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# First Christian *Chimes*

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

## Make me a servant—Nominating Team gets to work

CONSIDER YOUR PLACE IN SERVANT LEADERSHIP AT FCC PUYALLUP

At the March FCC Council meeting, the Council—consisting of representative members of the Mission, Stewardship, and Disciple Formation ministry areas, an Elder, a Trustee, a Congregant-at-Large, and the Pastor—combined efforts to form the 2013 Nominating Team. The one-season team will consist of Robin Crabb, Ray Smith, Barbara Stroud, and Pastor Nancy.

The first work of the Nominating Team is to review upcoming leadership openings for the term year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Nomination deliberations typically begin with the reading of scripture, sharing of thanks for the plentiful richness of the membership of FCC, and prayerful consideration of the gifts of the congregation.

As the team begins to assemble a list of potential candidates, God's Holy Spirit is invoked to guide them as names are lifted up of folks who might complement the openings with their skills, interests, and talents. Once a list is in hand, team members approach each candidate, explaining in detail requirements of both time and task, and inviting them to serve in the role that fits them.

Prayers are invited as the Nominating Team begins its vital mission. The formation of new leaders and support of longtime servants are key items in the Guiding Vision of FCC Puyallup. *(Read the vision of FCC congregants at [www.fccpuyallup.com/guiding-vision](http://www.fccpuyallup.com/guiding-vision).)*

Please consider whether any of the positions of servant leadership might be of interest to you, and speak with a Nominating Team member to get more information.

**MAKE ME A  
SERVANT**

**Current leadership opportunities include:**

- + Elder (2)
- + Diaconate (1)
- + Trustee (1)
- + Financial Recording Secretary (1)

# Make a difference on Earth Day

+ Play in the dirt. Plant trees, flowers, vegetables, anything live and growing. Native plants to our area reduce the amount of water needed to keep the plants healthy and hydrated. Trees help to clean the air, home-grown foods are healthy and fresher, and flowers make the world even more beautiful!

+ Picky picky picky. Carry a trash bag with you on Earth Day. When you see litter, pick it up. Do it in a public place so others will see you making a difference and perhaps follow your lead. Before you begin, make a goal of how many pieces of garbage you will pick up and dispose of properly—be intentional.

+ Stay close. Until your own home garden takes off, consider purchasing in-season fruits and vegetables from local stands and farmers markets (the Puyallup Farmers Market opens April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm at Pioneer Park in the heart of downtown). Support local businesses and “ma-n-pa” shops. Staying close stimulates the local economy and cuts down on fuel needed to transport items from faraway places.

+ Walk it off. Instead of jumping in the car for one item, think about whether you might be able to consolidate trips or carpool. Walking, bicycling, skateboarding, or scooter-ing make stronger bodies and lend opportunities to observe the beauty of the outdoors while lowering fuel consumption.



+ Do-over! Many of us are staunch recyclers, reusing or refusing items from materials to be around forevermore. Be conscious of purchases—choose packaging that can be recycled or reused. Keep landfills clear of things that never disappear. Upcycling (making new things from old) has also become popular. Get crafty!

**Celebrate Earth. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day.**

## Book Club reads doctor's own story of near death

*PROOF OF HEAVEN: A NEUROSURGEON'S JOURNEY INTO THE AFTERLIFE* BY EBEN ALEXANDER, M. D.

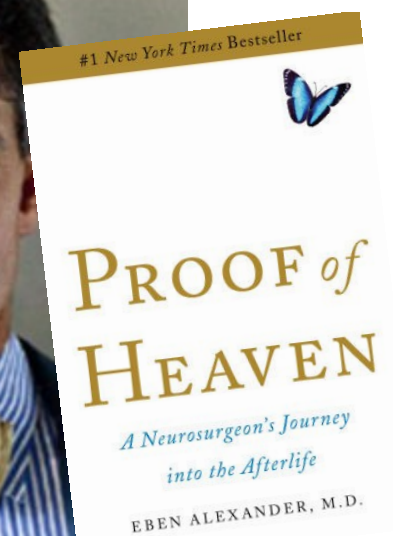
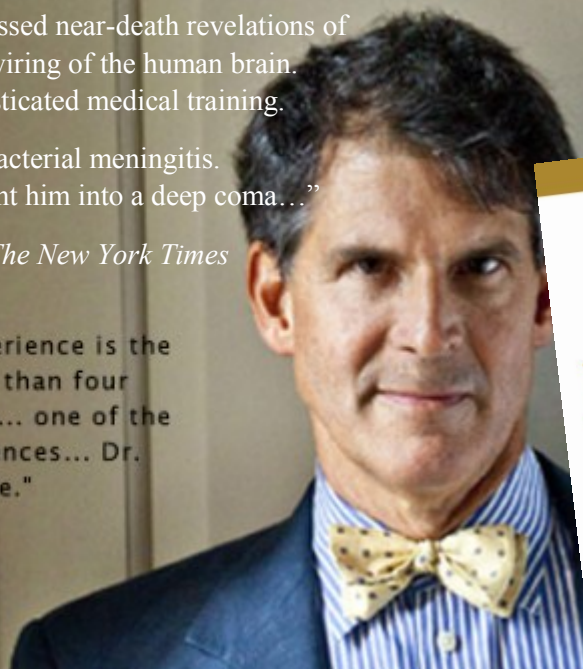
"For years Dr. Eben Alexander III had dismissed near-death revelations of God and heaven as explainable by the hard wiring of the human brain. He was, after all, a neurosurgeon with sophisticated medical training.

But then in 2008 Dr. Alexander contracted bacterial meningitis. The deadly infection soaked his brain and sent him into a deep coma..."

