

HIGHLIGHTS



First Presbyterian Church - Port Angeles, WA

Happy New Year! As we begin 2018 together I want to give you an update on where we are in this interim period between Pastor Ted retiring and your calling a new Pastor. In short: we are exactly where we need to be! So far we have accomplished quite a lot! Since I happily joined your ministry here in Port Angeles I've kept in close contact with our Presbytery and you will be pleased to know that our Executive Presbyter, Cory Schlosser-Hall, along with our Committee on Ministry (COM) Co-Chair Amy Delaney, and COM liaison, David Eekhoff, as well as our own Transitional Ministry Team (TMT) who I continue to meet with regularly. We all agree that we are exactly where we need to be in this process.

From the beginning, we planned for this to be about a two year transitional process. There are many changes, both overt and subtle that happen for a congregation after a long term (37 years!!) and much loved Pastor retires. Just having a me in the pulpit, in the office, at your hospital bedside, and generally around is a huge change. To hurry the process is a shortcut that in the long run endangers the "success" of the next Pastor.

In light of that we've been careful not to hurry, or to be too slow in this transitional time. We are learning together how to welcome change, how to adapt to new ways of doing things, and to new perspectives. This is not simply a time of pressing the pause button until the new Pastor is hired. We're actually doing very important work as a congregation becoming stronger, more adaptable, and sure of our mission and ministry. Working with such a mature and spiritually dynamic congregation is a pleasure. My hat's off to you and I look forward to continuing this transitional journey with you! As we go forward here's an abbreviated look at what's ahead in terms of calling a new pastor:

1. We've just completed one of the major milestones, the Mission Study. The Mission Study Team will distribute and make a report of it to you on January 7th following each worship services.
2. The Nominating Committee (NC) is in the process of selecting candidates to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). They've appreciated names you've submitted and are prayerfully discerning who to bring forward for election.

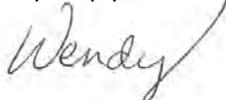
3. The NC hopes to have 7 names to bring to you for election at our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28th. Nominations can also be made from the floor at that meeting.
4. At that meeting (following one 10am service), I will also explain the Presbyterian process for calling a Pastor and will welcome questions from you about it! For many this will be the first time going through this process and it can be a bit confusing. So please come ready to learn and help clarify with your questions!
5. Once the PNC is elected our Presbytery steps in to assist. Cory and David will train the PNC and help them get started. To begin with, the PNC will meet weekly.
6. The PNC will write our Ministry Information Form (MIF) utilizing the Mission Study. The MIF describes us and our mission, and for pastors looking for a church to serve. The MIF gets posted on the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website.
7. Pastors seeking a call go to the CLC to learn about openings and will read our MIF. If interested they will submit their Pastor Information Form (PIF/a pastor resume) to us.
8. Our PNC reviews PIF's, conducts interviews with the support of our COM liaison David.
9. The PNC selects final candidates to interview further and then a finalist.
10. The PNC brings the finalist to the congregation for election.
11. If elected COM confirms the call, the PNC is disbanded.
12. An Installation service is planned for the new Pastor.

There are quite a few steps along the way, but they're predictable and well planned out steps with lot's of guidance provided. Once the PNC is formed, they focus on the task at hand, give themselves wholeheartedly to the Spirit for discernment, and will report to us monthly in Highlights.

In the meantime we will carry on with the mission and ministries of our church! We will allow the Spirit to shape us more & more into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we continue this journey together please know that my door is always open to you! If you have questions or concerns please come and speak with me or to someone on our Transitional Ministry Team (Rainy Birch, Todd Haworth, Carrie Cobb, Rosalie Doty or Chuck Whitney).

Joyfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Pastor Wendy".

