregation has pledged to partake in; your input now will shape the vision of our church's future.

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT VISION?

A Vision Retreat will enable us to pool our creativity and ideas and to discover a common vision for our church. *Vision* is a concept dreamed of but not yet accomplished; it's what we gaze at in our future; what we work towards and hope to be. When we do this in keeping with *God's* vision for us as the church, our future really looks bright.

we are here



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PATH PHASES (PRATICING AND TEACHING HOPE)

1. Getting Ready for the Journey
2. Developing a Common View of Reality
3. Discerning God's Call/Vision for the Church
4. Designing Congregational Life and Witness
5. Living into a Missional Future

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

The nature of being the church - a called community of believers - and today's rapid pace of change requires more, not less, face-to-face prayer, study and discussion to make faithful and intelligent strategic decisions about the future of the church.

God is powerfully at work in our midst. Believing this, we must take seriously the need to discern anew God's call and purposes for the church in today's world and our specific circumstances. Join us! Bring your dreams and visions!

visit us at www.FCCPuyallup.com

a word from our interim pastor

Thank you for your warm welcome and gracious hospitality as you received me to be your Sabbatical Interim during these summer months. I commend you on your support of Pastor Nancy during this sabbatical leave. I am impressed with her plans for using this time away and know that she will bring home new information and inspiration to share with all of you.

In the meantime we carry on with worship, study, fellowship and service, always seeking to deepen our relationship with God and with one another. May we all be supportive of one another with our prayers and the activities during our summer life together. First Christian Church in Puyallup is blessed with many capable and dedicated disciples and I see you living out your faith in many ways through the congregation and in the community. Take these summer days to relax and feed your spirits and lives with moments of quiet reflection and moments of fun and play.

I will be in Puyallup on Sundays and Tuesdays, please feel free to call on me. You can reach me through Bunnie at the church office or my cell phone 360-551-6033. My email is rodjanice@msn.com.

Blessings,
Rod

Many thanks to everyone who loaned kites for Pentecost Sunday. Through these fluid, active, moving symbols the Holy Spirit was truly alive in our midst. What a fitting way to conclude our church community's study of the book of Acts, and to invoke God's presence into our church life as we sent Pastor Nancy on her renewal leave with our blessings.



welcome '07-08 officers

At June's congregational meeting the following slate of officers was approved. Many thanks to the prayerful work of the Nominating Team and the dedicated members who accepted this calling.

- Executive Committee -
(consists of Elders Chair, Vice Chair, 1 Trustee)
was Congregational Chair..... Bonita Goatz (1)
Bonnie Goddard (1)
Peggy Stack (1)
- Vice Chair Bonnie Goddard (2)
- Treasurer Sharon Yanasak (1)
- Financial Manager Bob Crabb (3)
- Financial Secretary Karl Raup (1)
- Elders..... Bonita Goatz (3)
Terry Forslund (2)
John Pasola (2)
Laurie Stanhope (2)
Anastasia Patterson (1)
- Diaconate..... Karrie Cheek (3)
Kelli Goatz (3)
Markay Archer (2)
Phyllis Snyder (2)
Joyce Wolff (2)
Tina Blevins (1)
Ercie Borrowman (1)
Joy Clark (1)
Mike Kupfer (1)
Virginia Thompson (1)
- (#) = years remaining in term

Say a Sabbatical Prayer
Lift up in your prayers our pastor,
her family and their safe travels;
our interim pastor; and our congregation's
members, leaders, officers and committees.



The Travel Gnome enjoys a meal of bangers and mash (sausage and potatoes) and a pint of Old Speckled Hen (ale) at The Eagle Pub in Cambridge, England. Oh, Pastor Nancy, too!

stocking up: july's mission

"The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends. He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy."

~Proverbs 14:20-21

Last winter our congregation resolved to join an innovative Puyallup ministry called Freezing Nights. Each time temperatures dropped below 35°, a nearby church would offer persons with nowhere else to go a warm place to sleep and three meals (snack or dinner, breakfast, and a sack lunch to go).

From November through March, local churches hosted Freezing Nights on a rotation basis and housed and fed from five to 19 guests a night. For our July mission emphasis we'll give the seasonal ministry a head start as we stock up on some of the most needed items.

Last year a dedicated partnership of volunteers from our congregation drove, donated, cooked, set up, cleaned up and stayed up to help the program succeed. They lived out the core Christian values of hospitality, servanthood, compassion and acceptance while forming lasting friendships with guests.

"Last winter was a real learning experience. Getting to know our guests I learned how really nice and friendly most of these people are," said FCC Puyallup Freezing Nights coordinator Dave Patterson.



Homeless in America, photograph by Tipper Gore

"Just because they are homeless doesn't mean that they don't have a heart. They watch out for each other and have their own community of sorts. Most of these people are fun to be with, and I did make some friends. The hours were long, but the reward of knowing that the guests had a warm place to stay and a couple of hot meals made it all worthwhile," said Dave. "It's a worthwhile experience for anybody that can help. Many lives are touched here, and from some of the stories that I have heard, any one of us is just one bad day from being in their shoes."

Be a part of this ministry's success again this year as we store up for winter. Give generously!

- non-perishable food items
- paper products: plates, napkins, cups
- plasticware: forks, knives, spoons
- hot cups (paper, please)
- hot chocolate mix
- disposable hand warmers
- pancake mix
- bottled water
- large, family sized cans of soup
- Safeway gift cards (for our use)
- small juices for sack lunches
- paper lunch sacks
- sandwich bags
- paper bowls (or plastic, for soup)
- decaffeinated coffee and tea

Next month: Fighting Hunger Food Drive

on foreign soil

Reach out to Sara Pasola by letter or e-mail:

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Prayers gratefully accepted as well!

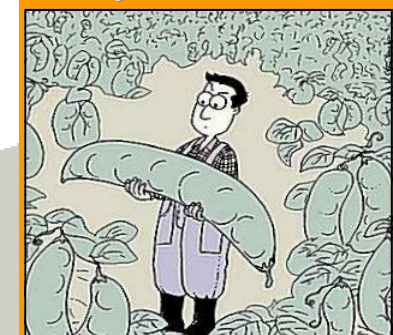


Sara proudly accepts her promotion to Petty Officer 3rd Class E4.

plant-feed-grow

What began as a Sunday School pea planting project has turned into a shared experience for our church.

Thanks to Jeanne Crabb for teaching the kids the lesson of God's sustainable abundance and sharing the bounty with the rest of us!



God thought Bob's prayer was for worldwide peas.