—*The New York Times*

"Dr. Eben Alexander's near-death experience is the most astounding I have heard in more than four decades of studying this phenomenon... one of the crown jewels of all near-death experiences... Dr. Alexander is living proof of an afterlife."

Raymond Moody, MD, PhD



Discussion on March's book, *Lion in the White House*, will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Kerry Yanasak, 2017 - 7th St. SW, Puyallup.



# April birthdays

- 1..... John Pasola
- 2..... Jayne Isch
- 4..... Colleen Larsen
- 7..... Bonita Goatz
- 7..... Eunice Squires
- 8..... Bunnie Stanton
- 8..... Derek Valliere
- 10..... Anastasia Peterson
- 12..... Chris Yanasak
- 17..... Mary Beth Baker
- 20..... Markay Archer
- 27..... Timothy Raup
- 28..... Mike Cheek

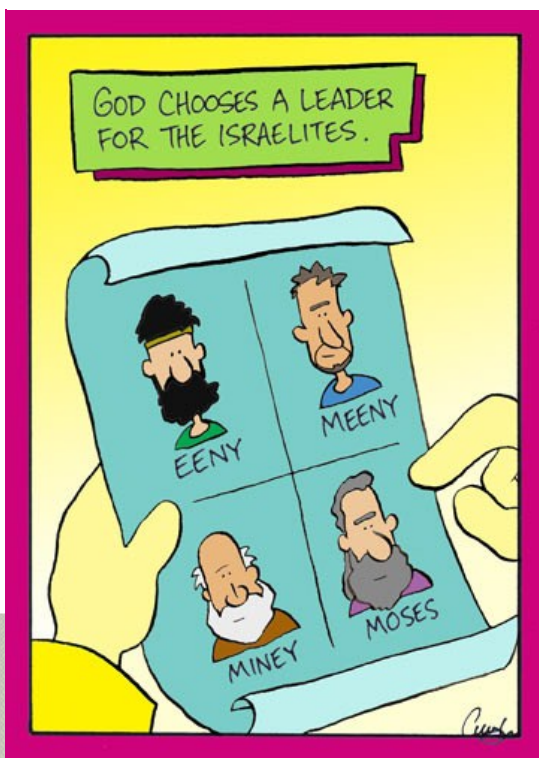
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03/03	General Fund .....	\$1300.00
	Homeless Ministries .....	\$1574.00
03/10	General Fund .....	\$ 923.00
	Homeless Ministries .....	\$ 114.78
03/17	General Fund .....	\$1369.00
	Homeless Ministries .....	\$ 70.70
03/24	General Fund .....	\$ 885.00
	Easter Offering.....	\$ 205.00

\*To meet 2013's budgeted General Offering income, weekly General Fund giving must average \$1538.46.

# Anniversaries

**Hallway Painters Needed--Project starts Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am**  
 Length of project is dependent on how many volunteers sign up  
 & number of coats needed! See Property Chair Nancy Freeman for info.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>  
 IS HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY!**



# Remember your baptism

- 4..... MD & David Cieszynski
- April 2, 1961 ..... Linda O'Gwin
- April 3, 2010 ..... Ben Johnson
- April 5, 1998 ..... Elliot Forslund
- April 5, 1953 ..... Markay Archer
- April 6, 1947 ..... Bob Crabb
- April 6, 1947 ..... Herb Crabtree
- April 8, 1990 ..... Bryan Forslund
- April 8, 1990 ..... Sean Forslund
- April 8, 1990 ..... Terry Forslund
- April 11, 1976 ..... Mike Kupfer
- April 12, 1992 ..... Kelli Kays
- April 14, 1985 ..... Amy Doering
- April 16, 1995 ..... Kris Goatz
- April 17, 1977 ..... Frank Archer
- April 18, 1982 ..... Karrie Cheek
- April 18, 1982 ..... Tony Fink
- April 21, 1940 ..... Pete Freeman
- April 27, 1969 ..... Colleen O'Brien



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*Return Service Requested*

## Life of the Church in April

Sunday Studies..... 9:45 am  
 Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
 Puyallup Community Band rehearsals ..... Tuesday - 5 pm  
 Women’s Study (BRB)..... Wednesdays - 10 am  
 Men’s Study ..... Thursdays - 7 pm

1 ..... April Fool’s Day  
 1 ..... Hallway painting project begins - 9 am  
 1 ..... Parlor reserved - noon  
 2 ..... Sanctuary reserved - 9:30 am-2 pm  
 2 ..... Book Club Discussion - 7 pm  
       *Kerry Yanasak’s home, 2107 - 7th St. SW*  
 7 ..... Holy Humor Sunday  
 10 ..... Stewardship Team planning meeting - 11:30 am

April showers  
bring May flowers!

15 ..... Tax Day  
 18 ..... Council reports due  
 20 ..... Lunch with a Friend - 10 am  
       *Peace Lutheran Church, 214 E Pioneer*  
 22 ..... Earth Day  
 23 ..... Elders Meeting, *Connie Robey’s home* - 6 pm  
 25 ..... Council Meeting - 6 pm

## General Assembly 2013 - Orlando, Florida

**JULY 13-17, 2013—“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”**

In July, Orlando, Florida will play host to the 2013 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly, “Lord Teach Us To Pray.” In a welcome message from General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins, she wrote, “Our energy for mission comes from the Spirit of God. We are fueled for our mission by a life of communicating with God through prayer. The 2013 General Assembly theme, “Lord, Teach Us to Pray,” calls us to pray deeply for God’s direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God.”