Pastor Wendy



The Session met Monday, December 2017 and took the following actions:

- ◆ Reviewed and accepted the Financial Report through November 2017.
- ◆ Welcomed new Elder, Bruce Emory
- ◆ Approved, with regret, the resignation of Gary McRoberts as a member of Session.
- ◆ Set the number of members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) at 7 committee members will be elected at the Annual Congregational meeting on January 28, 2018. There will be a single service at 10AM, followed by the Annual Meeting, and a lunch. It was recommended that Christian Education classes be held from 9AM to 9:45AM that morning.
- ◆ Approved the request from Marilyn Mattie to transfer her membership to the First Presbyterian Church in Socorro, New Mexico.
- ◆ Approved Pastor Wendy's vacation from December 26, 2017 to January 2, 2018.
- ◆ Approved Paul Mattson to serve as pulpit supply on December 31.
- ◆ There will be a Session Retreat in January to finish work on the Church's Organizational Manual

The next Session meeting will be Monday, January 15 at 7PM.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28th at 11:00 a.m.



It has been an exciting year here at First Presbyterian Church. While important changes are on the horizon, 2018 promises to be an exciting one. Be in the know by joining us for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to review 2017, elect members to the Pastor Nominating Committee, and some business matters. Please plan on attending. There will be just one service at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will follow worship service then we will have lunch. This is Christ's Church but each of us is essential to its health, vitality, and future. See you then.

ANNA'S EPISTLE, JANUARY 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we usher in the New Year I have been pondering how First Presbyterian Church can reach its full potential as a vibrant, alive, worshipping part of the Body of Christ.

The first priority I find in reading the Bible is that we are called to worship. God is at the center. We are Christ's body and He is in charge. I also find that we are called to serve one another and the world outside our doorstep. So that leaves me with some questions: What does it mean to "be called" and to "minister"? What does God want me to do as one individual? What does He need? How can I serve my church family? What can I do beyond warming a pew on Sunday morning? How can I help to make 1st Pres. vibrant, welcoming, and alive?

"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, **let us use them**". Romans 12:4-6a.

"For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body is it therefore not? If the ear should say, Because I am not an eye, is it therefore not?' If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing?.....But indeed there are many members yet one body". I Corinthians 12: 14-20.

There are some needs in our church that are going unmet. You need to know that you are needed to serve as a member of our local body. Right now the need is critical for sound technicians and power point operators. They are unseen, but so very important to the success of our worship. We often have vacancies for coffee hour providers. The nursery needs helpers, Sunday School teachers are usually in short supply, ushers, worship team members. I could go on, but you get the picture.

Pray. That is the first priority. Trust God will speak to your heart, He will teach you to listen.

It truly takes all of us working together to give what God would have us do to make 1st Pres. the vital, vibrant, and dynamic fellowship that glorifies God in Christ Jesus.

Blessings, Anna

MISSION STUDY REPORT JANUARY 7, 2018

9:45 am and 12:10 pm

In the past months, as part of our effort to prepare for the call of a newly installed head pastor, the Mission Study Committee sent out an initial survey followed up by three Mission Study Gatherings of facilitated group conversations with congregational members. We have finished a demographic report and sought input through a short community survey and individual conversations with community members. We asked people to share and discuss their faith journey and help illuminate who we are as a church and express who we want to be for our Mission Study Report. All of these efforts have been met with thoughtful response; thank you for your help! We eagerly look forward to delivering our report on January 7 after each of the morning services. We hope our findings will be concise, insightful, and usable during the rest of our First Presbyterian Church Port Angeles' discerning and calling process. Thank you for your prayers, participation, and support.

Sincerely, The Mission Study Team

Paul Stutesman and Coya Erickson co-chairs, Pastor Wendy Taylor,
Doug Erickson, Tom McCulloch, Jim & Paula Mitchell and Ardith Schuchardt

CPR TRAINING OFFERED AT THE CHURCH



Did you ever wonder what the white cabinet in the Fellowship Hall labeled "AED" held inside? It is a nearly automatic device that can save a life—possibly someone you know. It does NO good unless there a number of people in the Church trained in the basics of how to use it.

We will have a course taught by the Port Angeles Fire Dept. Paramedics in use of CPR and emergency care at the **Church on Saturday, Jan 13, 2018 at 9 AM** (lasts less than 4 hours). You will have an opportunity to be certified (or re-certified) in "CPR (adult, child, and infant), use of the defibrillator (AED), and treating conscious and unconscious choking," for a 2 year period. Course fees will be paid by the Church. These skills are not difficult, but they can save a life here at the Church, or at the grocery store, or mall. If you would like to attend or have questions, kindly contact Chuck Whitney at 360-457-2799.



