



# join us for a week in mission - AUGUST 12 - 19

## fighting hunger armed with education & action

Look for updates and schedule confirmation in Sunday bulletins & website calendar

### Sunday, August 12

- 10 am - We'll launch the Week in Mission in Worship
- An outdoor labyrinth will be open all week long - come walk and pray for those who hunger - and for opportunities to do something about it.

### Monday, August 13

- 3-7 pm - Papier mâché bowls; all supplies provided. Drop in and create a bowl to symbolize our concern for those who don't have enough to fill their own. Bowls will be used at hunger events all week long.

### Tuesday, August 14 (time to be determined)

- Bake bread for the Board Meeting communion (8/14 at 7 pm); Lunch with a Friend (8/18); Sunday worship communion (8/19); take home extra bread.

### Wednesday, August 15

- AM Prayer Walk (10 am) - meet at FCC Puyallup
- 3 - 7 pm: Paint the bowls we made on Monday!
- PM Prayer Walk (7 pm) - meet at FCC Puyallup

### Thursday, August 16

- AM Blueberry Picking (10 am) at Squires Farm
- PM Blueberry Picking (6 pm) at Squires Farm
- Berries will be used for Lunch with a Friend and the Sunday Empty Bowl Meal; take home extra berries.

### Friday, August 17 (time to be determined)

- Help prepare dishes for Lunch with a Friend and dessert for the Sunday "Empty Bowls Meal."

### Saturday, August 18

- 10 am - Join us to serve a home cooked meal to the hungry at Lunch with a Friend (Peace Lutheran at 214 East Pioneer). We'll sit, chat, eat and pray with guests - we'll need some folks to just sit and chat!

### Sunday, August 19

- Share communion in Worship with homemade bread
- **Empty Bowls Meal** - following Worship - Reserve a meal now: \$10/meal, \$25/family buys lunch and a handmade bowl. Proceeds will go to F.I.S.H. Food Bank and Bread for the World ([www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)).

### Faith in Action Ideas:

- Invite someone with whom you would normally be unlikely to connect to share a meal with you.
- Realizing how much we have, vow to give up for the week something you take for granted (coffee, fast food, lattes, dinner out) and donate any money saved to a hunger organization.
- Take a small step in your community. Visit Lunch With a Friend, our outreach service to the hungry on August 18th (10 am at Peace Lutheran - 214 East Pioneer). Get to know the people you meet there.
- Bread for the World is a Christian citizens' movement seeking justice for the world's hungry by lobbying decision makers. Get a handout in the foyer or visit [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org) to read about pending legislation and write a letter.
- Know someone who works with the hungry in some way? Send a note of appreciation this week.
- If Americans reduced their meat consumption by only 10% for a year, it would free 12 million tons of grain for human consumption.
- Support the growers and harvesters: switch to fair trade coffee and tea. For information, visit Equal Exchange at [www.equalexchange.com](http://www.equalexchange.com).

**"if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday"**  
-Isaiah 58:10



## the thing about hunger: august's mission

Since Fall 2004 our "monthly missions" have become second nature to the FCC Puyallup community, and our capacity to respond to the many needs in our world has blossomed. The Outreach Team works hard to design a variety of opportunities for us to make a difference, and yet, because hunger is an issue that doesn't go away, this month we'll try to replicate our second ever monthly mission, when we collected more than 285 **nonperishable food items for a local food bank.**

Since that November almost three years ago we've supported Pierce County Hunger Walks in October, canvassed the neighborhood for canned food during November, and provided holiday food baskets for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. But... hunger doesn't take the summer off.

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**THE THING ABOUT HUNGER: NO SUMMER VACATION**  
Get the facts and help fight hunger this summer!

- Each month in Pierce County more than 140,000 persons seek help finding food (42% are children under 19 and 10% are seniors over 65).
- 43% are families with *at least* one working adult.
- 98% fall below the national poverty line.
- Washington has had one of the top five highest hunger rates in the country for the past 10 years.
- The number of people seeking food assistance in Pierce County in 2004 rose 26% over 2003. (Lakewood +39%, Tacoma +28%, other +19%)
- In 2005, 780,569 persons received 8,353,966 meals at Pierce County food banks. Another 923,410 sit-down meals were provided by local hot meal sites.

Source: [www.efoodnet.org](http://www.efoodnet.org)

## from our interim pastor

Can you believe we're halfway through summer? I must be having too much fun. Two months of Pastor Nancy's sabbatical is complete and she is now vacationing with her family. Take a look at the pictures in the album in the foyer; Nancy has kept us up to date on her adventures.

I really enjoy planning Worship with Tasha Parker and Robin Crabb, plus the participation of other members in the various elements of the services. Worship is a communal experience and having different persons share leadership gives it that larger sense that we're doing this together. This is a good thing; if you haven't taken a turn and want to, please let someone know you'd like to serve.

Compliments to those who planned and led the recent Vision Retreat. For me the event promoted a deeper sense of community and sharing as we considered the nature of God's call to the church and how this congregation has participated in seeking to express and be God's love and justice in this community. You are well on the Path to seeking God's vision for you in this time and place.

Coming up, don't overlook *Week of Mission*. There are learning and serving opportunities planned for every age.

Try one of our Sundays! Blessings, Rod

## PaTH vision retreat

### WARNING: SPIRIT AT WORK!

Once the work of study and preparation for the Vision Retreat was complete, the Path Teams could only pray that participation and involvement from the rest of the congregation would be good. *It was.* 33 friends of FCC Puyallup joined to discern a vision - shared with God and driven by the Spirit - for our congregation in the world.

Over the course of five hours of worshipful work - including intentional prayer, community building, small group conversations, a town meeting forum, agape and communion meals symbolizing joyful servanthood, and hymns of transformation and vision - the FCC Puyallup community made great strides in the journey they've committed to.

The input gathered from all who attended will be used by the PaTH Vision Team, partnered with the Holy Spirit, to craft a Guiding Vision for our congregation. Listen for more information as that process unfolds.

Thanks to the many hands that worked together to make the Vision Retreat a great success!