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First Christian *Chimes*

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

the perfect fit: a roomy, comfy, casual summer Bible study **JUNE 10 - JULY 19**



This summer's four-session congregation-wide Bible study is truly "one size fits all." The study will be held at a variety of times and places and may also easily be adapted for home use. Find the gathering of your choice on the list in the foyer and attend the best fit for you each week!

Each session contains easy yet thought provoking readings and discussion questions which make for lively dialogue and great opportunities to share with and learn from those who study along with us. *Sign, Foretaste, Instrument: Discerning God's Vision for the Church* will take us through an insightful tour of "visioning" and culminate with a **PaTH Vision Retreat on July 20 - 21.**

DISCERNING GOD'S VISION FOR THE CHURCH

When we gather for Bible study and to seek God's vision, there are a few important things we should keep in mind:

1. The church exists because of God's initiative, not ours.
2. The church has a unique mission to be a sign, a foretaste and an instrument of the coming reign of God. Each congregation is to embody in its life and ministry what it means to live within the reign of God.
3. The church does not invent its own vision of the future, but must discern and express God's vision, which sets our agenda, direction and priorities.

a time of caring & growth

A Sabbatical Leave is a partnership between minister and congregation. Pastor Nancy's time of renewal and growth is our chance to grow as well! By heeding what Nancy has taught us and using the gifts God has given us, we're becoming a stronger, more vital witness to God's love in Jesus Christ. One way to be faithful to that quality in Nancy's absence is for each of us to intentionally seek opportunities to take part in our ministries and mission.

To guide us through this opportunity will be Pastor Rod Smith. At First Christian Church, we're known for our genuine and welcoming hospitality. Introduce yourself to Pastor Rod and let's embrace him into our fold.

Pastor Rod will be in Puyallup on Sundays and Tuesdays and available for pastoral concerns throughout the week. Contact the church office for more information.

Please keep in prayer our pastor and family; their safe travels and return; our interim pastor; and our community's members, leaders, committees and ministries.

4. The God who's always "doing a new thing" (Is. 43:19) calls the church to renew itself in each new generation to meet changing historical and social circumstances.
5. Discerning God's vision is central to the life and ministry of the church and must be ongoing if the church is to be faithful in this changing world.

The process of discernment involves the Christian community in praying, studying, reflecting, imagining, discussing and planning together. As a resource for communal discernment, this study will focus upon the theme of the reign of God as an expression of God's vision for the church's mission in the world.

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making memories: june's mission

Summer camp nurtures self esteem, healthy independence, and a love of the outdoors. It broadens social skills and can tap a child's resources never before called upon. Children learn to get along with new types of people and create long term relationships and lasting life skills.

Support Coins for Camp and change a life! Drop some spare change in the jars in the foyer and send a youth to Gwinwood Camp this summer!



life of the church

- June's Mission COINS FOR CAMP
- 3..... **Summer Worship Schedule - 10 am**
- June 10 - July 19..... All-Church Bible Study**
- 6..... PaTH Coord. Team - 6:30 pm
- 7..... PaTH Vision Panel - 6:30 pm
- 10..... Congregational Mtg. after Worship
- 10..... Board Training after Cong. Mtg.
- 12..... Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 16..... Lunch with a Friend - 10 am
- 16..... All-Church Potluck & BBQ - 4 pm
- 17..... Fathers Day
- 21..... First Day of Summer
- 20..... PaTH Coord. Team - 6:30 pm
- 21..... PaTH Vision Panel - 6:30 pm
- July's Mission FOOD DRIVE
- July 20, 21 PaTH Vision Retreat**

june birthdays

- 1Cathy Hansen
- 5John Schmidt
- 10 Pat Todd
- 10 Ron O'Gwin
- 17Debbie Dimond
- 18Deleena Patton

- 19.....Pete Freeman
- 21 Kevin Dimond
- 21Jennifer Valliere
- 27 Ron Goddard
- 29 Linda O'Gwin

& anniversaries

- 5 Peggy & Del Stack
- 7 Luetta & Wolfram Patton
- 7 Anita & Ben Smith
- 21 Terry & Ken Forslund
- 22 Shawn & John Pasola
- 26 Joy & Dick Best

gwinwood camp dates

- Kids (Grades 2-3) July 9-12
- Junior (Grades 4-6) Aug. 20-25

- Chi-Rho (Grades 7-9).....July 30-Aug. 4
- CYF (Grades 10-12; grads).....Aug. 13-18