STEP UP TO STEWARDSHIP

More thoughts from Pastor Rick Warren

Giving and Faith Go Together

"...God uses finances to test your faith all the time. Have you ever had to decide between paying a bill and tithing? This is a test of your priorities. It's a test of your love. But most importantly, it's a test of your faith. Do you really trust God to provide for you if you put him first in your life?"

"God cares about the attitude we have toward giving. If our giving isn't based on faith, why give? Hebrews 11:6 tells us that 'without faith it is impossible to please God.' God wants our hearts when we tithe."

Rick continues, "There are two ways to give: You can give by reason, or you can give by revelation. To give by reason is to figure out reasonably what you think you can give, and that doesn't require any faith at all. Even an atheist can do it. When you give by revelation, you let God reveal to you what he wants you to give in faith. It means you pray and ask, 'God, how much do you want me to trust you for this time?' Then you do whatever He tells you to do. This is giving by faith, and it helps you to grow, mature, and become more like Christ!"

In this New Year, let's make a resolution for revelation and match our giving with our faith.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY STARTS JANUARY 16TH



A Nine (9) week class will start Tuesday, January 16 promptly at 7 pm. The classes are a good two hours long with DVD by Dave Ramsey and discussion time. We have a few kits at a reduced price of \$90.00. These kits will be available to the first ones who request them. Everything needed is in the kit, from the workbook that you

bring to each class to a pencil and sharpener. Only one kit is needed for each family. Rosalie Doty and Marlene Lewis are co-coordinators for this class.



We are very grateful for your contribution to Dry Creek Elementary School. Thank you so much for everything you do for our school! We very much appreciate it.

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl! It was very kind of you to make it for me. Paul Forrest

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl for Paul. I know how much the one you made me for when my mother & son passed away meant. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Gail McDonald

RECORDINGS OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

In July 2012, First Presbyterian began recording our church services and transferring them to CD's. If you miss a service, you can borrow a copy from the church office. Deacons also take CD's to various shut-ins. Recordings have been made of most memorial services with the CD's of these services given to family members. The CD's are usually available within a week of the service, sometimes a little longer due to a busy schedule or vacation. They are FREE.

I mentioned the delay due to vacations, and this is the motivation for this notice. I anticipate taking some vacation time and am looking for a volunteer to substitute when I'm unavailable. It would take one to two hours of your time each week. If you have an interest in helping with this service, contact me, John Taylor (360) 477-4062.

HELP WANTED:

AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

Please help us in this important calling.



This is a very important ministry which is open to all who wish to serve. If you can turn on your home computer, we can teach you how to be a sound technician, or how to present slides on the screen at our worship services. There are two primary positions in this ministry.

1. Sound technicians - run the sound portion of the service. You will learn how to operate the sound board, help set up microphones for singers and pastor, come to the 8 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. worship team warm-ups to get the mix and volume correctly set up, and generally work to help the worship service run smoothly, and make the pastor and singers sound good.

Training is offered before you begin. Then you will shadow an experienced sound technician until you are comfortable being on your own.

2. Slide operator (power point) - operates a computer which has slides set up in proper order with the elements of the worship service. You will be expected to be present at 8 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m., to run the slides for the worship team warm-up so they can be sure the words are in proper order, and you will have a chance to rehearse your role. The slide operator's job a very important element in our worship services. It does not require special talent, but it does need some training and knowledge of certain techniques which are easily learned.

Training is offered before you begin and we will have you work with an experienced operator until you feel comfortable doing it on your own.



We are looking to develop a team of people who will serve on a rotation basis. Please prayerfully consider offering the gift of yourself to this ministry. If you feel called to serve in this way please contact Randy

Schuchardt or Paula Mitchell, or notify the church office.



Thank you. We appreciate so much that you share your wonderful church space with us!

TOPS #1493

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
From The Outreach Foundation and our global partners, thank you for your recent gift of 2,500.00. At this time of year, our thoughts focus on "the reason for the season—Jesus". In my travels I am privileged to visit countries and talk with people where Jesus has been "the reason" since the early days of the church. I'm always moved by their steadfast faith in the face of the many challenges they face. They teach me what it looks like to "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness." I pray that this season brings you special joy as we join with believers around the world to proclaim, "Hallelujah, a Savior is born!"

Grace and peace,
Rob Weingarten,
Executive Director

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your recent donation towards our Annual Client Holiday Party and thank you for your continued support of First Step Family Support Center which benefits children and families in Clallam County. Due to support and generosity from donors like you, First Step was able to service nearly 5,300 adults and children in 2016!

Sincerely,
Priscilla Schaefer
Fiscal Manager

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your continued support of Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child). As we bring relief in the midst of crisis, we are able to provide life saving aid, and assure suffering people that God has not forgotten them. Thank you for your support and prayers for this ministry which equip us to share this Good News with millions of people worldwide. May God bless you.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham



COME ONE, COME ALL!
Come, enjoy a movie and popcorn!
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, 6:30 PM
Good Times Gang
(ANYONE who likes to have fun)

Watch for further information in the bulletin

ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLES DUE DATE

To submit an article for our Annual Report, please get it to me no later than January 8th. I would prefer to receive it by email or on a disk, if not, then hard copy will be fine.

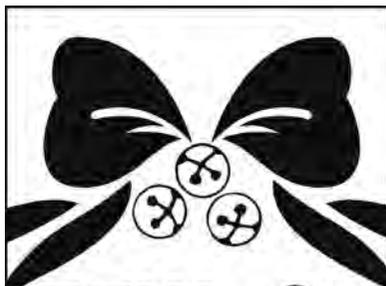
The Annual Report will be completed and available on Monday, January 21st for all to review before the Annual Meeting on the 29th.

Thank you! Rita



FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning 2017 Balance - \$357.05
January - October Income - \$257,112.24
November Income - \$35,771.92
January - October Expenses - \$271,100.50
November Expenses - \$28,274.46
Ending Balance - \$ -5,777.99
November 30, 2017



NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

T H I E R O E F Q O R X E I D F A M N Y A O N
 S E I L S I T N C V H R K I S D T T B H E W N E
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! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 1 Rob & Lucy Edwards
Isaac Mayo | 14 Dan & Barb Hart
Valerie McRoberts |
| 2 Cynthia Isenberger | 15 Mark Wendt |
| 3 Brooke Bender
Lucy Edwards
Stan Hair | 17 Rainy Birch |
| 4 Judy Marshall | 19 Sandy Schultz |
| 5 Jim Buckmaster | 20 Martha Bell
Rita Frick |
| 7 Martha Hurd
David Mattie | 23 Rob Edwards |
| 9 Ventsy Hurd | 25 Erika Kuch |
| 11 Tom & Lesley McCulloch | 26 Sheri Stutesman |
| 13 Randy Schuchardt | 29 Mabelle Bender
Paula Snyder |

The Living Last Supper



Coming up! March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday from Middle English *maunde* ceremony of washing the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday; from Old French *mande*; from Latin *mandatum* command; from Jesus' word in John 13:34:

*And now I give you a new commandment; love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

The First Presbyterian Church of Port Angeles is a community of people of all ages who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and who seek to follow His teachings. We come together to worship God, to grow in our love and support for each other, and to learn about God's will for our lives. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we go out to the community and the world to share our faith and to serve others.

MINISTRY



Worship Associates

- 7th Paula Mitchell
- 14th Martha Bell
- 21st Rainy Birch
- 28th Bruce Emery



ASSISTANTS

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Ushers

- 7th Dona Hair & Jodee Force
- 14th Jim & Paula Mitchell
- 21st Bob & Barb Pappas
- 28th Jerry Nichols & Andy Anderson

Coffee Servers

- 7th
- 14th Dona Hair & Beth Ann White Martha Bell & Beth Ann White
- 21st
- 28th

Deacons Christmas Basket item: None until February



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:30 am Fish Co. @Traylor's 10:00 am Bible Study-FH 6:30pm Worship Team (8:30)	3 8 am Women's Bible Study 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Whetstine's 4:00pm Mission Study Comm. 6:30 pm Bells	4 7:00 p.m. Session Comm.	5 4pm Worship Team (11:00)	6
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